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"SWIFT TO HEAR"

INTRODUCTION - (James 1:19) **"be swift to hear, slow to speak, slow to wrath"**

1. WE HEAR A LOT IN A NOISY WORLD - much of it is not what we need to hear.
We may turn the volume down or off, change channels, just not listen, use ear-plugs.

2. WE SHOULD BE "SWIFT TO HEAR" GOD'S WORD

The context of (v19) **"swift to hear"** is in the surrounding verses:

(v18) **"He brought us forth by the word of truth"** and (v21)
receive with meekness **the implanted word** which is able to save your souls."

"Swift" - quick; speedy; to be in haste.

"To hear" - a fast and attentive mind; a ready disposition to listen.

3. WHY? WHY BE "SWIFT TO HEAR"?

(Proverbs 21:11) **"when the wise is instructed, he receives knowledge"**

(Ephesians 5:17) **"understand what the will of the Lord is"**

(John 8:32) **"the truth shall set you free"** (Acts 20:32) **"the word of His grace, which is able to build you up"** (Romans 1:16) **"power of God unto salvation"**

Therefore, (Luke 8:18) **"take heed how you hear"**

(Mark 4:24) **"take heed what you hear"** (Hebrews 2:1) **"we must give the more earnest heed to the things we have heard"**

4. THE RIGHT RESPONSE TO HEARING GOD'S WORD

Rejoice: (Acts 13:48) **"they were glad, and glorified the word of the Lord"**

Respond: (Acts 2:41) **"those who gladly received his word were baptized"**

Repent: (Acts 2:38) **"repent and be baptized"**

Research: (Acts 17:11) **"they received the word with all readiness of mind, and searched the scriptures daily, whether those things were so"**

5. THE WRONG RESPONSE TO HEARING GOD'S WORD

(Zechariah 7:11) **"they refused to heed, shrugged their shoulders, and stopped their ears"** (Ezekiel 33:30-33) **"they hear your words, but they do not do them"** (John 6:66-69) **"many went back and walked no more with Him"** (Acts 7:51-55) **"they gnashed at him with their teeth"** (Acts 20:29-30) **"draw away the disciples"** (2 Timothy 4:1-5) **"they will turn away from the truth, and be turned aside to fables"**