

Revolutionary Church (Revolutionary Prayer)
Message #5- "In Tune'- Listening to the Voice of God" Part 2
John 10:27, Acts Survey
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"And now, compelled by the Spirit, I am going to Jerusalem, not knowing what will happen to me there. 23 I only know that in every city the Holy spirit warns me that prison and hardships are facing me. 24 However, I consider my life worth nothing to me, if only I may finish the race and complete the task the Lord Jesus has given me - the task of testifying to the gospel of God's grace." Acts 20:22-24

Three Things I Know about Being Guided by the Holy Spirit

1. A life of listening to God is not only _____.
2. A life of listening to God is God's _____, not the _____.
3. A life of listening to God is _____, not _____.

PRACTICING THE PRESENCE OF GOD

"Just imagine the challenge you face in this world of restlessness, noise, words and relentless activity, to develop the discipline of silence. Personally, I have found this to be an almost insurmountable challenge... Yet, I am more convinced than ever that there is no way you and I can move toward a deeper, intimate relationship with our God without protracted times of stillness, which includes one of the rarest of all experiences: Absolute Silence." Chuck Swindoll "Intimacy with the Almighty" pg. 36

Three Ways to Know This Is the Voice of God

1. **The clear** _____ . 2 Peter 1:20-21, 2 Tim. 3:16-17, Heb. 4:12, Luke 24:25-27, 45-46, Matt. 4:1-4, 7, 10

Big Idea: God's word = God's _____. God will never lead _____.

Two Questions I Ask:

Does this contradict the known will of God in His Word?

Does this contradict what I know about God?

Psalm 119:17-18 "I will obey your word. 18 Open my eyes that I may see wonderful things in your law."

"I seek you with all my heart; do not let me stray from your commands." Psalm 119:10

CAUTION! Be careful that you do not manipulate the clear word of God to _____.

2. **Godly** _____ **and confirmation of** _____ . Acts 13:2, Prov. 11:14, 24:6, 12:15, 15:22, 24:6

"It seemed good to the Holy Spirit and to us." Acts 15:28

"While they were worshipping the Lord and fasting, the Holy Spirit said, 'Set apart for me Barnabas and Saul for the work to which I have called them.' 3 So after they had fasted and prayed, they placed their hands on them and sent them off." Acts 13:2-3

"The way of a fool seems right to him, but a wise man listens to advice." Prov. 12:15

"Plans fail for lack of counsel, but with many advisers they succeed." Prov. 15:22

CAUTION! Be sure you do not seek out counsel based on _____
"For the time will come when men will not put up with sound doctrine. Instead, to suit their own desires, they will gather around them a great number of teachers to say what their itching ears want to hear." 2 Tim. 4:2-3

3. The _____. Phil. 4:6-7

"Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. ⁷ And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus."

CAUTION! Remember principles 1 & 2. Just because something feels right doesn't mean it is right. But, if something is of God, He _____

"And if you leave God's paths and go astray, you will hear a Voice behind you say, 'No, this is the way; walk here.'" TLB Isaiah 30:21

"Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, since as members of one body you were called to peace. And be thankful. ¹⁶ Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly as you teach and admonish one another with all wisdom, and as you sing psalms, hymns and spiritual songs with gratitude in your hearts to God. ¹⁷ And whatever you do, whether in word or deed, do it all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through Him." Col. 3:15-17

Resources: "Enjoy the Silence", Duffy Robbins (great for youth); "Intimacy with the Almighty", Chuck Swindoll; "Solitude Silence", Jan Johnson, "Sacred Rhythms", Ruth H. Barton; "Invitation to Solitude and Silence", Ruth H. Barton; "Out of Solitude", Henri Nouwen; "The Practice of the Presence of God", Brother Lawrence