

Frequency Never Break These Three Rules

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[1Co 13:11-12 NASB95] 11 When I was a child, I used to speak like a child, think like a child, reason like a child; when I became a man, I did away with childish things. 12 For now we see in a mirror dimly, but then face to face; now I know in part, but then I will know fully just as I also have been fully known.

- Have you ever seen the back of your head? No, only a reflection. We rely on mirrors.
- But we all know that mirrors and cameras can distort us. The middle camera is our fat camera. It makes images shorter and wider.
- Paul uses a mirror analogy to describe what happens when we look receive direction from God. In NT times mirrors consisted of polished metal that would often distort the actual image. It would be hard to make a concrete opinion of something based upon what was seen in the mirror.
- God wants to speak to us and is speaking to us. However, sometimes it can be difficult to make out what we are seeing. That leads to mistakes. We need guidelines that will help to avoid making mistakes from what we believe we are seeing in the Spirit.

What are some guidelines that will help us as we learn to hear from God?

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I. What did God say?

- A. Revelation. Never add to NOR take away from what you heard. [Rev 22:18-19 NASB95] 18 I testify to everyone who hears the words of the prophecy of this book: if anyone adds to them, God will add to him the plagues which are written in this book; 19 and if anyone takes away from the words of the book of this prophecy, God will take away his part from the tree of life and from the holy city, which are written in this book.
- B. Blood pressure story? Apple story?
- C. Compare it to scripture. [2Co 13:1 NASB95] 1 This is the third time I am coming to you. EVERY FACT IS TO BE CONFIRMED BY THE TESTIMONY OF TWO OR THREE WITNESSES.
- D. Not knowing the Word of God will cause you to be deceived. [Mat 24:24 NASB95] 24 "For false Christs and false prophets will arise and will show great signs and wonders, so as to mislead, if possible, even the elect.
- E. The deception comes when we think we heard from God, but we were wrong.

II. What did God mean?

- A. Interpretation. Never assume you know.
- B. Requires humility.
- C. "I have given that church to you." (Paris, Clinton.)
- D. In Daniel 9, he sought God for understanding of the prophecy of Jeremiah (v2.) [Dan 9:2 NASB95] 2 in the first year of his reign, I, Daniel, observed in the books the number of the years which was [revealed as] the word of the LORD to Jeremiah the prophet for the completion of the desolations of Jerusalem, [namely,] seventy years.
- E. Timing? Allegorical?
- F. Requires us to be patient and to continue to seek God.

III. What do I do with it?

- A. Application. Act? Pray? Speak?
- B. Ask God what He wants you to do with what He said.
- C. Timing – when do act.

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- D. Action. Sometimes the revelation and interpretation show us what we are to do. Brain surgeon = medical school, bachelor, masters, and doctorate degrees. [Act 16:9-10 NASB95] 9 A vision appeared to Paul in the night: a man of Macedonia was standing and appealing to him, and saying, "Come over to Macedonia and help us." 10 When he had seen the vision, immediately we sought to go into Macedonia, concluding that God had called us to preach the gospel to them.
 - E. Sometimes, God will want you to speak. Sometimes not. [2Co 12:1 NASB95] 1 Boasting is necessary, though it is not profitable; but I will go on to visions and revelations of the Lord.
 - F. Many (if not most) of what God shows you will require you to pray.
- **As we learn to hear from God, we need to find out what did God say, then discover what God means while we find out what God wants us to do.**