

Why Is It Important To Hear God's Voice? –

SIX common ways God speaks today.

1. God speaks by the _____.

"The whole Bible was given to us by inspiration from God and is useful to teach us what is true and make us realize what is wrong in our lives...It is God's way of making us well prepared at every point..." – 2 Timothy 3:16

"Your Word is a lamp to guide me and light for my path." - Ps. 119:105

2. God speaks through _____.

"...to the intent that now the manifold wisdom of God might be made known by the church..." - Eph. 3:10

3. God speaks through _____.

"If our gift is to speak God's message, we should do it according to the faith that we have." – Romans 12:6

4. God speaks _____ his church.

5. God speaks through _____ from the Holy Spirit.

"The Holy Spirit...will be your teacher and will bring to your mind all I have said to you." - John 14:26 (Phillips)

6. God speaks through _____.

"God whispers to us in our pleasure. But He shouts to us in our pain." – C. S. Lewis

"I used to wander off until you punished me; now I closely follow all you say...the punishment you gave me was the best thing that could have happened to me, for it taught me to pay attention to your laws." - Ps. 119:67, 71-72 (LB)

Seven test to know if it is God speaking.

1. Does it agree with the Bible?

"Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will never pass away." - Luke 21:33 (GN)

2. Does it make me more like Christ.

"...we take captive every thought to make it obedient to Christ." - 2 Corinthians 10:5

3. Does my church family confirm it?

"The wisdom of the righteous can save you." - Proverbs 11:9

4. Is it consistent with how God made me?

"We are God's workmanship created in Christ Jesus to do good works which God prepared in advance for us to do." - Ephesians 2:10

5. Does it concern my responsibility?

"It is to God alone that we shall have to answer for our actions." - Romans 14:10, 13

6. Is it convicting rather than condemning?

"Satan is the accuser of the brethren." - Revelation 12:10

7. Do I sense God's peace about it?

"Let the peace of God rule in your hearts..." - Colossians 3:15

"God is not the author of confusion." - 1 Corinthians 14:33

"He that believes shall not make haste." - Isaiah 28:16

Scriptures Referenced – Job 33:14; John 6:44-45; John 10:14; Job 33:17-18; Psalm 119:105
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John 21:22; Romans 14:10, 13; Revelation 12:10; 1 John 1:9;
Colossians 3:15; 1 Corinthians 14:33; Isaiah 28:16.
