

## Hearing God How To Live With One Ear Open To Heaven

### 1. Do I believe that \_\_\_\_\_

Key: God is attempting to communicate \_\_\_\_\_  
to us daily

a) Words of \_\_\_\_\_

**Acts 27:23** *Last night an angel of the God whose I am and whom I serve stood beside me and said, "Do not be afraid, Paul...God has graciously given you the lives of all who sail with you."*

b) Words of \_\_\_\_\_

**1 Timothy 2:22** *A servant of the Lord must not quarrel but must be kind to everyone, be able to teach, and be patient with difficult people.*

c) Words of \_\_\_\_\_

*Relational Action, Financial Action, Spiritual Action, Act of Service*

### 2. \_\_\_\_\_

**I Thessalonians 5:20-21** *...do not treat prophecies with contempt. Test everything.*

- a) Does it fit with what the Bible has already revealed?
- b) Does this prompting fit the character of God?
- c) Is it wise?

**Matthew 10:16** *...be wise as serpents and innocent as doves.*

d) What do \_\_\_\_\_ say about this?

**Proverbs 11:14** *For lack of guidance a nation falls, but many advisers make victory sure.*

### 3. Improve Your Ability To Hear From God

- a) Ask God to improve your ability to hear Him
- b) Prioritize doing the will of God
- c) Take time to listen to God through the Bible and prayer
- d) Be willing to obey Him and take some risks

## 4 Levels: of listening to God

**Level 1 - Blind faith:** We believe God is with us but are never aware of His presence and see no activity of God

**Level 2 - Sensing God's presence:** Occasionally aware of His presence

**Level 3 - Seeing God at work:** You see God at work in your life

**Level 4 - Conversational relationship:** Friendship with a personal God who communicates

### 3 Common Attitudes Towards God's Will

**Level 1 (Ignoring God's Will):** These people largely disregard the concept of actively seeking or following God's will.

**Level 2 (Selective or Partial Seeking):** People in this group tend to think about God's will only when facing major life choices like marriage, careers, or where to live. They might use general Bible rules for guidance, or follow their gut feelings, assuming if something feels right, it's from God. They also tend to keep their faith separate from other parts of their lives, like work or hobbies, so they only think about God's will in church or during prayer time, not in everyday situations.

**Level 3 (Actively Seeking and Submitting):** These individuals believe God has a detailed plan for their lives and actively seek His guidance through prayer, Bible study, the Holy Spirit, wise counsel, circumstances, and their God-given gifts. They prioritize obedience and focus on God's glory as the ultimate purpose.

**John 15:8** *This is to my Father's glory, that you bear much fruit, showing yourselves to be my disciples.*

**Acts 13:22** *I have found David son of Jesse a man after my own heart; he will do everything I want him to do.*

**Acts 16:7** *When they came to the border of Mysia, they tried to enter Bithynia, but the Spirit of Jesus would not allow them to.*

**John 6:38** *For I have come down from heaven, not to do my own will but the will of him who sent me.*