

DISCOVERING GOD'S WILL FOR YOUR LIFE
#6 HOW TO HEAR GOD SPEAK

I. Know the Ways in Which God Speaks

- Supernatural spiritual _____ and an audible voice are often over-emphasized.
- God “speaks” to His people often according to their personality _____.
- Emphasize hearing God through the “Big 5” Discovery Principles:
 - 1) *God's _____ through His written Word – The Bible*
 - 2) *Circumstances – Open and closed doors*
 - 3) *Spiritual _____ and common sense*
 - 4) *Personal desires, interests, and abilities*
 - 5) *Mature Christian counsel*
- If possible, use more than one Discovery Principle for _____.

II. Avoid the Hindrances to Hearing God Speak

- *Unconfessed* _____.

But your iniquities have separated you from your God; your sins have hidden His face from you, so that He will not hear. *Isaiah 59:2*

- _____.

(God says) “Be still and know that I am God; I will be exalted among the nations, I will be exalted in the earth.” *Psalm 46:10*

- *Rebellious* _____ */Unwillingness to change.*

But if you do not obey the Lord, and if you rebel against His commands, His hand will be against you, as it was against your fathers. *1 Samuel 12:15*

- *Listening in the “_____ Way.”*

(Jesus said) “He who has ears, let him hear.”

Matthew 11:15

III. Practice the Listening Techniques to Hear God Speak

- _____ - Believe that God will speak to you, and you will hear Him.

And without faith it is impossible to please God, because anyone who comes to Him must believe that He exists and that He rewards those who earnestly seek Him. Hebrews 11:6

- _____ - Slow down and become quiet in your spirit. Inner turmoil and business can keep us from hearing God.

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- _____ - Be willing to do anything God wants you to do.

Submit yourselves then to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you. James 4:7

- **Openly and** _____ - Focus on God for direction, not other sources.

My son, pay attention to what I say; listen closely to my words. Proverbs 4:20

- **Patiently** – Be patient and wait on God. Our impatience can cause us to “project” our wishes on God, or move without God’s definitive answer.

We wait in hope for the Lord; He is our Help and our Shield. Psalm 33:20

Answers: I. Leadings; style; guidance; wisdom; confirmation. II. Sin; business; spirit; wrong. III. Expectantly; quietly, submissively, attentively.