

Learning to Hear God's Voice (7 Tests)

"Don't always believe everything you hear just because someone says it is a message from God: test it first to see if it really is." | John 4:1

1. Does It Agree with the Bible?

"Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will never pass away." Luke 21:33

"If an angel comes from heaven and preaches any other message, let him be forever cursed."

Galatians 1:8

The more you _____ in the Bible, the easier it is for God to talk to you.

2. Does it Make Me More Like Christ?

"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." 2 Corinthians 10:5

Jesus is the ultimate _____ by which we evaluate every idea and impression.

"If you harbor bitter envy and selfish ambition in your hearts, do not boast about it or deny the truth. Such 'wisdom' does not come down from heaven but is earthly, unspiritual, of the devil. For where you have envy and selfish ambition, there you find disorder and every evil practice. But the wisdom that comes from heaven is first of all pure; then peace-loving, considerate, submissive, full of mercy and good fruit, impartial and sincere." James 3:14-17

3. Does My Church Family Confirm It?

"His intent was that now, through the church, the manifold wisdom of God should be made known." Ephesians 3:10

"With his mouth the godless man destroys his neighbor, but through knowledge the righteous will be delivered." Proverbs 11:9

Be willing to receive the _____ of other believers.

4. Is It Consistent with How God Shaped Me?

"We are God's workmanship, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do." Eph. 2:10

"God has graciously given each of us the ability to do certain things well." Romans 12:6

God's voice will never _____ what He has gifted you to be.

5. Does It Concern My Responsibility?

"Jesus said to him, 'If I want him to remain until I come, what is that to you?

You follow Me!'" John 21:22

"We shall all be judged one day, not by each other's standards or even by our own, but by the judgement of God. . . Let us therefore stop passing judgement on one another." Romans 14:10,13

When God speaks, it is going to be _____ to you and your circumstance.

6. Is It Convicting, rather than Condemning?

"If we confess our sins to Him, He can be depended on to forgive us and to cleanse us from every wrong." I John 1:9

"There is now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus." Romans 8:1

Conviction	Condemnation
The sin	The person
The action	The character
What I do	Who I am

God never attacks my _____.

7. Do I Sense God's Peace About It?

"God is not the author of confusion." I Corinthians 14:33

"Let the peace of God rule in your hearts." Colossians 3:15

Satan drives us _____.

The Holy Spirit draws us _____.