

HOW TO IMPROVE YOUR HEARING

Building Better Relationships - Part 3

James 1:19 "Take note of this: Everyone should be quick to listen, slow to speak, and slow to become angry."

Listening is _____.

I. WHAT HINDERS OUR HEARING?

1. _____

Proverbs 18:13 "He who answers before listening - that is his folly and shame." The Living Bible says, "It's stupid to decide before knowing the facts."

Four wrong assumptions:

- There is only _____.
- Everybody thinks _____.
- People never _____.
- I can figure out _____.

2. _____

How do you know when you're being impatient?

- You _____.
- You _____.

Proverbs 29:20 "Do you see a man who speaks in haste? There is more hope for a fool than for him."

Proverbs 19:11 "A man's wisdom gives him patience."

3. _____

Proverbs 12:15 "The way of a fool seems right, but a wise man listens to advice."

Proverbs 20:5 (LB) "Though good advice lies deep within a counselor's heart; the wise man will draw it out."

Proverbs 15:31 (GN) "If you pay attention when you are corrected, you are wise!"

Four types of critics:

II. THREE HEARING AIDS

1. Listen with your _____.

Mark 10:21 "Jesus looked at him and loved him."

2. Listen with your _____.

3. Make time _____.

III. HOW WELL DO YOU LISTEN TO GOD?

Matthew 17:5 (God) "This is my Son ... listen to Him!"

John 5:24 (Jesus) "Whoever hears my word and believes Him who sent me has eternal life and will not be condemned."

Luke 8:18 "Therefore consider carefully how you listen."

Hebrews 3:7 "As the Holy Spirit says: TODAY if you hear his voice, do not harden your heart."