

As believers we have the Holy Spirit



He will provide help as we ask.

Romans 8:5

*Those who live according to the flesh  
have their minds set  
on what the flesh desires;  
but those who live in accordance  
with the Spirit have their minds  
set on what the Spirit desires.*

Romans 8:6-7

*The mind governed by the flesh is death,  
but the mind governed by the Spirit  
is life and peace.*

*The mind governed by the flesh  
is hostile to God;  
it does not submit to God's law,  
nor can it do so.*

Romans 8:8

***Those who are in the realm of the flesh  
cannot please God***

**Romans 8:9-10**

***You, however, are not in the realm of the flesh but are in the realm of the Spirit, if indeed the Spirit of God lives in you. And if anyone does not have the Spirit of Christ, they do not belong to Christ. But if Christ is in you, then even though your body is subject to death because of sin, the Spirit gives life because of righteousness.***

**Romans 8:11-12**

***And if the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead is living in you, he who raised Christ from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies because of his Spirit who lives in you.***

***Therefore, brothers and sisters, we have an obligation—but it is not to the flesh, to live according to it.***

**Romans 8:13**

***For if you live according to the flesh,  
you will die;***

***but if by the Spirit you put to death  
the misdeeds of the body,  
you will live.***

**Romans 8:14**

***For those who are led by the Spirit of  
God are the children of God.***





**Hearing God  
in our daily lives**

# Can We Hear From God?



**Reality, Motive, Blocks to Reception**

# Discerning the Sound



**Knowing different voices**

# Understanding Listening



## **Guidelines - The Word of God**

# Assignments in Active Listening



**Ministry Opportunities**



**Does God Really  
Speak To People?**

To whom has



**From the  
Old Testament**



- **Genesis 1**

**The Elements  
They hear and respond**



To whom has



**From the  
Old Testament**



• **Genesis 6:7-9**

**The Animals  
They hear and respond**





To whom has



**From the  
Old Testament**



• **2 Chronicles 7:13**

**The Locusts  
They hear and respond**



Who has heard



## From the Old Testament



- Adam & Eve – Before & After
- Cain – Before & After
- Noah
- Abraham – Isaac – Jacob
- King Abimelech
- Joseph
- Moses – Aaron
- Joshua
- Deborah – Gideon – Samson's Parents

Who has heard  
k?



**From the  
Old Testament**



- Samuel
- David
- Solomon
- Gad – Nathan – Elijah – Elisha
- Isaiah – Jeremiah – Ezekiel
- Daniel – Hosea – Joel – Amos –  
Obadiah – Jonah – Micah –  
Nahum – Habakkuk – Zephaniah -  
Haggai – Zechariah - Malachi

Who has heard  
k?



**From the  
New Testament**



- Zacharias - Joseph – Mary
- Peter
- Philip
- Saul – later named Paul
- Ananias
- Cornelius
- People in the church at Antioch

Who has heard  
k?



## From the New Testament



- Paul, Silas, Timothy forbidden to go to Asia
- Paul shipwreck
- The Apostle John – Book of Revelation
- Jesus

Who can hear  
k?



**Anyone**



*And when He has come, He will  
convict the world of sin, and of  
righteousness,  
and of judgment*

**John 16:8**

No one can come to Me unless the  
Father who sent Me draws him

**John 6:44**

Who can hear



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# My Story

Who can hear  
God speak  
y?



## Believers



And other sheep I have which are  
not of this fold;  
them also I must bring,  
and they will hear My voice;

**John 10:16**





**Why Should We Want  
To Hear God Speak To  
Us?**

Why should we  
want to hear God



# Adam and Eve

**Genesis 2 - 3**

God created man for Relationship  
with Himself

Why should we want  
to hear God speak?



*And this is eternal life, that they  
may know You, the only true God,  
and Jesus Christ whom You have  
sent.*

**John 17:3**

God created man for Relationship  
with Himself





# Why Should We Want To Hear God Speak To Us?

## 1 Relationship

Why should we want  
to hear God speak?



