Listen Up! James 1:19-20

- I. We must be quick to <u>LISTEN</u> (v.19)
 - a. Biblical listening involves more than <u>HEARING</u>
 - i. Isaiah 66:4
 - ii. Isaiah 6:9
 - iii. Daniel 12:8
 - b. Biblical listening involves HEEDING
 - c. Biblical listening involves UNDERSTANDING
 - i. Matthew 13:14
 - ii. Mark 4:12
 - iii. Acts 28:26
- II. We must be slow to <u>SPEAK</u> (v. 19)
 - a. We must watch <u>WHAT</u> we say (Matthew 12:34-37)
 - i. Proverbs 12
 - b. We must watch <u>HOW</u> we speak
 - i. In LOVE (Ephesians 4:15)
 - ii. In HUMBLENESS (John 7:16-18)
 - iii. With KINDNESS (Proverbs 12:25)
 - iv. In an EDIFYING manner (Ephesians 4:29)
 - v. With <u>HONESTY</u> (Proverbs 19:5, 9)
 - vi. <u>GRACIOUSLY</u> (Colossians 4:6)
 - c. We must <u>PRAYERFULLY</u> consider our words (Colossians 4:2-4)
 - d. We must lean on the <u>HOLY</u> <u>SPIRIT</u> for guidance (I Corinthians 2:1-5)
- III. We must be slow to <u>BECOME</u> ANGRY (v. 19-20)
 - a. Ephesians 4:31
 - b. Colossians 3:8
 - c. What does this have to do with listening and speaking?