

A Guide to Listening to God

BE STILL.

If your mind, body, and heart is too busy, you won't be able to hear God. So carve out some quiet time and just focus on God. Give Him space to communicate to you.

Sometimes He'll speak to you in words, sometimes visions...but He's there, ready...Are you?

PRAY.

If you wanted to hear from a family member, you'd call them right?

Reach out to God in prayer. Pray with the expectation of hearing back from Him. It may not happen right away, but He will. If you continue in prayer, His Spirit will even take over the things you say...listen to that as well.

READ.

The Bible is literally God's Word. And it's always available to you. Read it with the purpose of listening to Him. He may reveal something new to you each time. Additionally, when the Word is hidden in your heart, He'll drop just the right verse to your spirit right when you need it .

How to Hear God

How to Know It's God

KNOW HIS VOICE.

If you want to know if it's God, you'll have to know when it's just you.

Because, hint: God doesn't sound like you. Take time to learn more about Him and who He is. He won't speak against His nature. He speaks love, forgiveness, and has a greater purpose.

KNOW HIS WORD.

If you're unsure, search the Scriptures. His voice will always agree with Scripture. God has never contradicted Himself and He never will.



KNOW HIS WILL.

God's Will may not be given to us in full and at first, but He does let us know.

Check other areas in your life, seek counsel from your church leaders...does it confirm what God has spoken to you? It should. His voice always lines up to His will and you will feel an overwhelming peace about it.

WITH OPENNESS.

When God speaks to you, truly listen. Open your heart to what He has to say, regardless of what it is and how it initially makes you feel, knowing that it's for your good and for the greater good. Receive it all.

WITH OBEDIENCE.

Hearing God is so important, but it should only be the beginning. Many times God speaks to us with instructions. Be sure to be obedient to His voice. Don't just hear Him...if He unctons you to act, do it!

WITH GRATITUDE.

God is the Creator of Heaven and Earth...and yet, He pays His children a visit and will even speak to us if we listen closely enough. Our response should be of both praise and worship! Show your gratitude as Hannah did.

How to Respond to God