*Then He appointed twelve, that they might be with Him and that He might send them out to preach, and to have power to heal sicknesses and to cast out demons.*

**Mark 3:14-15**

Jesus appointed people for  
Relationship with Himself



Why should we want  
to hear God speak?



## 2. Guiding into Truth



*However, when He, the Spirit of  
truth, has come, He will guide you  
into all truth;*

**John 16:13**

Why should we want  
to hear God speak?



## 2. Guiding into Truth



## My Story

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# Why Should We Want To Hear God Speak To Us?

- 1 Relationship
- 2 Guidance in Truth



Why should we want  
to hear God speak?



## 2. Future Expectations



*However, when He, the Spirit of truth, has come, He will guide you into all truth; for He will not speak on His own authority, but whatever He hears He will speak; and He will tell you things to come. **John 16:13***

Why should we want  
to hear God speak?



**Future  
Expectations**



**My Story**





# Why Should We Want To Hear God Speak To Us?

- 1 Relationship
- 2 Guidance in Truth
- 3 Personal Future

Why should we want  
to hear God speak?



*Grace and peace be multiplied to  
you in the knowledge of God and of  
Jesus our Lord,*

*as His divine power has given to us  
all things that pertain to life and  
godliness, through the knowledge  
of Him who called us by glory and  
virtue,*

**2 Peter 1:2-3**

Why should we want  
to hear God speak?



## My Story





## Why Should We Want To Hear God Speak To Us?

1. Relationship
2. Guidance in Truth
3. Personal Future
4. Knowledge of God



*Why Do People  
Not Hear God?*



hear?

1.

**Not Think  
God is  
Speaking**

*My sheep  
hear My voice,  
and I know them,  
and they follow Me.*  
**John 16:27**





hear?

1.  
**Not Think  
God is  
Speaking  
to me**

*To him the doorkeeper opens, and the sheep hear his voice; and he calls his own sheep by name and leads them out.*

*And when he brings out his own sheep, he goes before them; and the sheep follow him, for they know his voice.*

**John 10:3-4**



ear?

**1.**  
**Not Think**  
**God is**  
**Speaking**  
**to me**

*But the natural man does not receive the things of the Spirit of God, for they are foolishness to him; nor can he know them, because they are spiritually discerned*

**1 Corinthians 2:14**



ear?

1.

**Not Think  
God is  
Speaking  
to me**

*But he who is spiritual judges all things, yet he himself is rightly judged by no one. For “who has known the mind of the LORD that he may instruct Him?” But we have the mind of Christ*

**1 Corinthians 2:15-16**

## Why Not Hear?



### 1. Do not think God is speaking to them

*For the hearts of this people  
have grown dull.  
Their ears are hard of hearing,  
And their eyes they have closed*

***Matthew 13:15***

Why do we not hear  
the Voice of God?



**2. Not  
seeking God  
with all your  
heart**

*And you will seek Me and find Me,  
when you search for Me with all  
your heart.*

*I will be found by you, says the  
LORD,*

*Jeremiah 29:13-14*

## Why Not Hear?



1. Do not think God is speaking to them
2. Not seeking the Lord with all their heart  
– Half hearted

*a double-minded man, unstable in all his ways*

**James 1:8**

Why do we not hear  
the Voice of God?



### 3. Not being Quiet



*Be still,  
and know that I am God*

*Psalm 46:10*

Why do we not hear  
the Voice of God?



### **3. Not being Quiet to Focus**



Draw near to God and He will draw  
near to you.

*James 4:8*



## Why Not Hear?



1. Do not think God is speaking to them
2. Not seeking the Lord with all their heart – Half hearted
3. *Not becoming quiet and getting focused on God*



**Hearing God  
in our daily lives**

## Part 2 - The Way God Speaks To US



**Knowing different *voices***



**God two ways God  
speaks to His people?**



**Two  
Supernatural  
parents of  
our spiritual  
birth?**

1.  
The Word  
of God



*...having been born  
again, not of  
corruptible seed but  
incorruptible, through*

