

Hearing the Voice of God

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Most people miss hearing God's voice and being directed by His Spirit for two simple reasons - they don't know what His book says and they don't do what they already know to do.

Actually God wants to lead us more than we want to be led and it's not near as difficult as we make it seem.

Rom 8:14 For all who are being led by the Spirit of God, these are sons of God.
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Hearing the voice of God is a little like winning the Wimbledon or the World Cup or a marathon run; it's not so much what you do there that matters, it's what you do before the event begins!

1. The first step in hearing God's voice is trusting His Word.

Prov 3:5 Trust in the LORD with all your heart and do not lean on your own understanding. NASU

- Reading and studying
- Practical opportunities to apply (Sharing your faith, giving, etc)

2. The second step is death of self.

Prov 3:6 In all your ways acknowledge Him, and He will make your paths straight.
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- All things begin to work together for good! Ro.8.28
- You begin to pray for direction in line with purpose
- Your eyes open to what God's priorities are

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3. The Third step is embracing the purpose of God.

Prov 3:7 Do not be wise in your own eyes; fear the LORD and turn away from evil. NASU

- Fasting and prayer

This minimizes the other “voices” and their influence.

- Serving others
In the end the woman ran back to share the “good news” with others. This was God’s priority!
- Forgetting about you (really hard to do)

The real key to hearing God is forgetting about you. Once you get proficient at that, hearing Him becomes easier.