

The Book of James

Surviving Fiery Trials and Fleshly Temptations

Test One: Our Attitude toward the *Word* of God

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A. The Survivor's Aptitude for the Word of God (v. 19-20)

- *Swift to hear*
- *Slow to speak*
- *Slow to wrath*

B. The Survivor's Appetite for the Word of God (v. 21)

- *Lay apart*
- *Receive with meekness the engrafted word*

C. The Survivor's Application of the Word of God (v. 22-25)

- *Doer of the Word*
- *Not hearers only*

D. The Survivor's Assessment from the Word of God (v. 26-27)

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