*the Word of God*

*which lives and  
abides forever*

1 Peter 1:23

**2.**  
**The Spirit  
of God**



*So is everyone  
who is born of  
the Spirit*

**John 3:8**



**Two ways  
God  
Speaks to  
His people?**



**The First  
Way God  
Speaks To  
His People**

**His  
Written Word**



**The Second  
Way God  
Speaks To  
His People**



**The Ministry  
of  
the Holy  
Spirit**

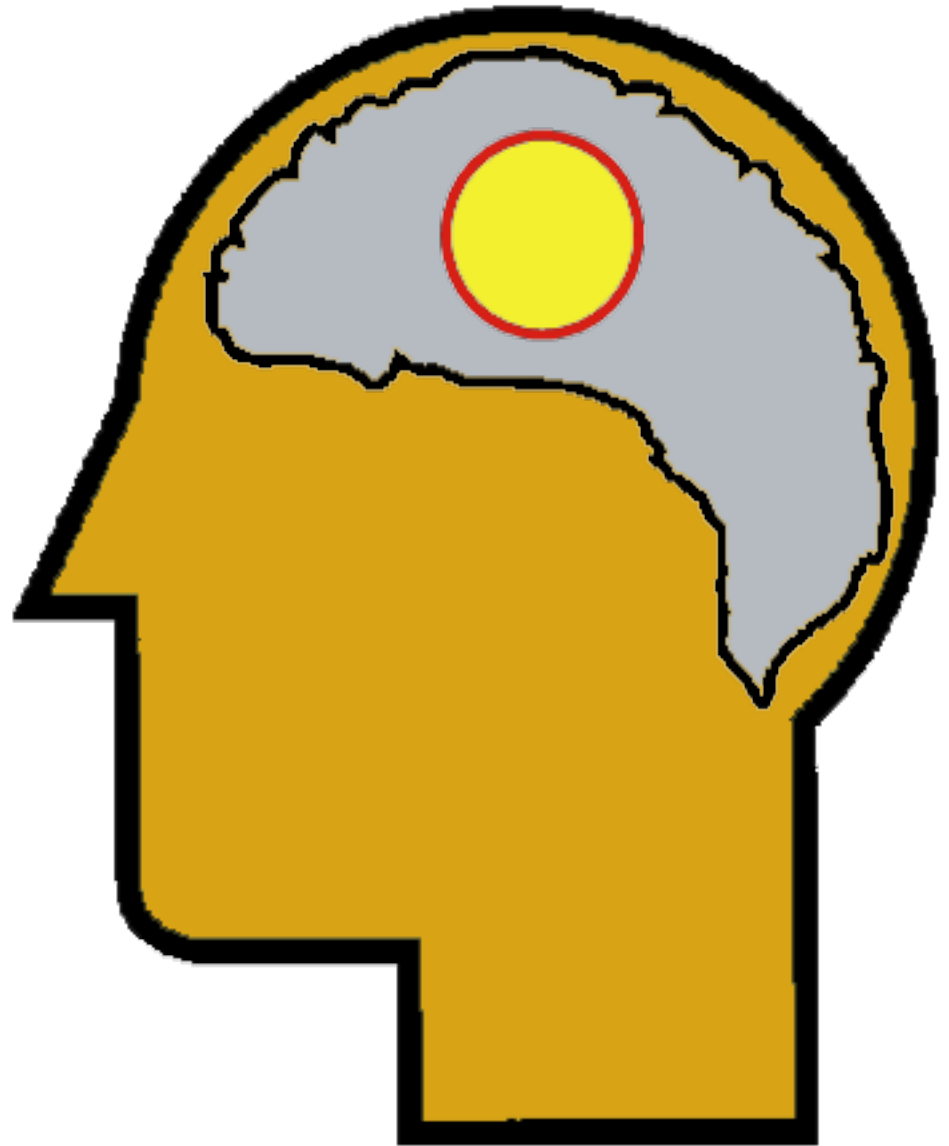
**MAN IS:**

**A Spirit Being**

**MAN HAS:**

**A Body**

**A Soul**



Human Beings are

## **BODY**

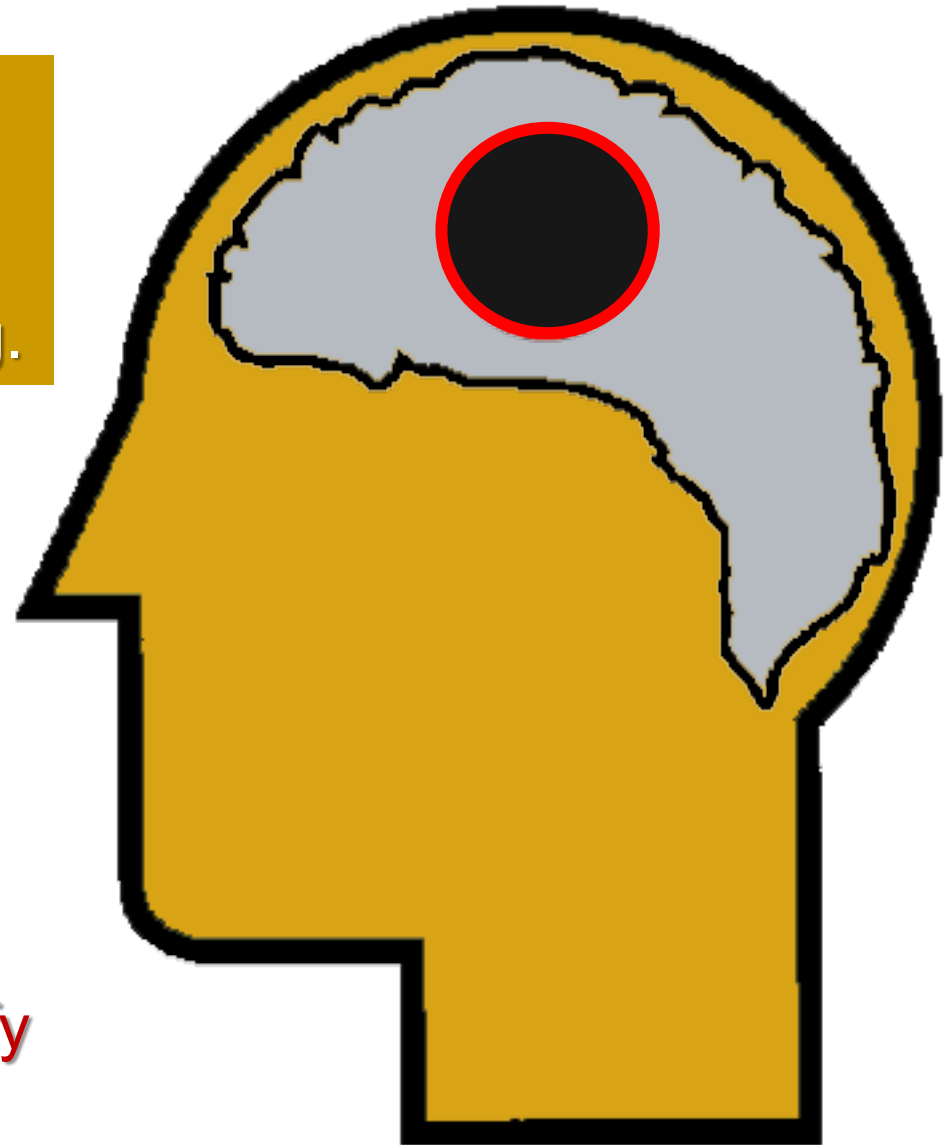
World-conscious using the senses of seeing, hearing, tasting, smelling and touching.

## **SOUL**

Self-conscious using intelligence, reason, emotion and will.

## **SPIRIT**

God-conscious and is able to know, worship, trust and glorify Him.



# Speaking in our thoughts

The Voice of Reason

The Voice of the Holy Spirit

The Voice of the evil one

# Voice of Reason

Self talk – from observation

You will deliberate  
and think things through,  
and afterwards,  
make your decision.

# Voice of Reason

Not bad but can be prejudiced by ...

