

# Led By His Voice: Principles To Hear the Voice of God

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## Introduction:

- One of the most important things a person needs to do is find the will of God for their lives.
- [2Ch 1:11-12 NASB95] 11 God said to Solomon, "Because you had this in mind, and did not ask for riches, wealth or honor, or the life of those who hate you, nor have you even asked for long life, but you have asked for yourself wisdom and knowledge that you may rule My people over whom I have made you king, 12 wisdom and knowledge have been granted to you. And I will give you riches and wealth and honor, such as none of the kings who were before you has possessed nor those who will come after you."
- Solomon's knowledge and wisdom connected him to everything else
- God wants us filled with the knowledge of His Will. [Col 1:9 NASB95] 9 For this reason also, since the day we heard [of it,] we have not ceased to pray for you and to ask that you may be filled with the knowledge of His will in all spiritual wisdom and understanding,
- Jesus gave us some principle about hearing His voice or receiving direction from God.
- [Jhn 10:27 NASB95] 27 "My sheep hear My voice, and I know them, and they follow Me;

What do we need to know about hearing the voice God?

Here are four principles from this verse that will help us to hear His voice.

## I. My Sheep

- God desires to speak to His people, everyone.
- That has to get down on the inside – until we are convinced, we will settle for deafness.
- [Rom 8:14 NASB95] 14 For all who are being led by the Spirit of God, these are sons of God.
- Being led by God is the mark we are sons.
- Why? He wants us to have uncommon results.

## II. Hear My voice.

- How do we hear the voice of God?
- In our spirit, through inner promptings (urges, motivations, inspirations).
- [1Th 5:23 NASB95] 23 Now may the God of peace Himself sanctify you entirely; and may your spirit and soul and body be preserved complete, without blame at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.
  - [Pro 20:27 NASB95] 27 The spirit of man is the lamp of the LORD, Searching all the innermost parts of his being.
  - Spirit of a man is the candle (or revealer of dark things).
  - NET Bible: This is the inner spiritual part of human life that was breathed in at creation (Gen 2:7). The "lamp" is the metaphor in the line; it signifies that the human spirit functions as a conscience, enabling people to know and please God, and directing them in choices that will be life-giving.
  - We are to learn to be lead from within our spirit.
  - Spirit is trained by the Word of God ([2Ti 3:16-17 NASB95] 16 All Scripture is inspired by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, for training in righteousness; 17 so that the man of God may be adequate, equipped for every good work.).
- How does it work?

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- [1Ki 19:12 NASB95] 12 After the earthquake a fire, [but] the LORD [was] not in the fire; and after the fire a sound of a gentle blowing. **– still (peace) small voice – in other words a “knowing.”**
- When in full submission to God, you can receive guidance through peace. Colossians 3:15 AMP – peace is the umpire.
- Other: Bible, preaching (teaching), Godly counselors, unusual circumstances, and gifts of the Spirit.

### III. I know them.

- His voice is heard by those who He knows.
- More than knowing they exist but an intimate knowledge.
- Two main ways
  - Time – spend time with God
  - Intensity – all your heart

### IV. They follow.

- FB Note: “Hear” and “Follow” are in the present tense, indicating ongoing and consistent activity.
- Willing and obedient – [Isa 1:19 NASB95] 19 "If you consent and obey, You will eat the best of the land; **– eat the good of the land.**
- Psalm 23 – When we follow, there are still waters and green pastures.

### Conclusion:

- God desires to speak to you; so you can live in blessing, peace, healing, and victory.
- Know God wants to and can speak to you.
- Live in consistent communion with Jesus through prayer, Bible, worship, and church.
- Decide to be led by the Holy Spirit through listening to the Holy Spirit.
- Believe that God is leading you to amazing places.