

## **Raising Your EQ by Aligning with the Word of God**

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**Text:** James 1:19-27

### **Quick to Listen**

- Be in a \_\_\_\_\_ to listen
  
- Our anger can hinder God's \_\_\_\_\_

### **Aligning Life with the Word of God**

- Allow \_\_\_\_\_ to displace moral filth
  
- Learn to listen \_\_\_\_\_ to God

### **Quick to Act**

- Christianity is not \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_
  
- The remedy for a religion of mere words is \_\_\_\_\_

## Life Enrichment

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What about today's sermon challenged, disturbed, or encouraged you?

**Your Story** – How often do you find yourself in a hurry? When you're in a hurry, what are you hurrying about?

- Have you ever been so excited to listen that you just couldn't wait to hear what another person said? How often has this happened to you?
- Think of one of your last disagreements. Do you think things would have happened differently if you had been quick to listen? How?
- What are some ways that human anger may stand in the way of God's purposes and plans?
- When we become Christians, we receive a new nature. How do we resist that new nature and its drive to transform us? How can we accept the reality of the new nature and cooperate with its transformative mission?
- What is the difference between listening for knowledge and listening fully?
- When you've spent time listening to God in his Word recently, what have you learned about yourself? What have you learned about God? What have you done with what you've learned?
- Why is a religion of mere words worthless?
- Why do we find it easy to substitute words for action? How does compassionate action to the neediest in society help us guard against an angry attitude and loose lips?