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Text: James 1:19 - "Wherefore, my beloved brethren, let every man be swift to hear, slow to speak, slow to wrath."

POINT #1. SWIFT TO HEAR (listen more)

Romans 10:17 - "faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the Word of God."

Ecc. 5:1 - "Keep thy foot when thou goest to the house of God, and be more ready to hear, than to give the sacrifice of fools, for they consider not that they do evil."

Luke 8:15 - "But that on the good ground are they, which in an honest and good heart, having heard the Word, keep it, and bring forth fruit with patience."

Proverbs 15:31 - "The ear that heareth the reproof of life abideth among the wise."

POINT #2. SLOW TO SPEAK
(talk less)

Proverbs 34:13 - "Keep thy tongue from evil, and thy lips from speaking guile."

Proverbs 13:3 - "He that keepeth his mouth keepeth his life: but he that openeth wide his lips shall have destruction."

Proverbs 21:23 - "Whoso keepeth his mouth and his tongue keepeth his soul from troubles."

James 1:26 - "If any man among you seem to be religious, and bridleth not his tongue, but deceiveth his own heart, this man's religion is vain."

I Peter 3:10 - "For he that will love life, and see good days, let him refrain his tongue from evil, and his lips that they speak no guile."

Proverbs 17:27 - "He that hath knowledge spareth his words and a man of understanding is of an excellent spirit."

SEE: Eph. 4:31; Titus 3:2; James 4:11;
I Peter 2:1; Psalms 19:14; James 3:2;
Prov. 16:24; Prov. 15:23; Prov. 25:11;
Psalms 17:3; Prov. 18:21.

POINT #3. SLOW TO WRATH
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(stay calm)

Psalms 37:8 - "Cease from anger, and forsake wrath, fret not thyself in any wise to do evil."

Proverbs 14:17 - "He that is soon angry dealeth foolishly; and a man of wicked devices is hatred."

Proverbs 16:32 - "He that is slow to anger is better than the mighty; and he that ruleth his spirit than he that taketh a city."

Proverbs 19:11 - "The discretion of a man deferreth his anger; and it is his glory to pass over a transgression."

Ecc. 7:9 - "Be not hasty in thy spirit to be angry: for anger resteth in the bosom of fools."

SEE: Matt. 5:22; II Peter 1:6; Heb. 6:12.

Ephesians 4:26 - "Be ye angry, and sin not; let not the sun go down upon your wrath."

SUMMING IT UP: When we listen more than talk, we will learn more, spare ourselves from hurting others (unintentionally), and we are considered wise! When we are slow to anger, we will spare ourselves from much trouble, hurt and pain. Exodus 14:14 - "The Lord shall fight for you, and you shall hold your peace."

"A wise old owl, lived in an oak. The more he knew, the less he spoke. The less he spoke, the more he knew, and this same thing applies to you."

Ask God to help you be more sensitive to other's feelings. Guard your words. Speak only what is helpful, kind and truthful in love. Listen more. Talk less. Stay calm!