

## Practical Keys to Hearing God's Voice

**Make time for God daily.** Read His Word, Pray without ceasing, speak in tongues much. These are open lines of communication with the Father. Put Him on your calendar! Start a habit of seeking God every day. Be mindful He is with you all day long.

**Prepare an atmosphere where you can pray, talk to God without distractions. Prepare a place that will welcome the presence of God.**

**Expect God to talk to you.** Samuel ..."speak for your servant is listening." I Samuel 3:10

**Come prepared to hear.** Listening requires being silent. We are in a war of mass distractions... Stop talking!

**Clean out wax build up in your heart.** There maybe things you are ashamed of or feel condemned about or think God just won't talk to you. Is there anything separating you from God? Bitterness, unforgiveness, resentment. Repent, change your thinking. Your past is forgiven, guilt is taken away. Come clean before God. Forgiving someone doesn't make them right, it makes you free. Hebrews 12:1 Lay aside every weight and sin and run with patience the particular race God has set before us.

**Believe God will speak to you. Expect it!** He has a plan for your life and you need to know how the jigsaw pieces fit.

**Come with pen and paper.** Write a love letter to your Abba. You may be having a hard time, but pour your heart out to him, he won't be shocked. There is nothing new under the sun... Ask Him questions and write down what comes up in your mind. It will flow, not one word conversations. A journal will be most helpful.

If you are concerned your thoughts will not be from God you can filter them.

1. Are the thoughts relevant to the message?
2. Are they loving, encouraging, edifying, uplifting?
3. Do they agree with the scriptures?

As you reread what you have written, cross out anything that does not fit this criteria. You can go back and rewrite it out. As you continue to journal you will start to recognize God's voice very clearly. He will flow with a heart of love and encouragement for you.

There are only 3 sources of voices you will hear. God's, your own or the devil's. There will be a peace when you know you are done.

**Remember my sheep hear my voice. Keep asking "Speak to me Lord I am listening."**

### Homework

**Write down any current issues on your heart and life that you need to receive guidance regarding God's will.**

**Daily ask God to make clear His will in your thoughts and decisions. Seek advice from your Heavenly Father.**

**Make appointments with God daily.**

Structure your prayer / devotional time with things you will "do" so you can leave room to "be" with God. (Consider turning off your cell phone and TV.) Find a quiet place in the house or somewhere that you will not be distracted by others. Prepare yourself to listen.

Dedicate a prayer journal to bear your heart before the Lord, then receive what He has to say to you and record that. You will be amazed at the gems of truth He will share with you.

**Recall your recent times of hearing from your Heavenly Father, answered prayers, healings etc. As you write these down they will be a great encouragement when challenges come up and as well as a great testimony of the power of God and His faithfulness.**

God bless you,  
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