

Hindrances to Hearing the Voice of God John 10:27-30

Two kinds of listeners:

(Passive Listener and aggressive Listener).

Passive Listeners really don't care if they hear from God.

An aggressive listener comes knowing and expecting to hear from God.

(Both Matthew 7:24-26, Acts 17:11)

Are you listening: (1st Samuel 3:4-10)

We must learn to be quiet before the Lord (Psalm 46:10, Psalm 62:5)

We must anticipate to hear Him speak (Jeremiah 33:3)

We must learn how to sit patiently before God (Psalm 46:10)

We must learn to meditate upon his Word (Psalm 1:2)

Ten ways God's voice can be hindered

1. We really don't know God (John 4:21-24)
2. A poor self image: We feel unworthy when we should not (Galatians 4:3-7)
3. Love of the world (2Timothy 4:10)
4. Sin
(Hebrews 12:1)
5. Unbelief: God doesn't just speak through his word
 - a) His Spirit
 - b) Circumstances
 - c) Other people (Matthew 1 :21-24)
6. Anger directed at God: Why God allow some things to happen to us?
 - a) Tragedy
 - b) Disappointment
 - c) Unanswered prayer
(Jonah 4:14)
7. Harboring Sin: Sinning and refusing to repent (Romans 6:14-15)
8. A rebellious Spirit: Not wanting to follow the command of God's voice. (Numbers 23:25-26)

9. Rejecting God's messengers: When we refuse to hear others, we can refuse to hear God.

(Luke 1:18-20)

10. Untrained to listen: Inexperience to the voice of God

a) We should ask questions

b) We should anticipate his voice

c) We should respond to what we hear (This is the beginning of the learning process)

d) We should be alert to confirming events

e) We should always ask God to speak to us that we may come to him better.

A Spiritual Mind Set

(Matthew 13:1-9)

a) A closed mind

b) Cloudy mind

c) Cluttered mind

d) Committed mind (1st Corinthians 7:37)