



He Who Has Ears to Hear!

October 29, 2023 – James 1:19-21
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The Passage... James 1:19-21

1. The **Command**: Be quick to listen, slow to speak, and slow to become angry.

Know this, my beloved brothers: let every person be quick to hear, slow to speak, slow to anger (James 1:19)

2. The **Reason** for the Command: We are called to manifest the righteous character of God in this world.

for the anger of man does not produce the righteousness of God. (James 1:20)

3. The **Response** to the Command: Humbly receive the Word of God which works for your good.

Therefore put away all filthiness and rampant wickedness and receive with meekness the implanted word, which is able to save your souls. (James 1:21)

Getting It Together

1. Get to where you can **hear** from God!
2. Get off the **throne**!
3. Get down on your **knees**!
4. Go **reflect** the character of God.

Discussion Questions:

1. What makes it difficult for you to hear from God? What can you do to address those challenges?
2. In what ways do you try to defend or justify your own sin?
3. Have you ever gotten angry when someone confronted you with truth? Why do you think you reacted that way?
4. In your own words, what does it look like to be humble before God?
5. What practical ways can you reflect the character of God in your home, at school, or at work?
6. What action are you going to take as a result of what God's Word teaches?

Next Steps:

1. If you would like to become a follower of Jesus, please let us know. Pastor Jon will be down front after the service and would love to connect.
2. If you are interested in baptism, let Pastor Jon know in person or email him at pj@fbclowell.org.
3. Read the Bible with us to know God and respond to Him! Below is our current schedule.

| November 2023 | | | | |
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| (Two Year Reading Plan, Month 23) | | | | |
| Week 1 Starting Oct 30 Nov 3 | Week 2 Starting Nov 6 | Week 3 Starting Nov 13 | Week 4 Starting Nov 20 | Week 5 Starting Nov 27 |
| Day 1: 1 Cor 1-3 | Day 1: 1 Cor 13-14 | Day 1: 2 Cor 11-13 | Day 1: Phil 1-4 | Day 1: 1 Tim 1-3 |
| Day 2: 1 Cor 4-6 | Day 2: 1 Cor 15-16 | Day 2: Gal 1-3 | Day 2: Col 1-4, Philemon | Day 2: 1 Tim 4-6 |
| Day 3: 1 Cor 7-8 | Day 3: 2 Cor 1-3 | Day 3: Gal 4-6 | Day 3: 1 Thess 1-3 | Day 3: 2 Tim 1-4 |
| Day 4: 1 Cor 9-10 | Day 4: 2 Cor 4-7 | Day 4: Eph 1-3 | Day 4: 1 Thess 4-5 | Day 4: Titus 1-3 |
| Day 5: 1 Cor 11-12 | Day 5: 2 Cor 8-10 | Day 5: Eph 4-6 | Day 5: 2 Thess 1-3 | Day 5: Heb 1-3 |
| ¹⁷ But the wisdom that comes from heaven is <u>first of all</u> pure; then peace-loving, considerate, submissive, full of mercy and good fruit, impartial and sincere. ¹⁸ Peacemakers who sow in peace reap a harvest of righteousness. | | | | |
| James 3:17,18 (NIV) | | | | |

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