

## **“Being Slow To Speak”**

### **Some Driver’s Ed For God’s Design**

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- I. Salutation (Jam 1.1)
- II. Prologue: Respond to trials biblically, i.e., properly (Jam 1.2–18)
  - A. By welcoming them (Jam 1.2–11)
  - B. By not accusing God (Jam 1.12–18)
- III. Theme: Handling trials God’s way (Jam 1.19-20)
- IV. Handling trials God’s way necessitates godly behavior (Jam 1.21 — 5.6)
  - A. Handling trials humbly by being quick to hear (Jam 1.21 — 2.26)
    1. Being quick to hear is more than simple listening (1.21-27)
    2. Being quick to hear is more than simple morality (2.1-13)
    3. Being quick to hear is more than passive faith (2.14-26)
  - B. Handling trials humbly by being slow to speak (Jam 3.1-18)
    1. Slow speech recognizes the tongue is detrimental to showing godly wisdom (3.1-12)
    2. Slow speech recognizes godly behavior displays godly wisdom (Jam 3.13-18)

### **How do we get and develop God’s Wisdom?**

- Through our relationship with the Lord through faith.
- Through putting God in His proper place in our lives.
- Through the ministry of the Holy Spirit.
- Through God’s wisdom through the Word of God.
- Through talking with God.

### **— Wisdom —**

- ✓ protects our lives from ungodliness
- ✓ purifies our lives in God’s ways
- ✓ points our lives on the best course through life’s varied, often trying, and challenging experiences
- ✓ praises God as we walk in His Truth — that awesome, reverential, trustful, obedience which gives Him much glory!