

**“GOS IS SUPREME IN 2019”**

**DEVELOPING A LISTENING EAR TO GOD**

 Isaiah 30:21

 “And **thine ears** shall hear a word behind thee, saying, This is the way, walk ye in it, when ye turn to the right hand, and when ye turn to the left”.

 **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 31**

 I. **12 spiritual tools Christians must effectively use to develop a listening ear to God.**

* + - 1. **Faith = to follow God**
			2. **Obedience = the action performed after believing God**
			3. **Prayer = to communicate with God**
			4. **The Word of God = God speaking to His people**
			5. **The Will = authorizes actions to perform for God**
* The New Birth (John 3:3,5)
1. The **MIND** must be **ILLUMINATED** (conversion) change
2. The **HEART** must be **MOTIVATED** (conviction) confidence
3. The **WILL** must be **CAPTIVATED** (commitment) charge
* **The Christian will** to perform for God comes from Jesus Christ; Philippians 2:1-16
* The 10 different types of wills of God: knowing the will of God enables Christians to know about the thoughts of God.
1. **God’s Intentional Will**
2. **God’s Permissive Will**
3. **God’s Ultimate Will**
4. **God’s Sovereign Will**
5. **God’s Secret Will**
6. **God’s Providential Will**: God’s plans and preparations for the future.
7. **The Command Will of God**
8. **The directive will of God**: This refers to the Holy Spirit’s persona and direct guidance in the lives of believers. He speaks to our hearts or through a dream, vision, or other means. **\***
9. **The discerned will of God**: This is guidance through the application of directions (principles) in the Bible to situations that have no clear directives in the written word. Common daily decisions may come into play hear. God wants you to live in a house, but He will let you discern what the right community would be and leave it to you to discern the choice. The discerning will of God may also be employed on a job. You may discern if there is room for future promotions.

**The 4 Holy Spirit’s objectives in every believer: (John 16:13.14; Acts 1:8)**

 **To exemplify His person**

 **To experience His power**

 **To elevate His purpose**

 **To execute His plan**

* We must make choice of God’s will; Deuteronomy 30:19,20,21 (volition)
	+ If you bought a house from a person would you allow the previous owner to live in and rule your house? When we are saved God moves into His new vessel. He doesn’t need to move in with Him as you surrender title and deed to His ownership.
* God’s will is for His people to be successful, but we must chose to be successful; Joshua 1:8,9;
* God’s will is to be a witness of Jesus; Acts 5:26-42
* God’s will was for Paul to go to Jerusalem; Acts 21:8-15
1. **The disposition will of God**: This will of God describes God’s attitude or disposition towards something. It tells us what is pleasing to Him–what gives God pleasure, and what does not.
* God gives His will to His people for His glory; Genesis 1:26,27; Psalm 8:4-8; Ephesians 1:4-14; I Timothy 2:3,4

**Divine dreaming: How to tell if a dream is of God.**

1. **It will be God sent or originated by God to come true**
2. **It must have a Divine purpose or a Divine message**
3. **It may come with an angelic spokesman (angels are always masculine in the Bible)**
4. **It must yield a Divine cause for deliverance, rescue or salvation for God’s name to be glorified**
5. **It must be clear in its content and intent to represent God’s will or His outcome.**
6. **It will bless or benefit others (good or bad people)**

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