



DEVELOPING A LISTENING EAR TO GOD

Isaiah 30:21

Bible Fact: God expects for His chosen, i.e. saved people, to hear His voice in order for them to demonstrate and communicate an effective response of obedience and **acceptance** of His will.

The Big Idea: By developing a **sensitive spiritual ear** to the voice of God the faith, righteousness, peace, prosperity, power and joy of every believer will become more **personally rewarding** and to the glory of God.

Lesson 4

Jesus said, "He that hath an ear let him hear what the Spirit says."

Hearing is the ability to collect, process and interpret sound.

When we read the Bible OT/NT teachers and prophets of old were always concerned with **the source** of the hearing of the people of God. They knew that the source of where we get our hearing will bear heavily upon whom or what we respond to as people of God. To hear false (auditory illusions) will cause one to miss the real truth that God wants Christians to hear and therefore we also miss the blessings that just hearing God affords us to receive. In **John 8:32** Jesus says, "And ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free." As we move further into our study of developing a listening ear to God let each of us make our quest to be free to serve God thru Jesus Christ and to be made free to hear and receive directions from God.

There are **12 spiritual resources and tools** Christians **must effectively use** to develop a listening ear to God.

- I. **FAITH:** Faith is THE spiritual source that Christians use to form and maintain their relationship with God. By faith Christians hear God and follow Him as a proper response to the voice of the Word of God.
 - Faith is described in **Hebrews 11:1**
 - Faith is truth, reliance, conviction or persuasion of belief shared in a relationship in harmony or agreement with God. **Hebrews 11:5**
- A. Where can Christians hear and receive faith to follow God? **Romans 10:17; II Timothy 2:15; Psalm 119:130**
 - Christianity is a knowledge-based religion. Believers of faith must continuously improve their SIQ (spiritual intelligence quotient)

- B. No other source but faith pleases God and causes Him to respond to the desires/needs of Christians; **Hebrews 11:6**
- C. Abraham used faith to believe God; **Romans 4:17-20**
- D. Abraham used his faith to mobilize his believing relationship with God and to form a covenant of promise with God; **Genesis 12:1-4; 17:1-8**
- E. Faith is hearing and responding to God without questions and without knowledge; **Hebrews 11:8**
 - Faith works by what we cannot see and what we do not know.

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