

Valley Bible Church – Sermon Notes

Sermon Notes for August 29-30 1998

"Stop Kidding Yourself"

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James 1:19-27

Response to trials test (James 1:2-18)

Response to the Word test (James 1:19-27)

Proper reception (James 1:19-21)

Submissive heart (James 1:19)

"Quick to hear" is not referring to our listening skills but rather to how we are responding to the Word (James 1:18, 21). Being "quick" is talking about our appetite for the Word. James is talking about someone who is eager, attentive, and ready to assimilate the Word of God.

"Slow to speak" (James 1:19)

"Slow to speak" does not mean that we should avoid boldly proclaiming the gospel in the world (Acts 1:8; 4:8).

"Slow to speak" does not mean that we should avoid speaking the truth in love in the church (Ephesians 4:15).

"Slow to speak" (James 1:19) means that people should not speak for God if they are not morally or biblically prepared to do so (James 3:1).

The Word of God is to be held in a place of high honor. It should not be served on dirty plates or served up without proper attention to details (Ezra 7:10).