

Proper view of Scripture – God-breathed, inerrant; infallible; and all-sufficient

II Timothy 3:16-17



It is NEVER enough to simply come in contact with the Truth of Scripture; God's Word demands radical transformation



There's MORE to the equation than the immediate God's actively refining us through the fiery trials of this life)

Our situations DON'T determine or minimize sin

James 1:19-21



HUMBLY RECEIVE

James 1:19a

How believers approach and respond to God's Word is of great significance

From this place of deep affection and concern, James encourages these persecuted believers to properly view **God and Scripture**

James 1:19-20

Each of these 3 commands quick to hear, slow to speak, and slow to anger) connect to "the Word of Truth" (v.18) and "the Word Implanted" (v.21)

How are our listening skills when we approach God's Word?



When we approach God's Word we need to be slow to speak (our natural tendency is to defend ourselves and our opinions)

There can be MANY applications, ways we implement Scripture, but ONLY ONE interpretation, God's Word is One Message

Scripture helps us to process our situations, because it reorients us and redirects us to the Source – Who is good!



I can be outraged over sinful behavior, but get so lost in that anger that I miss the person trapped in sin

James 1:21



"Putting aside" = (like one removing a piece of clothing) **ANY interaction or involvement** of moral filth and evil needs to be stripped off and removed from our lives