

The Prayer Priority

“How to Hear God’s Voice”

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“Now I am going to Him who sent me...but I tell you the truth: It is for your good that I am going away. Unless I go away, the Counselor will not come to you; but if I go I will send Him to you...When He, the Spirit of truth, comes, He will guide you into all truth.”
John 16:5-16

5 Principles to Help You Hear from God

1. Develop a **close relationship** with God.

“Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying, “Whom shall I send? And who will go for us?” And I said, “Here am I. Send me!” Is. 6:8

2. Be **willing to hear** from God.

“He who has ears, let him hear”...though hearing, they do not hear or understand...You will be ever hearing but never understanding...For this people’s heart has become calloused; they hardly hear with their ears...But blessed are your ears because they hear.” Mt. 13:9-16

3. Eliminate **competing noise** from your life.

“Very early in the morning, while it was still dark, Jesus got up, left the house and went off to a solitary place, where He prayed.” Mk. 1:35

4. Recognize the **various ways** God speaks.

God speaks through:

- The **Bible** (2 Tim. 3:16)
- **People** (Eph. 4:11-13)
- A **circumstance** (Jonah)
- Visions or **dreams** (Acts 2:17)
- **Angels** (Acts 8:26)
- Your **mind** or spirit (2 Cor. 12:8-9)

5. Learn how to **test** what you think you hear.

“Do not put out the Spirit’s fire; do not treat prophecies with contempt. Test everything. Hold on to the good. Avoid every kind of evil.” 1 Thess. 5:19-21

- Is it consistent with what **the Bible** says?
- Is it consistent with **God’s nature**?
- Is there confirmation from other **mature believers**?
- Test it with **time**.

Should I ever question something I think I’ve heard from God?

- If it requires you to make a major, life-changing decision in a very short period of time.
- If it requires you to go deeply into debt.
- If it places someone else in a compromising position or in danger.
- If it requires you to break with family or important relationships.
- If it creates unrest in trusted, mature, Christian friends or counselors.

“Get in the habit of saying, “Speak Lord” and life will become a romance.”
Oswald Chambers