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WORD **RELEVANCY**

“THE WORD PLANTED IN YOU” JAMES 1:21

INSIGHT, INSPIRATION & INSTRUCTION

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“RELEVANT WORD IN ACTION ”

RELEVANCY—RELEVANT:

- Something pertinent to the subject (word of God),
- Relevant adds value to the subject,
- Something that makes sense in the context of the subject.

WORD RELEVANCY:

- As believers and followers of Jesus, it is our heartfelt endeavor to know God’s Word,
- And to understand God’s Word and
- And to learn how to apply God’s word to our lives.

James 1:22 Do not merely listen to the word, and so deceive yourselves. **Do what it says.**

Reading in Context:

James 1:19 My dear brothers and sisters, **take note of this: Everyone**

Take note of this... Listen up, Pay Attention, You gotta remember this

Everyone: Young, old, Men, women, Leaders, members

Quick: ταχύς; tachýs; prompt, quick, speedy, implies willing disposition, readily available.

- (Strong’s G5036)
- Only place in the entire bible this word is used. That is what makes it unique.

Quick to what??? Quick to listen... ἀκούω; akouō; verb implying an action. A person who has the sense/faculty of hearing. Not deaf but able to hear.

- To attend to, to consider what is or has been said.
- To perceive by hearing the sense of what is said.
- To attain by hearing, thus learning
- To give attention to a teaching or a teacher
- To comprehend, to understand
- (Strong’s 191) Used 402 times in the NT

Wisdom from Solomon

- Proverbs 18: 2 A [self-confident] fool has no delight in understanding

but only in revealing his personal opinions and himself. AMP

- Proverbs 18:13 The one who gives an answer before he listens—this is foolishness and disgrace for him. CSB
- Proverbs 19:20 Listen to counsel, receive instruction, and accept correction. That you may be wise in the time to come. AMP

SHOULD BE...Slow: βραδύς; bradýs; unhurried, reduced speed; take your time;

- To be calculated, to consider well, thought through, tactical, strategic, measured, careful.
- Only used 2 times in the NT (Strong's G1021)

'to Speak': λαλέω; lalēō; to speak, to say something, to articulate, to express yourself. To use words to declare one's mind and disclose one's thoughts.

- Strong's G2980, Used close to 300 times in the NT.

MORE WISDOM FROM SOLOMON

- Proverbs 10:19 When there are many words, transgression and offense are unavoidable, But he who controls his lips and keeps thoughtful silence is wise. NIV
- Proverbs 21:23 He who guards his mouth and his tongue Guards himself from troubles.
- Proverbs 3:3 He that guards his mouth keeps his soul; destruction shall be to him that opens wide his lips. Darby
 - ³The one who guards his mouth [thinking before he speaks] protects his life; The one who opens his lips wide [and chatters without thinking] comes to ruin. Amplified Bible
- Proverbs 17:28 Even a [callous, arrogant] fool, when he keeps silent, is considered wise; When he closes his lips he is regarded as sensible (prudent, discreet) and a man of understanding. AMP

Slow to Anger: ὀργή; or-gay' impulsive indignation, rage, intense outburst of fury, livid, outrage, vengeance

- Colossians 3:7–8 You used to walk in these ways, in the life you once lived. ⁸But now you must also rid yourselves of all such things as these: anger, rage, malice, slander, and filthy language from your lips. NIV (Ephesians 4:31)
- Ephesians 4:26–27 "In your anger do not sin": Do not let the sun go down while you are still angry, ²⁷and do not give the devil a foothold.
 - ⁷When angry, do not sin CSB
 - ⁷ Be angry without sinning CEB

- o ⁷ Don't get so angry that you sin CEV
- o ⁷ When you are angry, don't let that anger make you sin ERV

James 1:20–21 because human anger does not produce the righteousness that God desires. ²¹Therefore, get rid of all moral filth and the evil that is so prevalent and humbly accept the word planted in you, which can save you. NIV

James 1:22 Do not merely listen to the word, and so deceive yourselves.

Do what it says. NIV

- ²² Do not merely listen to the word, and so deceive yourselves. Do what it says. NIV
- ²² Don't deceive yourselves by only hearing what the Word says, but do it! (Complete Jewish Bible)
- ²² But be ye doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving your own selves. KJV
- ²² Do what God's word says. Don't merely listen to it, or you will fool yourselves. (Names of God Bible)
- ²² Do not merely listen to the word, and so deceive yourselves. Do what it says. NIV-UK

Doer: ποιητής; ποιητής; a poet, an author, someone who makes things, makes things happen, someone who produces, a person who obeys and fulfils the law.

- Romans 2:13 For it is not those who hear the law who are righteous in God's sight, **but it is those who obey the law [doers of the law]** who will be declared righteous.

Luke 6:46–49 "Why do you call me, 'Lord, Lord,' and do not do what I say? ⁴⁷ **As for everyone who comes to me and hears my words and puts them into practice,** I will show you what they are like. ⁴⁸ They are like a man building a house, who dug down deep and laid the foundation on rock. When a flood came, the torrent struck that house but could not shake it, because it was well built. ⁴⁹ But the one who hears my words and does not put them into practice is like a man who built a house on the ground without a foundation. The moment the torrent struck that house, it collapsed and its destruction was complete."