

James 1:19~ Know this, my beloved brothers. Every man must be swift about hearing, slow about speaking, slow about wrath.

1· James now offers counsel to all anointed Christians. Men need to develop the kind of patience that Yehowah God has. They need to be quick to hear, slow to speak, and they need to keep themselves restrained in situations bringing one to wrath or anger. The Holy Spirit given to anointed Christians will help them to develop these fine qualities.

[Question] What kind of patience do men need to develop, and how will they manifest this patience?

2· In the abundance of words there does not fail to be transgression, but the one keeping his lips in check is acting discreetly. (Proverbs 10:19)

[Question] What does the man saying much not fail to do, so what is the wise course?

3· Anyone holding back his sayings is possessed of knowledge, and a man of discernment is cool of spirit. (Proverbs 17:27)

[Question] What does the knowledgeable man hold back, and what kind of a spirit does he display?

4· Do not hurry yourself in your spirit to become offended, for the taking of offense is what rests in the bosom of the stupid ones. (Ecclesiastes 7:9)

[Question] What should men not be quick to do, for who gets offended easily?

5· However, I say to you that everyone who continues wrathful with his brother will be accountable to the court of justice. But whoever addresses his brother with an unspeakable word of contempt will be accountable to the Supreme Court. Whereas whoever says, you despicable fool! Will be liable to the fiery Gehenna. (Matthew 5:22)

[Question] Who will the one who continues wrathful with his brother be accountable to?

[Question] How will the one speaking an unspeakable word of contempt to his brother be dealt with?

- 6· In time they came to the sons of Reuben and the sons of Gad and the half tribe of Manasseh in the land of Gilead and began to speak with them, saying; (**Joshua 22:15**)

[Question] How did the nine and one-half tribes of Israel act rashly toward the other two and one-half tribes?

- 7· At this Hannah answered and said; No, my lord! A woman hard pressed in spirit I am, and wine and intoxicating liquor I have not drunk, but I pour out my soul before Yehowah. (**1 Samuel 1:15**)

[Question] How did Eli wrongly attribute drunkenness to Hannah?

- 8· As for the good-for-nothing men, they said; How will this one save us? Accordingly they despised him, and they did not bring any gift to him. But he continued like one grown speechless. (**1 Samuel 10:27**)

[Question] How did some of the men of Israel fail to honor and support Saul in his god-given kingship?

- 9· If only you would absolutely keep silent, that it might prove to be wisdom on your part! (**Job 13:5**)

[Question] What did Job tell his friends who only criticized him unduly?

- 10· Look! I have waited for the words of you men, I kept giving ear to your reasonings, until you could search for words to say. (**Job 32:11**)

[Question] How did Job patiently wait for others to speak?

- 11· My son, to my wisdom O do pay attention. To my discernment incline your ears. (**Proverbs 5:1**)

[Question] What did the congregator ask his soon to pay attention to?

- 12· He that is **slow** to anger is abundant in discernment, but one that is impatient is exalting foolishness. (**Proverbs 14:29**)

[Question] What fine quality does the one who is slow to anger display?

[Question] What does the impatient one display?

- 13· An enraged **man** stirs up contention, but one that is **slow** to anger quiets down quarreling. (**Proverbs 15:18**)

[Question] What does an enraged man stir up among others?

[Question] How does one who is slow to anger affect quarreling?

- 14· He that is **slow** to anger is better than a mighty **man**, and he that is controlling his spirit, than the one capturing a city. (**Proverbs 16:32**)

[Question] What is the one slow to anger better than, for he can control his spirit?

- 15· The insight of a **man** certainly **slows** down his anger, and it is beauty on his part to pass over transgression. (**Proverbs 19:11**)

[Question] What slows down the anger of a man, and what is it a beauty for him to do?

- 16· Have you beheld a **man** hasty with his words? There is more hope for someone stupid than for him. (**Proverbs 29:20**)

[Question] How does the man who is hasty with his words fare?

- 17· Guard your feet whenever you go to the house of the true God, and let there be a drawing near to hear, rather than to give a sacrifice as the stupid ones do, for they are not aware of doing what is bad. (**Ecclesiastes 5:1**)

[Question] What do the stupid ones do when approaching Yehowah God?

[Question] What does Yehowah God really want from his people, rather than sacrifice after wrongdoing?

- 18· Does not behave indecently, does not look for its own interests, does not become provoked. It does not keep account of the injury. (**1 Corinthians 13:5**)

[Question] How does a man express love for his fellowman?

- 19· For an overseer **must** be free from accusation as God's steward, not self-willed, not prone to **wrath**, not a drunken brawler, not a smiter, not greedy of dishonest gain. (**Titus 1:7**)

[Question] What are some of the related requirements for anointed Christian overseers?