

HOW CAN YOU EFFECTIVELY HEAR THE WORD OF GOD? **(How To Get the Most Out of Hearing a Message / Sermon)**

A. Some BIBLICAL TRUTHS to REMEMBER When Hearing the Word of God. (1 Peter 2:1-3)

1. You need to recognize the _____ of the Word of God in your life. (2:1a)

- Is learning the Word of God really that important? \ _____
 - a) Because you need God's _____ in life's decisions. (Isa.55:8-10)
 - b) Because you need spiritual _____. (Matthew 4:4)
 - c) Because you need _____ for your faith. (Romans 10:17)
 - d) Because you need to be _____ with things above. (Col.3:1-4, 16)
 - e) Because you need to _____ God's will. (Rom.12:2)

2. You need to realize that the Bible says more about _____ the WOG than with _____ the Bible as there is a serious responsibility placed upon both the preacher and the hearers of the Word.

- Verses:

3. You need to _____ the Word of God in order to spiritually _____. (2:1-3)

- What does "desire" mean? Is this really necessary?
- What does this emphasize? What analogy illustrates this?
- What part do believers have in this? What is the object to be desired and what does this require?
- What is the goal of the regular intake of the Word? What is the basis and encouragement to all this?
- Does this apply to you?

B. Some BARRIERS to OVERCOME When Hearing the Word of God.

1. The _____ barrier. (1 Peter 2:1)

- 1 Corinthians 3:1-3; Hebrews 5:11-14
- How is this addressed?

2. The _____ barrier. (Mark 4:3-20)

- How does this manifest itself?
- What does this mean to you?

3. The _____ barrier. (Galatians 4:13-20)

* What must you remember about pastors and teachers?

* What must you overcome regarding this (by God's grace)?

- a. _____ your pastor or teacher based on your personal likes or dislikes.
- b. Wrongly embracing _____ about your pastor and teacher that are not of a doctrinal or moral nature.

4. The _____ barrier. (2 Timothy 4:1-4)

* Is this a problem in our day? Why?

C. Some BASIC FACTORS to ADDRESS When Hearing the Word of God.

1. The _____ of your hearing - How important is this to you? (Psalm 119:7-11)

2. The _____ of your hearing with understanding involves the teaching ministry of the Holy Spirit. (1 Cor.2:12; 2 Tim.2:7; Psalm 119:18)

3. The _____ of your hearing – to encourage your faith, hope, and love; to challenge your HVP thinking and replace it with DVP; expect God to speak to your heart in order to enhance your personal fellowship with God and growth into Christ-likeness. (2 Cor.3:18)

4. The _____ of your hearing – of being an _____ hearer who is humble and willing to be taught and corrected from the Word. (James 1:18-21)

5. The _____ for your hearing:

- a. An intense desire to learn the WOG.
- b. A good study Bible like ...
- c. A means of taking notes or filling out a handout.
- d. A good night's rest if possible.
- e. Come early or at least on time if all possible, and then come into the auditorium asap.

6. The _____ of your hearing:

- a. Take notes then or later.
- b. Limit distractions such as cell phones, etc.
- c. Exercise good manners so as to not distract others.
- d. Don't do the spiritual gargle in the parking lot, and review your notes and safe-keep them.
- e. Having heard the Word of God, now mix it with faith and become a doer of the Word, as well as share these truths with others if possible.