

**“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 44**

 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)**
2. **Humility a SIGN to acknowledge true Christian identity**
3. **Humility in SPIRIT as pertaining to the character of Christ**
4. **Humility is not SELF-INTEREST**
5. **Humility in performance is SUBMISSION**
6. **Humility in true Christian SERVICE is not bias, partial or prejudice to perform toward others.**
7. **True Christian service is always a reflection of God through Jesus Christian. God is always concerned with truth.**

**a. John 1:9 That was the true Light, which lighteth every man that cometh into the world. John 1:17 For the law (read) was given by Moses, but grace and truth (performed) came by Jesus Christ.**

**b. Ephesians 4:24 And that ye put on the new man, which after God is created in righteousness and true holiness.**

**b. Philippians 4:8 Finally, brethren, whatsoever things are true, whatsoever things are honest, whatsoever things are just, whatsoever things are pure, whatsoever things are lovely, whatsoever things are of good report; if there be any virtue, and if there be any praise, think on these things.**

**c. 1 Thessalonian 1:9 For they themselves shew of us what manner of entering in we had unto you, and how ye turned to God from idols to serve the living and true God; (without rule or boundary or acceptable character)**

**d. Hebrews 10:22 Let us draw near with a true heart in full assurance of faith, having our hearts sprinkled from an evil conscience, and our bodies washed with pure water.**

**e. 1 John 5:20 And we know that the Son of God is come, and hath given us an understanding, that we may know Him that is true, and we are in Him that is true, even in his Son Jesus Christ. This is the true God, and eternal life.**

1. **True Christian servants give themselves to The Lord first before they serve others;**

**a. 2 Corinthians 8:5 And this they did, not as we hoped, but first gave their own selves to the Lord, and unto us by the will of God.**

**b. Romans 12:1 I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service.** **Romans 12:2 And be not conformed to this world: but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of God. Romans 12:3 For I say, through the grace given unto me, to every man that is among you, not to think of himself more highly than he ought to think; but to think soberly, according as God hath dealt to every man the measure of faith.**

1. **The purpose of Christian service is to be presented or performed to others first and not to self first.**

**a. Philippians 2:3 Let nothing be done through strife or vainglory; but in lowliness of mind let each esteem other better than themselves. Philippians 2:4 Look not every man on his own things, but every man also on the things of others. Philippians 2:5 Let this mind be in you, which was also in Christ Jesus:**

1. **True Christian servants humble themselves to serve others using Jesus Christ as their standard;**

**a. John 13:1-17 (Read from your Bible.)**

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