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**James 1:19-21 (ESV)**

**Commitment #5: I will practice godly \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ in my marriage, as \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ by God.**

1. Listen \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ comes by hearing (19a).
2. Speak \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_:\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ mean things (19b).
3. Respond \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ damages relationships (19c-20).
4. Repent \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_transforms hearts (21).

**Proverbs on Speech (English Standard Version)**

**Proverbs 12:18,** There is one whose rash words are like sword thrusts, but the tongue of the wise brings healing.

**Proverbs 15:1,** A soft answer turns away wrath, but a harsh word stirs up anger.

**Proverbs 15:4,** A gentle tongue is a tree of life, but perverseness in it breaks the spirit.

**Proverbs 15:28,** The heart of the righteous ponders how to answer, but the mouth of the wicked pours out evil things.

**Proverbs 17:27,** Whoever restrains his words has knowledge, and he who has a cool spirit is a man of understanding.

**Proverbs 18:2,** A fool takes no pleasure in understanding, but only in expressing his opinion.

**Proverbs 18:13,** If one gives an answer before he hears, it is his folly and shame.

**Proverbs 21:23,** Whoever keeps his mouth and his tongue keeps himself out of trouble.

**Proverbs 29:11,** A fool gives full vent to his spirit, but a wise man quietly holds it back.

**Proverbs 29:20,** Do you see a man who is hasty in his words? There is more hope for a fool than for him.

**Proverbs 29:22,** A man of wrath stirs up strife, and one given to anger causes much transgression.