

HEAR THE WORD Pt. 2

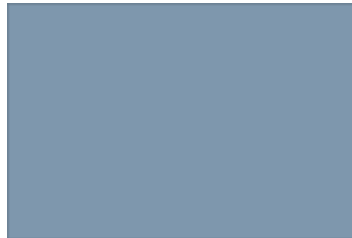
1. **God wants you to grasp the _____ of hearing the Word of God.** Did you realize that the Bible says more about HEARING the WOG than with PREACHING the Bible as there is a serious responsibility placed upon both the preacher and the hearers of the Word? (1 Samuel 3:9-10; Matt. 11:15, 13:9, 13:16, Luke 14:3; Isaiah 66:5)

2. **God wants you to recognize the _____ of hearing the Word of God such as ...**
 - a) **Because you need to WORSHIP GOD in SPIRIT and in TRUTH. (John 4:23-24)**
 - b) **Because you need God's PERSPECTIVE in life's decisions. (Isa.55:8-10)**
 - c) **Because you need spiritual NOURISHMENT to grow. (Matthew 4:4)**
 - d) **Because you need FACTS for your faith to be established in. (Romans 10:17)**
 - e) **Because you need to be OCCUPIED with things above. (Col. 3:1-4, 16)**
 - f) **Because you need to STOP BEING CONFORMED to this WORLD's standards and pursuits but BE TRANSFORMED in order to DISCERN and DO God's will, God's way. (Rom.12:2)**
 - g) **Because you need to utilize the SWORD OF THE SPIRIT in the spiritual battle you are in daily. (Eph. 6:10-17)**
 - How should we pray when hearing the Word of God? (Psalm 25:4-5; 86:11; 119:9-12, 18, 33, 124; 143:10; 2 Tim. 4:2-4)

3. **God wants you to hear the Word of God with ...**
 - a) **The *right attitudes* of _____ the Word (1 Thess. 2:13) with _____ (James 1:19-21), _____, and _____ (Acts 17:10).**
 - b) **The *right activity*, namely _____ daily. (Acts 17:11)**
 - c) **The *right authority* being the _____. (Acts 17:11)**
 - d) **The *right response*, namely to _____ them (Acts 17:12) and do not to _____ (Heb. 3:15) or be _____. (Ex. 32:9, 33:5; 2 Chron. 30:8; Jer. 7:28, 17:23; 32:33; Acts 7:51)**
 - e) **The *recognition* that you are not ultimately at the mercy of any teacher because you have the _____ (1 John 2:27. 1 Cor. 2:13) and _____. (Psalm 119:18)**
 - f) **The *repetition* needed to repeatedly _____ and _____ it in your lives. (2 Peter 1:12-15)**

- The problem of becoming “dull of hearing” (Heb. 5:11-14):

4. God wants you to recognize and appreciate that Jesus Christ has given _____ & _____ as gifts to His Church in order to _____ the saints for their _____ resulting in the _____ of the body of Christ when everyone does _____. (Eph. 4:11-16)
5. God wants you to _____, _____ for their work’s sake (1 Thess. 5:12-13), and even _____ those who teach you the Word of God (1 Tim. 5:17-18; Gal. 6:6).
6. God wants you to be on _____ against _____. (Acts 20:28-32)
7. God wants you to address such hindrances to receiving the Word of God as...
 - a) _____. (1 Peter 2:1-3)
 - b) _____ or _____. (Mark 4:18-20)
 - c) the _____ or _____ of the _____. (Gal. 4:13-20) This involves wrongly evaluating your pastor/teacher based upon your personal likes or dislikes, or wrongly embracing criticisms about him that are not of a doctrinal or moral nature.



- Some practical ideas when hearing / studying the WOG such as ...
 - 1) having an intense desire to learn the WOG.
 - 2) having a good study Bible like the NKJV, NASB, etc.
 - 3) having a means of taking notes or filling out a handout if so motivated.
 - 4) getting a good night’s rest if possible.
 - 5) arrive early, or at least on time if all possible, and come into the auditorium in a timely way.
 - 6) limit distractions such as cell phones, going to the bathroom, etc.
 - 7) remember that God wants you to be a _____ of the Word and not a hearer _____. (James 1:22)