

Listen UP: Ears that Hear
James 1:19 and 1 Kings 3:7-14

Everyone should be quick to listen, slow to speak and slow to become angry,
James 1:19

Nobody has to remind us to listen to what we want to hear

Are you quick to listen?

What are you intending to do that you don't intend to share because
you don't want to hear?

******I have a bad idea to decide not to share it...
because I don't want to hear it...
because I really want to do it...
and it leads to regret... and is selfish...
because it hurts the people who care about me

— Refusing to ask is an indicator of ignorance.
— Refusing to listen in a gateway decision.

******When we do not ask or do not listen,
we are masterminding our own regret.

Do you remember the story of David and his son - Solomon?

— Solomon became King at 20 and his biographer recorded a powerful prayer.

7 "Now, Lord my God, you have made your servant king in place of my father David. But I am only a little child and do not know how to carry out my duties. 8 Your servant is here among the people you have chosen, a great people, too numerous to count or number.

9 So give your servant a discerning heart to govern your people and to distinguish between right and wrong. For who is able to govern this great people of yours?"

10 The Lord was pleased that Solomon had asked for this. 11 So God said to him, "Since you have asked for this and not for long life or wealth for yourself, nor have asked for the death of your enemies but for discernment in administering justice, 12 I will do what you have asked. I will give you a wise and discerning heart, so that there

will never have been anyone like you, nor will there ever be. 13 Moreover, I will give you what you have not asked for—both wealth and honor—so that in your lifetime you will have no equal among kings. 14 And if you walk in obedience to me and keep my decrees and commands as David your father did, I will give you a long life.”

1 Kings 3:7-14

Music

Sermon Part 2

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Proverbs is about wisdom and foolishness.

Wise: Living life like everything is connected and one thing (decision) leads to another.

Fool: Someone who doesn't live like the wise.

*Instruct the wise and they will be wiser still;
teach the righteous and they will add to their learning.*
Proverbs 9:9

*let the wise listen and add to their learning,
and let the discerning get guidance—*
Proverbs 1:5

— When we don't want it, that's when we need it.

*The way of fools seems right to them,
but the wise listen to advice.*
Proverbs 12:15

*Plans fail for lack of counsel,
but with many advisers they succeed.*
Proverbs 15:22

— The wise are the ones who listens to people who are willing to share their advice.

— People who refuse to listen end up surrounded by people with nothing to say.

Be careful when you listen?

1. Don't confuse experience with insight.
2. Don't assume being an expert in one area makes someone an expert in every area.
3. Dumb people can give smart advice.

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Proverbs 12:15

*Listen to advice and accept discipline,
and at the end you will be counted among the wise.*

Proverbs 19:20

— Counted among the wise means appear smarter than you really are

**The wise are not the smartest or the ones or with the most degrees.

**What is it you're planning to do or not do...
but you don't want to share
because
you don't wanna hear it?

