

How Do You Know The Voice Of God?

Eph. 1:16-18

I do not cease to give thanks for you, remembering you in my prayers, that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you the Spirit of wisdom and of revelation in the knowledge of Him, having the eyes of your hearts enlightened, that you may know what is the hope to which He has called you, what are the riches of His glorious inheritance in the saints ...

Dads, Are you ready to hear the voice of God?

1. D - Diligently seek His voice.

But seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness and all these things will be added to you.

Matt. 6:33

“Seek”- pursuit; run after; desire; put your hope in.

“First” – above all else; priority; highest goal.

... you will seek Me and find Me, when you seek Me with all your heart. Jer. 29:13

Blessed are those who keep His testimonies, who seek Him with their whole heart.
Ps. 119:2

He who has ears to hear, let him hear. Matt. 11:15

So faith comes from hearing and hearing through the word of Christ Rom. 10:17

.... the word of God, which is at work in you. 1 Thess. 2:13

The Power of God's Word

- It revives the soul – Ps. 19:7
- It gives wisdom – Ps. 19:7
- It bring joy – Ps. 19:8
- It shines light on decision making

- Ps. 19:8; 119:105
- It keeps you from shame –
Ps. 119:6
 - It helps you make pure choices –
Ps. 119:9
 - It gives strength – Ps. 119:28
 - It gives answers to life's questions
Ps. 119:42
 - It produces hope – Ps. 119:114

Do your best to present yourself to God as one approved, a worker who has no need to be ashamed rightly handling the word of truth.
2 Tim. 2:15

- Rightly administering.
 - Rightly applying.
 - Cutting a straight line or furrow for harvest.
 - Hold a straight path or course.
 - Rightly understanding.

A - Be alert to God's voice.

Everyone who is of the truth listens to my voice. Jn. 18:37b

- God is not adding to the Holy Scripture
 - God will not contradict the Holy Scripture
 - God is not requiring extra-experiences to assist Holy Scripture
- But...

God is still speaking to His People

- Deep impression within my spirit. Rom. 8:16

The Spirit Himself bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God.
Rom. 8:16

But...

God is still speaking to His People

- Deep impression within my spirit. Rom. 8:16
- Clear conviction – what is wrong or what is right
- Obvious connection to a person or situation
- Audible? Or a message through someone else. \

3. D - Discern God's Voice

Do not quench the Spirit

1 Thess. 5:19

The Holy Spirit

- Indwells every Christ-follower. Rom 8:9
- Connects us with God the Father. Rom. 8:15-16
- Glorifies Christ. Jn. 15:26
- Brings the love of God into our hearts. Rom. 5:5
- Equips us for ministry.
1 Cor. 12:4-10
- Teaches and guides. Jn. 14:26

Teach me to do Your will, for You are my God, Let your good Spirit lead me on level ground

Ps. 143:10

Do not despise prophecies
(20)

Prophecy –

- to “fore”tell the future
- to”forth”tell the word of God

But test everything;
hold fast what is good. (21)

But solid food is for the mature, for those who have their powers of discernment trained by constant practice to distinguish good from evil.

Heb. 5:14

God speaks to us through

- His Word -

Incline your ear, and hear the words of the wise, and apply your heart to my knowledge.

Prov. 22:17

All Scripture is breathed out by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction and for training in righteousness

2 Tim. 3:16

... That the man of God may be competent, equipped for every good work. (17)

- Feel overwhelmed?
 - Feel inadequate?
 - Feel ignorant?
 - Feel unsure of what to say or what to do?

God speaks to us through...

- His people.

A word fitly spoken is like apples of gold in a setting of silver.

Prov. 25:11

- His Spirit

He who has an ear let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches. Rev 2:7

Ready to give a word of...

- Conviction?
- Courage?
- Compassion?
- Counsel?
- Confirmation?

Dads, are you ready to be God's voice to your family?