

Empowered To Hear
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[2Ti 3:14-17 NASB95] 14 You, however, continue in the things you have learned and become convinced of, knowing from whom you have learned [them,] 15 and that from childhood you have known the sacred writings which are able to give you the wisdom that leads to salvation through faith which is in Christ Jesus. 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.

[2Ti 4:1-4 NASB95] 1 I solemnly charge [you] in the presence of God and of Christ Jesus, who is to judge the living and the dead, and by His appearing and His kingdom: 2 preach the word; be ready in season [and] out of season; reprove, rebuke, exhort, with great patience and instruction. 3 For the time will come when they will not endure sound doctrine; but [wanting] to have their ears tickled, they will accumulate for themselves teachers in accordance to their own desires, 4 and will turn away their ears from the truth and will turn aside to myths.

- We grow by what we take into our lives. We grow by what we hear. We grow by what we are listening to and learning from. Hearing is listening and learning.
- Preaching the Word was very important to Paul's instruction to Timothy
 - 1 Timothy 3:2 – leader must be able to teach
 - 4:13 – public reading of Scripture, exhortation and teaching
 - 4:16 – pay attention to teaching
 - 2 Timothy 2:15 – diligent handle Word of Truth
 - 3:14 – Continue and convinced
 - 3:15 – wisdom that leads to salvation
 - 3:16 – All Scripture inspired
 - 3:17 – adequate, equipped for good work.
 - 4:1-2 – No greater way to emphasis it – Preach the Word
 - 4:3 – no endurance for sound doctrine
 - 4:4 – turn away if no Word.
- God gave us His Word and has anointed people to preach His Word!
 - That tells us that God wants us to be free, healed, wise, and be successful.
 - Therefore, He has empowered you to hear from those who preach the Word to us.
- We are empowered to hear – to listen and to learn!

What does God want us to know about the empowerment to hear?

Here are 4 things God wants us to know about the empowerment to hear.

I. Empowered to hear who? Why should I listen to that person?

a. Wrong

- i. 2 Timothy 4:3 For the time will come when they will not endure sound doctrine; but [wanting] to have their ears tickled, they will accumulate for themselves teachers in accordance to their own desires, 4 and will turn away their ears from the truth and will turn aside to myths.

b. Right

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- i. 2 Timothy 4:2 preach the word; be ready in season [and] out of season; reprove, rebuke, exhort, with great patience and instruction.

c. Listen and learn

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- ii. Diligent, approved, work, accurate, word of truth

II. Empowered to hear what? What should I listen to that will help me?

- a. 2 Timothy 3:16 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.
- b. What gives the Bible the authority to speak into our lives: Verbal plenary inspiration.
 - i. Verbal Means Every Word - Verbal inspiration means that every word of Scripture is God-given. The idea is that every single word in the Bible is there because God wanted it there. There are no exceptions.
 - ii. Plenary Means Fully Authoritative - Plenary means that “all parts” of the Bible are divinely authoritative. This includes such things as the genealogies of the Old Testament. All parts of the Bible are of divine origin.

III. Empowered to hear how? Does it matter how I approach hearing the teaching of God’s Word?

- a. 2 Timothy 3:14 You, however, continue in the things you have learned and become convinced of, knowing from whom you have learned [them,]
- b. [Heb 2:1 NASB95] 1 For this reason we must pay much closer attention to what we have heard, so that we do not drift away [from it.]
- c. Mark 4:24 AMP – “And He said to them, Be careful what you are hearing. The measure [of thought and study] you give [to the truth you hear] will be the measure [of virtue and knowledge] that comes back to you—and more [besides] will be given to you who hear.”

IV. Empowered to hear why? Why does it matter that we tap into the empowerment to hear?

a. Attain

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b. Avoid

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- Since there is an empowerment to preach and teach, there is an empowerment to listen and learn.
- Release your faith for the empowerment to listen and learn... genuinely hear.