

**“GOD WILL BLESS 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 38**

 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 **ILUMINATED** (**conversion**) **change**
3. The **HEART** must be **MOTIVATED** (**conviction**) **confidence**
4. The **WILL** must be **CAPTIVATED** (**commitment**) **charge**
5. The 4 Holy Spirit’s **objectives** in every believer:
6. To **exemplify** His **person**
7. To **experience** His **power**
8. To **elevate** His **purpose**
9. To **execute** His **plan**
10. **The Christian’s will** to perform for God comes from Jesus Christ; Philippians 2:1-16
11. **CHRISTIAN UNITY**; vv. 1-11 (Mark A. Copeland Outline)
12. **THE NATURE OF UNITY; v.2**
* Being of like mind (unified doctrine of beliefs), having the same love (same unified affections for Christ and in Christ)
* Of one accord, of one mind (one purpose)
1. **ATTITUDES FOR MAINTAINING UNITY; vv. 3,5**
* Do nothing through selfish ambition or conceit v.3a
* With lowliness of mind let each one esteem others better than

himself v.3b

* Be concerned for the interest of others v.4
* Let the mind that was in Christ be in you v.5
1. **JESUS AS AN EXAMPLE OF UNSELFISH HUMILITY; vv.6-11**
* Even though He was from God, He was willing to be like us; vv. 6,7
* As a man He humbled Himself in obedience to the point of dying

 on the cross v.8

* Therefore, God highly exalted Him so that at His name all

should bow and confess Him to be Lord; vv. 9-11

1. **CHRISTIANS ARE TO SHINE AS LIGHTS IN THE WORLD FOR CHRIST;** vv.12-16
* By working out their own soul salvation; vv.12,13
	+ With fear and trembling; v.12
	+ Being aware that **God is at work** in them; v. 13
* As Children of God without excuse; vv.14-16
	+ Doing all things without murmuring and complaining v. 14
	+ Remain blameless and harmless in the midst of a crooked and perverse generation v.15
	+ Holding fast the word of life, so that Paul may rejoice in the day of Christ; v.16

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