

3 Steps TO HEAR GOD'S VOICE

One of the greatest benefits of your salvation is to hear God speak to you personally. You can't have an intimate relationship with your heavenly Father without communication. But, as easy as it is for you to speak to Him... the average Christian has a hard time hearing His voice. This is not the way the Lord intended it to be.

As people do, we are always making plans. But as a Christian, you need God to direct you. Proverbs 16:9 it says, *"A man's heart plans his way, But the LORD directs his steps."* How does the Lord direct us? By speaking to us.

Learning to clearly distinguish God's voice is so valuable. Instead of going through life blindly, you can have the wisdom of God guide and protect you. There isn't a single person who couldn't have their life radically transformed by hearing the voice of the Lord better.

How does Jesus become real to us? By communicating with us. We're created to communicate with those we're in relationship with. As a child of God you need to take time to communicate with your heavenly Father regularly or you're not building a relationship.

The Lord is constantly speaking to give His direction. It's never the Lord who is not speaking, but it's us who are not hearing. Jesus made some radical statements about hearing His voice in **John 10:3-5**. Jesus was speaking about Himself as the Shepherd of the sheep and describing the only way to enter the sheepfold (which is representative of the God's family). *"...he calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. ⁴ And when he brings out his own sheep, he goes before them; and the sheep follow him, for they **know his voice**. ⁵ Yet they will by no means follow a stranger, but will flee from him, for they **do not know the voice of strangers.**"*

Most Christians don't experience this truth. But Jesus wasn't wrong when He said it. All true believers can... and do... hear the voice of God; they just might not recognize what they are hearing as God's voice.

If we're not hearing, it doesn't mean God's not speaking. We need to learn how to tune in and start listening. Radio and TV signals transmit twenty-four hours a day; but we only hear them when we turn the receiver on and tune it in to the correct frequency.

We all want to receive things from God. We want Him to answer our prayers. But do we really want to be in intimate relationship with God more than for Him to give us what we want?

This is the biggest key to hearing God's voice.... Psalm 37:4 says, *"Delight thyself also in the LORD; and he shall give thee the desires of thine heart."*

This verse is often interpreted to mean that the Lord will give you whatever you want. Some use it to justify selfishness, greed... even adultery. But it doesn't mean that the Lord will give you whatever you want; it means that when you are seeking the Lord, He'll put *His* desires into your heart. He'll make His desires become your desires. **He gives us His desires in our heart so that we desire according to His will.**

3 Steps should you take if you want to hear God's voice?

FIRST:

Spend time with the Lord: Reading your Bible, interacting and communicating. This takes *time and effort*. The average Christian's lifestyle is so busy, it isn't conducive to hearing God's voice.

SECOND:

Learn to listen. Psalm 46:10 says, *"Be still, and know that I am God."* This takes *time and focus*. Most people talk more than they listen. But God gave us one mouth and two ears. That is a clue to how much more important it is to listen than to talk.

THIRD:

Learn to *recognize* God's voice. Many have heard from the Lord many different ways. But most often God speaks to us through His Word, through our spirit which becomes a thought in our mind or an impression in our heart. That takes *practice*.

John 4:24 says, “God is a Spirit: and they that worship him must worship him in spirit and in truth.” God speaks to our spirit which then is processed in our brain. Communication with God is Spirit to spirit, not brain to brain or mouth to ear, the way we communicate in the physical realm. The Lord speaks to our spirits, not in words, but in **thoughts and impressions**. Then our spirit speaks to us in words like, “I sense the Lord wants me to do this or that.” We can often miss the leading of the Lord, thinking it’s our own thoughts, but it is God’s direction.

One way to confirm something is God’s will, is the peace that settles in our heart when we come into agreement with it. **“And let the peace of God rule in your hearts.” Colossians 3:15.**

Our heavenly Father speaks to every one of His children constantly, giving us all the information and guidance we need to be overcomers. The problem isn’t trying to get Him to speak... the problem is we have not learned how to listen.

In review, remember:

1. Invest time with the Lord and His Word.
2. Take time to listen.
1. Keep practicing until you learn to recognize His voice.

We hope this has encouraged you to practice learning to hear and discern God’s voice. It will open up so many blessings when you do.

What is it you need? God cares. He’s trying to lead you but if you don’t receive His direction, you stay stuck where you are or making wrong turns. It’s worth the cost of time and focus to develop this area of your life. Start with something small. Ask a question and stay alert for His answer.



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