Mark 2:1-8

Scribes Reason

Acts 28:1-6

People of Malta

# Voice of Reason

Numbers 13:26-33

**NOTE:**

If the answer of your mind  
contradicts the Written Word,  
or contradicts what God has said  
then you must abandon  
the voice of your reasoning



# Speaking in our thoughts

**The Voice of the evil one**

# The Voice of Satan

- Deceive you, (Revelation 20:7-8)
- Bring Oppression, (Acts 10:38)
- Discourage (Numbers 32:6-10)
- Inspire rage, anger & malice, (Ephesians 4:31)

# The Voice of Satan

## Encourage you to:

- Bitterness, (Colossians 3:19)
- Confusion, (Acts 19:32)
- Rationalize sin, (Isaiah 5:20)
- Lying, (1 John 2:4)
- Doubt God's Word, (Hebrews 3:12)
- Division in your family, church, business,  
(Mark 3:25)
- Disobey the Word of God, (Joshua 5:6)

## The Voice of Satan

### Encourage you to:

- Be fearful (Mark 4:40)
- Lose hope, (Job 7:1-15)
- Be dismayed, (Joshua 1:9)
- Seek revenge, (Ezekiel 25:15)
- Curse God, (Job 2:9)
- Stir up unforgiveness,  
(Matthew 6:15)
- To be ashamed of the gospel, (Mark 8:38)
- To think you cannot to hear God's voice, (John 10:10)

# Speaking in our thoughts

## The Voice of the Holy Spirit

**Growing Strong**



**God helps some people more than  
others**

**He is not respecter of persons**

**Growing Strong**



**Why?**

**Some have learned to depend on  
and yield to Him more than others**

**Growing Strong**



**That is developed  
More your spirit developed – the  
more sensitive to Holy Spirit**



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Growing Strong



Hebrews 5:14

*Senses exercised  
to discern both  
good and evil*

1.

Growing Strong



**Get into the Word**

**Luke 24:25-26**

**Luke 24:42-48**



- 1. Get into Word**
- 2. Filled with Spirit**
- 3. No Fellowship  
with Demons**



**5. Follow Example**

**6. Walk in the Spirit**

**7. Peruse Love**

# Recognizing Conviction

## The Holy Spirit

- Gives a sense of holiness
- Gives a sense of God-consciousness through the Word

## Satan

- Gives a sense of worthlessness
- Gives a sense of self-consciousness through feelings

# Recognizing Conviction

## The Holy Spirit

- Generally deals with one thing at a time
- Usually quiet
- Specific with clarity

## Satan

- Throws the “whole book”
- Usually with major clamoring
- General with confusion

# Recognizing Conviction

## The Holy Spirit

- Corrects
- Convicts
- Deals with unconfessed sin

## Satan

- Accuses
- Condemns
- Deals with confessed sin



# Recognizing Conviction

## The Holy Spirit

- Encourages to obedience
- Gives peace with a sense of confirmation
- Leads to a life of balance

## Satan

- Discourages to despair
- Gives pressure with a sense of frustration
- Leads to a life of bondage

# Recognizing Conviction

## The Holy Spirit

- Deals in sincerity and love

## Satan

- Deals in subtlety and anger

An aerial photograph of a winding asphalt road through a dense, lush green forest. A white car is parked on the right side of the road. The road curves through the trees, and the overall scene is serene and natural.

## **God's Promptings**

**Always agree with the Written Word of God**

**May contradict your feelings**

**Can be easily rejected**

**Have His character of Love**

**Produce good fruit**

**Are for Friendship – Relationship**



# Assignments in Active Listening



**Ministry Opportunities**



## **Prayer Points**

- **Thank God He is speaking to your partner**
- **Ask God to tune their heart to seek Him fully  
(whole hearted desire for Him)**
- **Quite your heart and focus on Him**



## **Activity Points**

- Ask God to bring a thought to your mind about a blessing of His salvation that he has brought into the life of your prayer partner.**
  
- Pray that blessing over them.**









## 1 Samuel 3:9

**Remember how Eli encouraged Samuel**

if He calls you, that you must say,

**'Speak, LORD, for Your servant hears.'**