

AA56. Being Quick to Listen and Slow to Speak.

We are to be quick to listen and slow to speak.

AA56a: *We are to be quick to listen.*

AA56b: *We are to be slow to speak.*

This precept is derived from His Word (blessed is He):

Key New Testament Scriptures

James 1:19

Therefore, my dear brothers, let every person be quick to listen but slow to speak, slow to get angry;

Additional New Testament Scriptures

James 1:26, 3:17

Related New Testament Mitzvot

AA57 Being Open to Reason

GB44 Exercising Self Control (Discipline)

Supportive Tanakh Scriptures

Proverbs 10:19

When words are many, sin is not lacking; so he who controls his speech is wise.

Proverbs 17:27

A knowledgeable person controls his tongue; a discerning person controls his temper.

Proverbs 18:2

A fool takes no pleasure in trying to understand; he only wants to express his own opinion.

Proverbs 18:13

To answer someone before hearing him out is both stupid and embarrassing.

Proverbs 21:23

Whoever guards his mouth and tongue keeps himself out of trouble.

Proverbs 29:11

A fool gives vent to all his feelings, but the wise, thinking of afterwards, stills them

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This *Mitzah* #AA56 calls us to keep control of our tongues by listening to others before expressing our own thoughts and opinions. Being willing to listen before speaking is a product of humility, shows respect for others, and can save us from speaking foolishly.

Related Mitzvot in Volumes 1 & 2

None