

**Title: Behaving Like We Believe**

**Text: James 1:19-27**

**Introduction:**

This is a powerful passage and we see 4 ways we should behave – because of what we believe.

**Be Quick to Hear God’s Word** – James 1:19-21

- **Be Slow to Speak**

**Proverbs 10:19** HCSB:

*“When there are many words, sin is unavoidable,  
but the one who controls his lips is wise.”*

**I Peter 3:10** NIV:

*“For, “Whoever would love life and see good days must keep their tongue from evil and their lips from deceitful speech.”*

- **Be Slow To Anger**

**James 1:20**

*“...human anger does not produce the righteousness that God desires.”*

Henry Brant – in Heart of the Problem:

“OUR OWN REACTIONS (ANGER, FRUSTRATION) TO A PARTICULAR SITUATION CAN SO CONSUME US, THAT WE FORGET ABOUT GOD AND WHAT HE WANTS TO DO IN OUR LIVES TO TEACH US RIGHT IN THE MIDDLE OF WHAT IS HAPPENING. MANY TIMES, OUR THOUGHTS ARE CONSUMED, BECAUSE WE PUT OUR EYES ON OTHER PEOPLE’S BEHAVIOR AND NOT ON WHAT CHRIST WOULD DESIRE OF US IN THAT SITUATION.”

- **Be Willing to Put Aside All Moral Filth**

**James 1:21:**

*“Get rid of all moral filth and the evil that is so prevalent.”*

- **Be Willing to Have the Right Attitude –**  
*(James 1:21b)*

**Be a Doer of the Word and not a Hearer Only –**  
*(James 1:22-25)*

When we do and live out the Word of God, we will be believers who have:

- Freedom
- Purpose & Meaning
- Victory Over Temptation
- Joy
- Assurance & Confidence

**Bring Our Words Under Control –** *(James 1:26)*

**I Peter 2:1** NIV:

*“Therefore, rid yourselves of all malice and all deceit, hypocrisy, envy, and slander of every kind.”*

**Psalms 34:14** NIV:

*“Turn from evil and do good, seek peace and pursue it.”*

**Proverbs 13:3** NIV:

*“Those who guard their lips preserve their lives, but those who speak rashly will come to ruin.”*

**Ephesians 4:29** NIV:

*“Do not let any unwholesome talk come out of your mouths, but only what is helpful for building others up according to their needs, that it may benefit those who listen.”*

## **Be About People** (*James 1:27*)

Be Present for People around us:

- the Orphaned
- the Widowed
- the Shut-in
- the Fatherless/Motherless
- the Lonely
- the Grieving

### **Application:**

**Hebrews 10:24-25** NIV:

*“And let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds, not giving up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but encouraging one another—and all the more as you see the Day approaching.”*