

■ A song is not a song until it's sung



■ A bell is not a bell until it's rung.

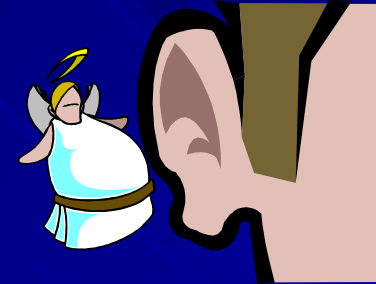


■ Love is nothing until it is given away.



- **Heb 11:6** And without faith it is impossible to please Him, for he who comes to God must believe that He is and that He is a rewarder of those who seek Him.
- **James 2:17** Even so faith, if it has no works, is dead, being by itself.
James 2:26 For just as the body without the spirit is dead, so also faith without works is dead
- **Rom 10:17** So faith comes from hearing, and hearing by the word of Christ.

Hear and Obey



1 Samuel 15:22

Samuel said, "Has the LORD as much delight in burnt offerings and sacrifices As in obeying the voice of the LORD? Behold, to obey is better than sacrifice, And to heed than the fat of rams."

Condition of our relationship

■ Romans 6:16

Do you not know that when you present yourselves to someone as slaves for obedience, you are slaves of the one whom you obey, either of sin resulting in death, or of obedience resulting in righteousness?

■ Matthew 12:50

"For whoever does the will of My Father who is in heaven, he is My brother and sister and mother."

Battle of the mind



- 2 Corinthians 10:3-5
- For though we walk in the flesh, we do not war according to the flesh, for the weapons of our warfare are not of the flesh, but divinely powerful for the destruction of fortresses. We are destroying speculations and every lofty thing raised up against the knowledge of God, and we are taking every thought captive to the obedience of Christ,

Jesus also learned obedience

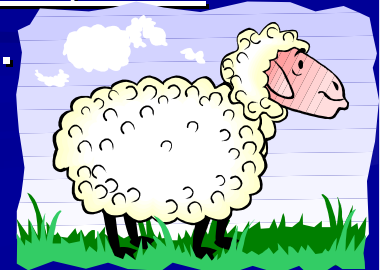
- Hebrews 5:7-9
- In the days of His flesh, He offered up both prayers and supplications with loud crying and tears to the One able to save Him from death, and He was heard because of His piety.
Although He was a Son, He learned obedience from the things which He suffered. And having been made perfect, He became to all those who obey Him the source of eternal salvation,

We must hear as Jesus did

- John 5:24
- "Truly, truly, I say to you, he who hears My word, and believes Him who sent Me, has eternal life, and does not come into judgment, but has passed out of death into life.
- John 5:30
- "I can do nothing on My own initiative. As I hear, I judge; and My judgment is just, because I do not seek My own will, but the will of Him who sent Me.

You can & do hear His voice

- John 10:3 "To him the doorkeeper opens, and the sheep hear his voice, and he calls his own sheep by name and leads them out.
- John 10:16 "I have other sheep, which are not of this fold; I must bring them also, and they will hear My voice; and they will become one flock with one shepherd.
- John 10:27 "My sheep hear My voice, and I know them, and they follow Me;
- Matthew 7:7 "Ask, and it will be given to you; seek, and you will find; knock, and it will be opened to you.



Don't ignore His word

- Hebrews 3:7-8
- Therefore, just as the Holy Spirit says, "TODAY IF YOU HEAR HIS VOICE, DO NOT HARDEN YOUR HEARTS AS WHEN THEY PROVOKED ME, AS IN THE DAY OF TRIAL IN THE WILDERNESS,



Put your life on a firm foundation



- Matthew 7:24-26
- "Therefore everyone who hears these words of Mine and acts on them, may be compared to a wise man who built his house on the rock. "And the rain fell, and the floods came, and the winds blew and slammed against that house; and yet it did not fall, for it had been founded on the rock. "Everyone who hears these words of Mine and does not act on them, will be like a foolish man who built his house on the sand."

Give yourself the best chance to hear

- **Start with thanksgiving.**

quiet your spirit. Praise God for who He is,

Ask the Lord to search your heart for any unconfessed sin that would hinder you from hearing from Him. This can be done in silence. Don't dwell too long at this point if nothing comes to your heart immediately.

Psalms 66:18 If I had cherished sin in my heart, the Lord would not have listened;

Psalm 139:23-24 Search me, O God, and know my heart; test me and know my anxious thoughts. See if there is any offensive way in me, and lead me in the way everlasting.

- **Die to your own imaginations, desires, and burdens.**
Proverbs 3:5-6 *Trust in the LORD with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways acknowledge him, and he will make your paths straight.*

Proverbs 28:26 *He who trusts in himself is a fool, but he who walks in wisdom is kept safe.*

Isaiah 55:8 " For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways," declares the LORD.

- **Submit your mind and imagination to be used by God**

2 Corinthians. 10: 3 - 5 *For though we live in the world, we do not wage war as the world does. The weapons we fight with are not the weapons of the world. On the contrary, they have divine power to demolish strongholds. We demolish arguments and every pretension that sets itself up against the knowledge of God, and we take captive every thought to make it obedient to Christ.*

Admit to God that His thoughts are much higher than our thoughts and that you lay down any preconceived ideas of how you think

- **Ask the Lord for protection as you wait on Him and take proper authority over the Enemy**

Rebuke the enemy and remind yourself of your authority in Christ.

James 4:7 Submit yourselves, then, to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you.

Deal with the enemy. Come against him in the all-powerful Name of the Lord Jesus Christ and with the "sword of the Spirit" the Word of God.

- **Praise Him in advance and expect Him to speak to you. He's a remarkable God and will do something consistent with His character**

- **Believe the things that come into your heart and mind, as they are submitted to the Lord are coming from Him.**

Pictures, scriptures, impressions. In obedience and faith, respond to what He brings to your mind, believing.

John 10:27 My sheep listen to my voice; I know them, and they follow me.

Keep asking God for direction, expecting Him to give it to you. He will

Psalms 32:8 I will instruct you and teach you in the way you should go; I will counsel you and watch over you.

Psalms 119:105 Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light for my path.