




## Ready and Willing to Hear the Word


- You were born again by the Word of truth (v.18). You know the power of the Word
- Believers are eager (“swift”) to avail opportunities to receive God’s Word
- When there are trials in life (v.2-12), you need to be swift to hear the *wisdom* of God
- When there are temptations in life (v.13-17), you need to be swift to receive the *power* of God’s Word

 “having been born again, not of corruptible seed but incorruptible, through the word of God which lives and abides forever” (1Pe.1:23)





## Reluctant to Teach Before Maturity

- We need to listen submissively to the Word until such time you are prepared to rightly represent divine truth. Cautiously would you become a teacher of God’s Word.

 “My brethren, let not many of you become teachers, knowing that we shall receive a stricter judgment” (Ja.3:1)

- There is a holy fear we might misrepresent the truth and lead some astray.

 “not a novice, lest being puffed up with pride he fall into the same condemnation as the devil” (1Tm.3:6)


 “Do not lay hands on anyone hastily, nor share in other people's sins; keep yourself pure” (1Tm.5:22)



## Resentment Towards the Truth

- Wrath (G3709, *orgē*) means rebellion and a deep-seated resentment. Scripture uses it of God’s rejection (“wrath of God”) of sinners (Rm.1:18). They “suppress” the truth, and do not want to hear it.

- The purpose of teaching the Word is to produce righteousness (v.20). That cannot happen when you resist it. This will not produce what is right before God.

 “Have I therefore become your enemy because I tell you the truth?” (Ga.4:16)