

Listen to God

(adapted from Kent Liles' message)

God wants to bless us, [Mat 7:11](#). To do that, we need to listen to Him and do what He says. Disobedience is disruptive to relationships and can be dangerous.

- Sometimes, Israel was an example of what NOT to do.
 - What did they do when they came out of Egypt, [2Kgs 21:15](#)?
 - Why is it important to listen to God, [Luke 11:28](#)?
- When Israel didn't listen, God disciplined them, [Jer 25:8-11](#).
 - What was the purpose of God's discipline, [Pro 3:11-12](#)?
 - When you don't listen to God, if He loves you, what will He do, [Heb 12:7-11](#)?
- God judges every sin. We have all sinned, [Rom 3:23](#). The punishment is death, [Rom 6:23](#). The question becomes, "Who will bear the punishment?"
 - If Jesus is NOT your Lord, you will bear the punishment for your sin.
 - If Jesus is your Lord, He has already paid for your sin, [2Cor 5:21](#). (note: He will continue to discipline You.)

How to Listen to God

- Saturate your mind with God's Word, [Php 2:5](#).
- Find out what God wants, [Eph 5:1](#).
- Seek God in the stillness, [Psa 46:10](#).
- Set your mind and heart to seek Him, [1Chr 22:19](#).
- Make God your top priority, [Php 3:8-10](#).

Self-Assess: Am I Listening to God?

How true are the following statements for you?

	not true <----->totally true
I spend regular time in God's Word.	1 - 2 - 3 - 4 - 5
I ask God what He wants.	1 - 2 - 3 - 4 - 5
I remove distractions so it's easier to hear Him.	1 - 2 - 3 - 4 - 5
I seek Him with my mind and heart.	1 - 2 - 3 - 4 - 5
God is my top priority.	1 - 2 - 3 - 4 - 5

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