

Know this, my beloved brothers: let every person be quick to hear, slow to speak, slow to anger; (20) for the anger of man does not produce the righteousness of God. (21) Therefore put away all filthiness and rampant wickedness and receive with meekness the implanted word, which is able to save your souls. (22) But be doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving yourselves. (23) For if anyone is a hearer of the word and not a doer, he is like a man who looks intently at his natural face in a mirror. (24) For he looks at himself and goes away and at once forgets what he was like. (25) But the one who looks into the perfect law, the law of liberty, and perseveres, being no hearer who forgets but a doer who acts, he will be blessed in his doing. (26) If anyone thinks he is religious and does not bridle his tongue but deceives his heart, this person's religion is worthless. (27) Religion that is pure and undefiled before God the Father is this: to visit orphans and widows in their affliction, and to keep oneself unstained from the world.

Be Hearers AND Doers of the Word

Two ears, one mouth –
use them in that proportion.

A sign of Christian maturity

Slow to anger – just like God

Cf. Exodus 34:6-7

How many arguments have you solved by getting angry?

The implanted word

Able to save your souls

Produces the righteousness of God

The word of truth – 1:18

The perfect law – 1:25

The law of liberty – 1:25

The royal law – 2:8

The “mirror” of the gospel

Don't forget what you look like

“Pure religion”

A ‘practising Christian’ is both a hearer and a doer of the Word

Gospel fruit