

The Key To Good Communication

Let Your Ears Be Quick To Hear ~ LATER

Put A Bridle On Your Tongue ~ James 1:26

Be Quick To Hear

- **James 1:19** *"This you know, my beloved brethren. But everyone must be quick to hear, slow to speak and slow to anger;"*
- Fools don't try to understand
 - **Proverbs 18:2** *"A fool does not delight in understanding, But only in revealing his own mind."*
- Fools don't ask when they don't understand
 - **Luke 9:43-45** → **Luke 24:25-27**
- Jesus amazed scholars by listening and asking questions.
 - **Luke 2:46-52**

Hear **LATER**

- Listen
 - James 1:19 “...*But everyone must be quick to hear...*”
- Ask questions
 - Matt 7:7 “*Ask, and it will be given to you; seek, and you will find; knock, and it will be opened to you.*”
- Think about it
 - Pro 15:28 “*The heart of the righteous ponders how to answer, ...*”
- Explain what you heard
 - Pro 18:13 “*He who gives an answer before he hears, It is folly and shame to him.*”
- Respond
 - Pro 16:23 “*The heart of the wise instructs his mouth And adds persuasiveness to his lips.*”

Bridle The Tongue

- A Few, Gentle, Sweet Words at The Right Time
 - **Pro 17:27** *"He who has knowledge spares his words,..."*
 - **Pro 25:15** *"By long forbearance a ruler is persuaded, And a gentle tongue breaks a bone."*
 - **Pro 16:21** *"The wise in heart will be called prudent, And sweetness of the lips increases learning. "*
 - **Pro 15:23** *"A man has joy by the answer of his mouth, And a word spoken in due season, how good it is! "*
 - **Pro 25:11** *"A word fitly spoken is like apples of gold In settings of silver. "*
 - **Pro 27:14** *"He who blesses his friend with a loud voice, rising early in the morning, It will be counted a curse to him."*