

BELIEVE THE WORD

1. God wants you to grasp the **IMPORTANCE** of hearing the Word of God.
2. God wants you to recognize the **VALUE** of hearing the Word of God ...
3. God wants you to hear the Word of God with ...
4. God wants the needed *repetition* to _____ and _____ the WOG in your lives. (2 Pet. 1:12-15)
 - Is repetition needed and important in one's teaching and hearing? Why?
 - What about the problem of becoming "dull of hearing" (Heb. 5:11-14)?
 - a. The *desire* of the writer of Hebrews is to teach these believers _____ more. (5:11b)
 - b. The *doctrine* the writer wants his readers to better understand is about _____ as their great High Priest after the order of Melchizedek. (5:11a)
 - c. The *difficulty* to effectively communicate about Jesus Christ's High Priesthood was not due to the complexity of the subject but because these Hebrew believers had _____. (5:11c)
 - d. The *definitive evidence* of a believer becoming dull of hearing. (5:12 -13)
 - 1) They ought to be _____ of God's Word to others but they were not. (5:12a)
 - 2) They needed someone to _____ them _____ the _____ or _____ of the _____ of God. (5:12b)
 - 3) They were _____ in the understanding and application of the Word of God for they were _____. (5:13)
 - e. The *diametrical contrast* of becoming dull of hearing. (5:14)
 - 1) These believers spiritually grow to become _____.
 - 2) These believers have the capacity for _____ doctrinally.
 - 3) These believers _____ and _____ listen to sound teaching and have their senses _____ by the habitual _____ of God's Word in their lives.
 - 4) These believers have the ability to _____ both _____ and _____ doctrinally and practically.
 - 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)

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1. **Hebrews 11:6** But _____ **faith** (a willingness to trust God and His revelation) **it is** _____ **to please Him, for he who comes to God must believe that He is** {His person and attributes}, **and that He is a rewarder of those who** _____ **Him.**
2. **Hebrews 4:1-2** **Therefore** {in view of the failures of the Exodus generation of believers of Hebrews 3}, **since** {since or while} **a** _____ **remains of entering His** {God's provided} _____, **let us** {as believers} **fear** {be deeply concerned} **lest any of you** {believers} **seem to have** _____ {to fail to enter or reach} **of it** {entering the faith-rest life}. **2 For indeed the gospel** {of God's rest} **was preached to us** {1st century Hebrew believers} **as well as to them** {Exodus generation believers}; **but the word** {message of God's rest} **which they heard** {the issue was not a lack of knowledge} **did** _____ **them,** {why?} **not being** _____ {mixed or united} _____ **in those who heard it** {the offer of God's rest}.
3. **Hebrews 4:11** **Let us** {as believers} **therefore** {in view of God's rest being available today} **be** _____ {volitional diligence not to produce rest but to enter it daily} **to enter that rest, lest anyone** {no believer is exempt from falling} **fall according to the same example** {as the Exodus generation} **of disobedience** {disobedience being unbelief [3:19] in the person, provisions, and promises of God}.
4. **Hebrews 4:16** **Let us** {as believers} **therefore** {in view of Jesus Christ's high priestly ministry} _____ {confidently come or approach} **to the throne of grace** {not judgment}, **that we may obtain** {obtain or receive the needed} _____ {from God} **and find** _____ {from God} **to help in** _____ {whenever we need help}.
5. **James 1:2-6** **My brethren** {a believer in the family of God}, _____ {to arrive or embrace a conclusion based upon the facts, not your feelings; imperative mood} **it all joy when** {not if} **you fall into** {encounter} **various trials** {testings of your faith}, **3** {how? by} _____ {in order to 'count it all joy'} **that the testing of your** _____ {what is tested in a trial} **produces** {produces / develops} _____ {endurance}. **4 But** _____ {allow or permit} **patience have its perfect** {maturing} **work, that you may be** _____ {spiritually mature} **and complete, lacking nothing.** **5 If** {3rd} **any of you** {as believers, especially in trials} **lacks** _____ {the knowledge & insight to apply truth in your trial}, **let him** _____ {imperative mood} **of God** {the One who can provide for this need}, **who gives to all liberally** {generously} **and without reproach** {without reprimand or reproach}, **and it will be given to him** {that's a promise}. **6 But let him ask** {imperative mood} **in faith, with no doubting,**
6. **Psalm 94:18-19** **If I say, "My foot slips," Your** _____ {cheered – unfailing love}, **O LORD, will hold me up** {support me}. **In the multitude of my** _____ **within me, Your comforts** {which come from Your person and promises} **delight my soul.**
7. **Romans 15:13** **Now may the God of** _____ **fill you with all** _____ **and** _____ **in** _____ {faith-resting in Him}, **that you may abound in** _____ **by the power of the** _____.