

HEARING THE VOICE OF GOD
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1 Corinthians 2:10-15

¹⁰But God hath revealed them unto us by his Spirit: for the Spirit searcheth all things, yea, the deep things of God.

¹¹For what man knoweth the things of a man, save the spirit of man which is in him? even so the things of God knoweth no man, but the Spirit of God.

¹²Now we have received, not the spirit of the world, but the spirit which is of God; that we might know the things that are freely given to us of God.

¹³Which things also we speak, not in the words which man's wisdom teacheth, but which the Holy Ghost teacheth; comparing spiritual things with spiritual.

¹⁴But the natural man receiveth not the things of the Spirit of God: for they are foolishness unto him: neither can he know them, because they are spiritually discerned.

¹⁵But he that is spiritual judgeth all things, yet he himself is judged of no man.

¹⁶For who hath known the mind of the Lord, that he may instruct him? but we have the mind of Christ.

<p>**Spiritual things cannot be revealed to mankind by his own knowledge. They MUST be revealed by the spirit**</p>
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Matthew 11:15

He that hath ears to hear, let him hear.

Matthew 13:16

¹⁶But blessed are your eyes, for they see: and your ears, for they hear.

¹⁷For verily I say unto you, That many prophets and righteous men have desired to see those things which ye see, and have not seen them; and to hear those things which ye hear, and have not heard them.

Revelation 2:7

He that hath an ear, let him hear **what the Spirit** saith unto the churches; To him that overcometh will I give to eat of the tree of life, which is in the midst of the paradise of God.

Mark 11

¹²And on the morrow, when they were come from Bethany, he was hungry:

¹³And seeing a fig tree afar off having leaves, he came, if haply he might find any thing thereon: and when he came to it, he found nothing but leaves; for the time of figs was not yet.

¹⁴And Jesus answered and said unto it, No man eat fruit of thee hereafter for ever. And his disciples heard it.

¹⁹And when even was come, he went out of the city.

²⁰And in the morning, as they passed by, they saw the fig tree dried up from the roots.

²¹And Peter calling to remembrance saith unto him, Master, behold, the fig tree which thou cursedst is withered away.

²²And Jesus answering saith unto them, Have faith in God.

²³For verily I say unto you, That whosoever shall say unto this mountain, Be thou removed, and be thou cast into the sea; and shall not doubt in his heart, but shall believe that those things which he saith shall come to pass; he shall have whatsoever he saith.

²⁴Therefore I say unto you, What things soever ye desire, when ye pray, believe that ye receive them, and ye shall have them.

10 THINGS THAT PREVENT YOU FROM HEARING THE VOICE OF GOD

1. **Lack of study**—When you fail to study the Word of God, you will hear all different types of things except for the voice of God. You become more prone to making impulsive decisions because you are not sensitive to the will of God.
2. **Lack of prayer**—You must fellowship with God in prayer in order to hear what He has to say. People who do not have a prayer life are constantly taking on new projects without finishing the old ones first. This is because they are playing a guessing game with God instead of actually hearing what He has to say.
3. **Low self-esteem**—People with low self esteem often do not expect God to speak to them. So even when He does say something, they shun it as their own imagination. There must be an expectancy on your part in order to realize the will of God as an active force in your life.
4. **Lending your ear to too many ungodly sources**—This will cause you to hear nothing except a lot of bad advice.
5. **Always telling God how to answer your prayers**—While it is a good idea to put specific requests before the Lord, it is not always a good idea to tell God how to answer. Often, when you don't get the answer that you were

expecting, you say that it wasn't God speaking, when actually it was.

6. **Being too busy to listen.**
7. **Complaining when you should be listening.**
8. **Reacting when you should be seeking.**
9. **Giving up too soon.**
10. **Being too stubborn to do things God's way.**

To hear the voice of God, you must be willing to...

1. Listen to what God has to say, even when it is not what you would like to hear.
2. Fellowship with Him and build a relationship.
3. Study the Word of God so that when a contrary voice tempts you to do something that does not line up with scripture, you will immediately recognize it.
4. Pray for discernment.
5. Build your faith. You build your faith by acting upon God's instructions. Faith without works is dead. (James 2:26)
6. Shield yourself from those with negative ways of thinking.

How to Discern When Individuals Are Operating Contrary to the Will of God:

1. They become evil in the pursuit of their purpose.
2. They tear down more relationships than what they build.

3. The things that they say God told them to do conflict with scripture.
4. The things that God “supposedly” speaks never come to fruition.
5. They seek ungodly means for fulfillment.
6. They settle for less than what God spoke.
7. They constantly complain about what God has told them to do.
8. They show no signs of faith.
9. They constantly make questionable excuses for the vision not manifesting.
10. Their motives for fulfilling the objective are wrong (i.e. to show off, or to seek revenge)