

**“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 41**

 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**
			6. **Humility = to submit to God’s instruction or God’s will**
1. **Humility (etymology)**
* humility (n) from humilis meaning "lowly, humble," literally "on the ground," from humus "earth,"
* humble (adj) from humus meaning "submissive, respectful, lowly in manner, modest, not self-asserting, obedient,"
* humble (v) "to render oneself humble" also "to bend, kneel or bow;" "lower (to someone) in dignity"
1. **Humility a SIGN to acknowledge true Christian identity**
2. As a sign true Christians have a responsible illuminating factor to represent God; Matthew 5:14-16; Romans 13:12
3. As a sign true Christians wear proudly the clothing of humility; Galatians 3:27; Ephesians 4:24; Colossians 3:10,12,14;
4. As a sign true Christians bring forth fruits of righteousness; Matthew 7:15-23; Galatians 5:22,23
5. **Humility in SPIRIT pertaining to the character of Christ**
6. **Humility is not SELF-PROMOTING**
7. **Humility in performance is SUBMISSION**
8. **Humility in SERVICE is not partial to perform**

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