

"On Listening, Speaking, Doing, & Deceiving," Part One

James 1:19-22

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Proverbs 30:33—"For as churning cream produces butter, and as twisting the nose produces blood, so stirring up anger produces strife."

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Col 3:5-10

and humbly accept the word planted (ἔμφυτον) in you, which can save you.

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