

The Message Notes

Series: Hearing the Voice of God

Message: *Praying to Hear God's Direction*

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Text: Proverbs 3:5-6 (ESV)

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Proverbs 3:5. Trust in the Lord with all your heart, and do not lean on your own understanding. **6.** In all your ways acknowledge him, and he will make straight your paths.

Objective: to teach the principles to follow in prayer, so we can hear God's voice directing our lives.

Review:

1. **Hearing** God's voice. It's a **requirement** to hear God's voice to be His people and follow Him. It is like sheep learning to know the Shepherd's voice and following Him. (John 10:3-27, Jeremiah 7:23, Psalms 143:8, Matthew 4:4)

Name three steps you have taken to begin to hear God's voice like sheep following their Shepherd:

- a) _____
- b) _____
- c) _____

2. **Listening** to God's voice. You enter God's House to **listen** to God's word, so you can **learn** to **fear** Him. You give God your undivided **attention**, you **absorb** the content in what you are hearing, so you can **apply** it. (Ecclesiastes 5:1)

Give a recent example of you hearing the word which made you fear God?

3. **Knowing** God's natural voice. God speaks to us **directly** from His Spirit to our spirit. He also speaks to us **indirectly** through various human vessels to convey His words to us. (1 Thessalonians 2:13)

Give a recent example of you hearing God through a natural voice.

4. **Opening** the door to God's voice. When we find out Christ resides outside of our souls, we must **zealously repent** to let Christ in by **confessing** we **no longer live** but **Christ lives in us by our obedience to His Spirit**. (Revelations 3:14-22)

5. **Confirming** God's voice. We confirm God is speaking to us by 1) Spirit to **spirit**, 2) the **Scriptures**, 3) **evaluated** by church leaders, 4) it **matches** our calling, gifts, and character, and 5) it **glorifies** God. (I Corinthians 10:31, I Corinthians 14:24-29)

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1. Name three ways we maintain our trust in God:

- a) _____
- b) _____
- c) _____

2. Name three things we put our trust in that affects our trust in God:

- a) _____
- b) _____
- c) _____

3. Explain why Psalms 139:23-24 helps us put our trust in God:

4. Explain God's promise if we trust Him. Give an example:

Takeaway: If you trust God with all your heart, you won't lean on your own understanding. If you don't lean on your understanding, you will acknowledge and submit to God. If you submit to God, He will direct your paths. If God directs your paths, you can trust that direction with all your heart.