

Hear and Cling!



“So pay attention to how you hear. To those who listen to my teaching, more understanding will be given. But for those who are not listening, even what they think they understand will be taken away from them.”

Jesus Christ | Luke 8:18 (NLT)

“Oh no!” I yelled to myself, realizing I’d forgotten to pack my Bible while boarding a flight. New to having a daily devotional and, being a

disciplined guy, I didn't want to blow it. So, I quickly ran to the bookstore and bought the only Bible they had – "Bible in a Year." Little did I know this gem would play a key part in transforming my life.

Each day a section of Old Testament, New Testament, Psalms and Proverbs was laid out... this was a weird Bible! How could one pieced together like this connect me to God? I found out over the coming weeks.

Reflect: How am I engaging God through the Bible?

It was uncanny how my daily readings seemed remarkably relevant. It was as if God was giving me personal instruction and insights to himself while challenging the worldly wisdom I was preparing to use. I found myself asking this absurd question, "How'd he know?" Prior to this, I'd read the Bible with a goal to gain knowledge, hoping it'd be useful someday. God's immediate guidance was unexpected. How could this happen, especially with such a rigid plan?

"For the word of God is alive and powerful. It is sharper than the sharpest two-edged sword, cutting between soul and spirit, between joint and marrow. It exposes our innermost thoughts and desires." (Hebrews 4:12)

Becoming proactive, I began to ask God, "What are you trying to tell me?" as I reflected on the scriptures and my life. I confidently tell you that this question has changed my entire relationship with God. What might happen to yours if you ask it?

Consider: Listen expectantly... it's dangerous behind enemy lines!

Is your ear tuned for what God wants you to hear? Are you expectant? Could you hear anything if you weren't? I'm struck by Jesus' warning to

those who fail to be, "...what they think they understand will be taken away from them." Apparently, like an unused muscle, what you think you know about God will atrophy if you fail to actively listen.

Given that engaging God is relational, this makes sense. What would happen to a marriage if husband and wife stopped listening to each other? Not only would their intimacy end, but they'd grow apart... a recipe for divorce. Expectant listening is vital to creating Intimacy with God... consider the consequence of failing to.

Just this morning, having asked "What are you trying to tell me?" I was reminded that all who are born again reside behind enemy lines. This absolutely raises the bar! Who doesn't need the Lord's guidance while living amidst the enemy? It's dangerous here! Doesn't this make you want to listen much more carefully? Follow his instructions much more closely?

Imagine: Hearing and clinging to God's instructions, my Mission is producing a huge harvest.

What might your enemy do to render you ineffective? First, he'd distract... are you actually spending time with God regularly? Failing this, he'd focus you on gathering information... knowledge alone is powerless. If you manage to ask "What are you trying to tell me?" he'd seek to prevent you from implementation... no harvest!

"And the seeds that fell on the good soil represent honest, good-hearted people who hear God's word, cling to it, and patiently produce a huge harvest." Jesus Christ (Luke 8:15)

Become good soil by asking, "What are you trying to tell me? Then,

patiently implement what God says...

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Go off the grid and ask these questions:

Coach's Questions

- How can I make my time with God more regular?
 - How will I prompt myself to ask God, "What are you trying to tell me?"
 - Who will help me make sure I'm clinging to what God says?
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Spirit Talk

Post this where you will see it regularly.

I belong so I ask, "What are you trying to tell me?"

"Anyone who belongs to God listens gladly to the words of God. But you don't listen because you don't belong to God."

John 8:47



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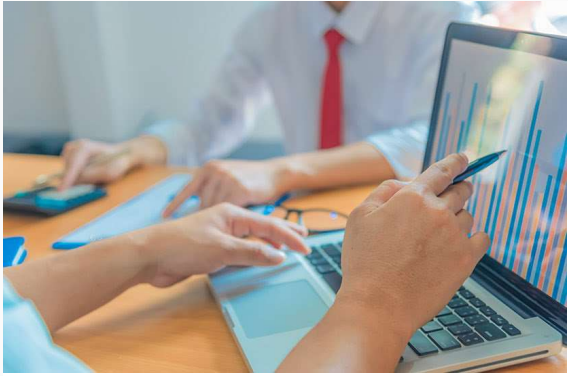
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