

LISTENING TO GOD

What is God Communicating to You?

We shy away from this because of the fanaticism of others.

1. God's Word Says

- A. *"I will instruct you and teach you in the way you should go; I will counsel you and watch over you."* Psalm 32:8
- B. *"But the Counselor, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you all things and will remind you of everything I have said to you."* John 14:26
- C. *"But when He, the Spirit of truth, comes, He will guide you into all truth."* John 16:13
- D. *"If any of you lacks wisdom, he should ask God, who gives generously to all without finding fault, and it will be given to you."* James 1:5
- E. *"Whether you turn to the right or to the left, your ears will hear a voice behind you, saying, 'This is the way; walk in it' "* Isaiah 30:21

2. How God Speaks To Us Today

- A. Through His Written Word
- B. Through His Holy Spirit
- C. Through Other People
- D. Through Circumstances

3. How God Gets Our Attention

- A. A Restless Spirit
- B. A Word from Others
- C. Great Blessings
- D. Unanswered Prayer
- E. Unusual Circumstances
 - 1. Failure
 - 2. Financial Crisis
 - 3. Tragedy
 - 4. Sickness or Suffering

4. How To Know That It Is God Who Is Speaking

- A. It Must Be Consistent With God's Word
- B. It Will Usually Conflict With Human Wisdom
- C. It Normally Clashes With My Fleshly Desires
- D. It Will Challenge My Faith
- E. It Will Call For Courage on My Part

F. It Will Call For Patience on My Part

Things To Consider:

G. How Will My Actions Influence Others?

H. What Will Be The Consequences?

I. What Does Godly Counsel Say?

J. Will This Stimulate My Spiritual Growth?

K. Do I have Peace?

5. Hindrances To Hearing God

A. Don't Know God

B. A Poor Self-Image

C. A False Sense Of Guilt

D. Too Busy

E. Don't Believe

F. God-Directed Anger

G. Harboring Unconfessed Sin

H. Sin Of Rebellion

I. Rejecting God's Messenger

J. Untrained To Listen

6. How to Listen

A. Ask God Questions

B. Anticipate God To Answer

C. Respond To What I Hear

D. Be Alert To Confirming Events

E. Ask Him To Speak Clearly

7. Results Of Failing To Listen To God Effectively

A. I Listen To The Wrong Source

B. I Am Easily Deceived

C. I Demonstrate Pride And Independence Of God

D. I Make Decisions That Appeal To My Flesh

E. I Make Excuses For My Wrongs

F. I Will Suffer The Consequences

G. Others Around Me Will Be Hurt

H. I Will Miss God's Best For Me