

Learning to Hear God's Voice

How To Recognize God's Voice

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"Don't believe everything you hear just because someone says it is a message from God; Test it first to see if it really is!" 1 John 4:1 TLB

From myself? Pr. 14:12

From God? Job 33:14

From Satan? 2 Cor. 11:14

7 WAYS TO TEST AN IMPRESSION

1. Does It Agree _____ ?

"Heaven and earth will pass away but My words will never pass away." Luke 21:33 NIV

"Let God's curse fall on anyone, including myself, who preaches any other message. Even if an angel comes from heaven and preaches any other message, let him be forever cursed." Galatians 1:8 NLT

2. Does It Make Me _____ ?

"In your lives you must think and act like Christ Jesus." Phillips 2:5 NCV

"If you harbor bitter envy and selfish ambition... such 'wisdom' is of the devil. The wisdom that comes from God is pure, peace loving, considerate, submissive, full of mercy, impartial and sincere." James 3:14-17 NIV

3. Does My _____ Confirm It?

"God's intent is that through the church, the manifold wisdom of God should be made known." Ephesians 3:10 NIV

"The wisdom of the righteous can save you." Proverbs 11:9 GNB

4. Is It Consistent With _____ ?

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

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

5. Does It Concern _____ ?

"We will all be judged one day, not by each other's standards, or even our own, but by the judgment of God... It is to God alone that we shall have to answer for our actions." Romans 14:10, 13 Phillips

6. Is It Convicting Rather Than _____ ?

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

"Satan is the accuser of believers." Revelation 12:10 NIV

The differences between...

CONVICTION from God
Exposes what's wrong
"This needs to change"

VS.

CONDEMNATION from Satan
Attacks your value
"You're worthless."

7. Do I sense _____ ?

"God is not the author of confusion." 1 Corinthians 14:33 NKJV

"Do not worry about anything, but pray and ask God for everything you need, always giving thanks. And God's peace, which is so great we cannot understand it, will keep your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus." Philippians 4:6-7 NCV