## **Ears to Hear**

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<u>Mark 4:22-24 (TLB)</u> - <sup>22</sup> "All that is now hidden will someday come to light. <sup>23</sup> If you have ears, listen! <sup>24</sup> And be sure to put into practice what you hear. The more you do this, the more you will understand what I tell you.

Mark 4:22-24 (ESV) - <sup>22</sup> For nothing is hidden except to be made manifest; nor is anything secret except to come to light. <sup>23</sup> If anyone has ears to hear, let him hear." <sup>24</sup> And he said to them, "Pay attention to what you hear: with the measure you use, it will be measured to you, and still more will be added to you.

There is an implied response, an action, associated with someone who really "hears."

<u>1 Peter 2:2 (GW)</u> - <sup>2</sup>Desire God's pure word as newborn babies desire milk. Then you will grow in your salvation.

<u>Acts 17:11-12 (NLT)</u> - <sup>11</sup> And the people of Berea were more open-minded than those in Thessalonica, and they listened eagerly to Paul's message. They searched the Scriptures day after day to see if Paul and Silas were teaching the truth. <sup>12</sup> As a result, many Jews believed, as did many of the prominent Greek women and men.

<u>Proverbs 4:23 (NLT)</u> - <sup>23</sup> Guard your heart above all else, for it determines the course of your life.

<u>Proverbs 4:23 (NIV)</u> - <sup>23</sup> Above all else, guard your heart, for everything you do flows from it.

Guarding my heart means guarding what I hear, see, think, and say.

<u>Joshua 1:8 (NLT)</u> - <sup>8</sup> Study this Book of Instruction continually. Meditate on it day and night so you will be sure to obey everything written in it. Only then will you prosper and succeed in all you do.

<u>Hebrews 4:2 (CEV)</u> - <sup>2</sup> We have heard the message, just as they did. But they failed to believe what they heard, and the message did not do them any good.

<u>Hebrews 4:2 (GNT)</u> - <sup>2</sup> For we have heard the Good News, just as they did. They heard the message, but it did them no good, because when they heard it, they did not accept it with faith.