
Quick Versus Slow

This you know, my beloved brethren. But everyone must be quick to hear, slow to speak and slow to anger; for the anger of man does not achieve the righteousness of God.

James 1:19-20

Quick to Speak

Response: Emotional.

Goal: Expound, defend, object, or retaliate.
Thinking only of self.

Tone: Harsh, tactless.

Disposition: A slave of your emotions.

Slow to Speak

Reply: Thoughtful (the emotions of the moment having subsided).

Goal: A measured response.

Considering what you hope to accomplish and how it will be received.

Tone: Gentle, conciliatory.

Disposition: The master of your emotions.

Words of Wisdom

*Keeping away from strife is an honor for a man,
but any fool will quarrel.*

Proverbs 20:3

He who is slow to anger has great understanding, but he who is quick-tempered exalts folly.

Proverbs 14:29