

# me & My **BIG MOUTH**

## Quick to Listen

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**Scripture:** James 1:19–21

**Idea:** Don't settle for being right; make things right.

### Introduction

*[Let's say this together:]*

**Quick** to listen

Slow to **speak**

*[Hand motion: Place your fists in your lap. When you say "quick," open your hands.]*

*[During conflict, we close our hands, ears, hearts, and minds. Why? We want what the person who won't stop talking wants. We want to be...]*

Heard

**Understood**

We may not agree, but **listen** to me.

*[If you must say something, say something that lets me know you heard me. After all, I can't hear you until I'm confident you've heard me. Again, with your hands...]*

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*[I plagiarized this from James, the brother of Jesus. He emerged as the leader of the post-resurrection church. He was executed around AD 62. There was a bit of intrigue surrounding his death.]*

*[The Roman Governor of Judea, Festus, died. During the time when the new governor was on his way to Jerusalem, High Priest Ananus took advantage of the situation. He had James arrested and condemned before the Sanhedrin of violating the law. Then he was stoned to death. When the new Governor Albinus arrived, the citizens of Jerusalem told him about Ananus' illegal actions. Albinus removed Ananus from his position, but*

