

Take Heed to How You Hear (Proverbs 8:32-35, miscellaneous texts)

- › One of the most important skills we develop is how to listen
- › God ordained the parent/child relationship is where we learn to listen
- › Proverbs defines wisdom: *“fear of the Lord is the beginning of knowledge”*
- › Proverbs 8:32-36 personifying wisdom – a picture of Christ (1 Cor 1:30)
- › Listen, hear x3 times: “listen to me” “hear instruction” “listen to me”

I. How Much Does It Really Matter How We Hear and Listen?

- › Prov 1:5 *“wise man will hear & increase in learning & man of understanding”*
- › Prov 1:7 my son, hear the instruction...hear, my children...
- › Prov 23:22 Listen to your father who begot you...

II. Why is it So Difficult to Hear and Listen to God?

- › Adam & Eve stopped listening to God and started listening to Satan
- › Luke 4:16-21 *Jesus came to proclaim liberty to the captives*
- › Rom. 10: 17 *“so then faith comes by hearing & hearing by the word of God”*

III. What is the Real Danger When We Don't Listen and Hear?

- › Prov 8:35 *Whoever sins against me sins against his soul & embraces death*
- › Luke 8:16-18 *“Therefore take heed how you hear...”*
- › Heb 2:1-3 *“...we must give heed to the things we heard, lest we drift away”*

IV. How Are You Listening Today?

- › Prov 8: 32 *“blessed are those who keep My ways”*
- › Heb 3: 7-16 *“today if you will hear His voice do not harden your hearts”*