



THE TEST OF SPIRITUAL HEARING

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Biblical Commands to Listen

Shema “Hear”: 219 times in Old Testament

Akouo “Listen”: 32 times in the New Testament

All forms of the command “to listen”: 332

¹⁹My dear brothers and sisters, take note of this: Everyone should be quick to listen, slow to speak and slow to become angry, ²⁰because human anger does not produce the righteousness that God desires. ²¹Therefore, get rid of all moral filth and the evil that is so prevalent and humbly accept the word planted in you, which can save you. ²²Do not merely listen to the word, and so deceive yourselves. Do what it says.

James 1:19-25

²³Anyone who listens to the word but does not do what it says is like someone who looks at his face in a mirror ²⁴and, after looking at himself, goes away and immediately forgets what he looks like. ²⁵But whoever looks intently into the perfect law that gives freedom, and continues in it—not forgetting what they have heard, but doing it—they will be blessed in what they do.

James 1:19-25

Listening is a key to blessing!

Truth and Anger are the Actual Tests

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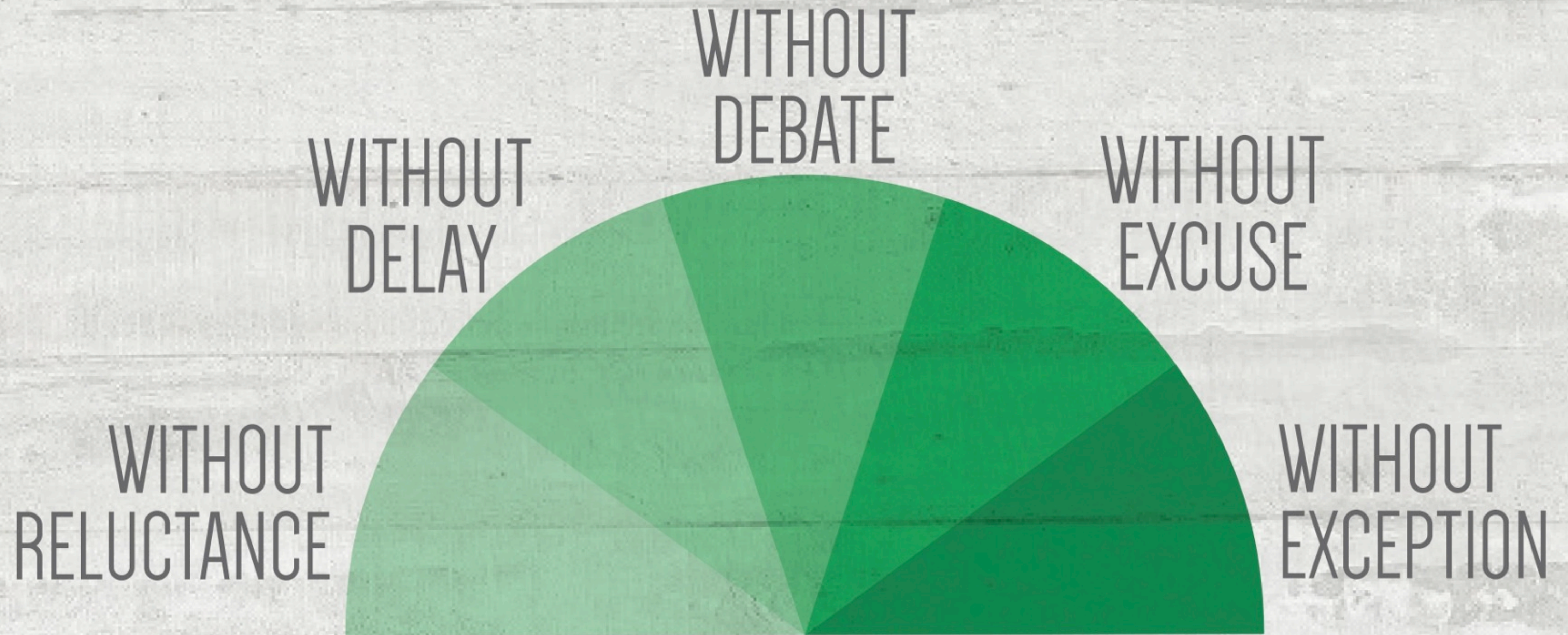
ANGER

ANNOYANCE

RAGE



ANGER LISTENING SPECTRUM



HUMILITY LISTENING SPECTRUM

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When it comes to listening, who do you listen to?

The Precepts of His Word

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James 1:21-25

I will walk about in freedom, for I have sought out your precepts.

Psalms 119:45

The Person of the Holy Spirit

He is inside of us and wants to express Himself.

The People Closest to You

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It takes a lot of maturity to be slow to respond and quick to listen.

Better a poor but wise youth than an old but foolish king who
no longer knows how to heed a warning.
Ecclesiastes 4:13

The Providences

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Definition of Providence

Providence is the inexplicable sovereign circumstances that have put you where you are.

People who grow quickly, grow in the providences of God.