

# JUST DO IT: Putting Faith in Action

## “The Secret to Lasting Relationships”

**QUICK TO LISTEN.  
SLOW TO SPEAK.**

<sup>2</sup> *Indeed, we all make many mistakes. For **if we could** control our tongues, **we would be perfect** and could also **control ourselves** in every other way. **James 3:2 (NLT)***

<sup>3</sup> *We can make a large horse **go wherever we want** by means of a small bit in its mouth. <sup>4</sup> And a small rudder **makes a huge ship turn** wherever the pilot chooses to go, even though the winds are strong. <sup>5</sup> **In the same way**, the tongue is a small thing that makes grand speeches. **James 3:3-5a (NLT)***

<sup>5</sup> *But a **tiny spark** can set a great forest on fire. <sup>6</sup> And among all the parts of the body, the tongue is a **flame of fire**. It is a whole world of wickedness, corrupting your entire body. It can set **your whole life on fire**, for it is set on fire by hell itself. **James 3:5b-6 (NLT)***

<sup>7</sup> *People can tame all kinds of animals, birds, reptiles, and fish, **but no one can tame the tongue**. It is restless and evil, full of deadly poison. **James 3:7-8 (NLT)***

<sup>19</sup> *My dear brothers and sisters, **take note of this:***  
**James 1:19a (NIV)**

<sup>19</sup> ***Everyone** should be **quick to listen...*** **James 1:19b (NIV)**

<sup>19</sup> ***Everyone** should be quick to listen, **slow to speak...***  
**James 1:19c (NIV)**

<sup>19</sup> *My dear brothers and sisters, take note of this: **Everyone** should be **quick to listen, slow to speak** and **slow to become angry**, **James 1:19 (NIV)***

**YOU HAVE TWO EARS AND ONLY ONE MOUTH FOR A  
REASON**

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