

**“GOD WILL BLESS WITH PLENTY IN 2020”**

**WORSHIP ● SERVE ● LIVE**

**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 measure of the faith, righteousness, peace, prosperity, power and joy of every believer will become more **personally rewarding** and to the glory of God.

**Lesson 36**

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**

1. The New Birth **BEGINS SPIRITUAL LIFE** (John 3:3,5)
2. The **MIND** must be **ILLUSTRATED** (**conversion**) change
3. The **HEART** must be **MOTIVATED** (**conviction**) confidence
4. The **WILL** must be **CAPTIVATED** (**commitment**) charge
5. God chooses and makes His people through five steps:
6. God **takes** the man (Devine invitation)
7. God **breaks** the man (Devine motivation)
8. God **makes** the man (Devine dedication)
9. God **blesses** the man (Devine inspiration)
10. God **uses** the man (Devine exaltation)

* **The will** must be **first performed** by the Christian or the sinner on a voluntary basis **then** God responds;
* There are **two types** of human wills
  + The **carnal** (sin nature) will = the human chooses on his own way (Romans 8:4-14)
  + The **spiritual** will = directed by God The Holy Spirit (John 16:7-15) in complete obedience to God’s will.

1. **The Christian’s will** MUST first be a self-surrendered act to God; John 3:3,5; II Corinthians 8:5; Philippians 3:4-14

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