

Hearing God 3

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4 Pillars of Hearing God's Voice

1. The Wisdom of God
2. The Word of God
3. The Spirit of God
4. The People of God

2 Aspects of the Will of God

1. General revealed Will of God – WORD
2. Specific Will of God – Wisdom – Spirit – People

THE SPIRIT OF GOD

3 Areas The Holy Spirit Reveals

1. Saved or Lost Eternally
2. Conduct
3. Direction or Guidance

SAVED OR LOST

Romans 8:14-16 - ¹⁴ For as many as are **LED BY THE SPIRIT OF GOD**, they are the sons of God. ¹⁵ For you did not receive a spirit that makes you a slave again to fear, but you received the Spirit of sonship ¹⁶ **The Spirit himself bears witness with our spirit or assures our spirit or endorses our inward conviction or speaks to us deep in our hearts and tells us that we are the children of God!**

- Bears witness with our SPIRIT or INWARD MAN.
- Once you have been **born again**, your **conscience** is a safe guide!
- As such our “inward man” has been given a voice in the scripture called **conscience**.

UNDERSTANDING CONSCIENCE

Romans 2:15 - since they (*those who have come to Christ*) show that the requirements of the law are **written on their hearts**, their **consciences also bearing witness**.

Romans 9:1 - I tell the truth in Christ, I am not lying, **my conscience also bearing me witness in the Holy Spirit**, our conscience is what the Holy Spirit bears witness to, when leading the Christian.

Acts 23:1 - Paul looked straight at the Sanhedrin and said, "My brothers, I have fulfilled my duty to God in all **good conscience** to this day."

Acts 24:16 - So I strive always to **keep my conscience clear** before **God** and **man**.

I Timothy 1:5 - The **goal of this command** is **love**, which comes from a **pure heart** and a **good conscience** and a sincere faith.

I Timothy 3:9 - They must keep **hold of the deep truths of the faith** with a **clear conscience**.

It is important to have a **clear conscience**, since it is your **conscience** that bears witness with the Holy Spirit.

HOW DO I ENSURE THAT MY "INWARD VOICE" OR MY "CONSCIENCE" DOESN'T GET LARYNGITIS?

Keeping Your Conscience Clear

The Old Covenant couldn't deal with clearing our conscience.

Hebrews 9:9 - This is an illustration for the present time, indicating that the gifts and sacrifices being offered were not able to **clear the conscience** of the worshiper.

The New Covenant clears or purges our conscience.

Hebrews 9:14 - How much more shall the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered himself without spot to God, **purge your conscience from dead works to serve the living God?**

- If our conscience isn't clear, we will have extinguished "the voice" God uses to lead us in regards to "His specific will."
- We don't want to get laryngitis of the inward man.

I Timothy 4:2 - whose **consciences have been seared as with a hot iron**.

- Ignoring your conscience will cause it to be effectively muted.
- When your conscience is injured or muted, you are headed for trouble.

I Timothy 1:19 - **Holding faith**, and a **good conscience**; which some having **put away** concerning faith have made **shipwreck**:

Once you put away conscience, you will lose your personal course and as a result make a shipwreck of your life.

CONDUCT

I John 3:20-21 - For if our **heart condemns us**, God is greater than our heart, and knows all things. 21 Beloved, if our heart does not condemn us, we have confidence toward God.
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DIRECTION OR GUIDANCE

John 16:12-14 - "I have much more to say to you, more than you can now bear. 13 But when he, the Spirit of truth, comes, **he will guide you** into all truth. He will not speak on his own; he will speak only what he hears, and **he will tell you what is yet to come**.
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Acts 27:9-11 – ⁹When a considerable amount of time had passed and sailing was now unsafe, because the Autumn Fast was now over. Paul warned them ¹⁰ And said to them, Sirs **I PERCEIVE, DISCERN or HAVE INSIGHT** that this voyage will be with hurt and much damage, not only to the cargo and the ship, but also our lives. ¹¹ Nevertheless the centurion was more persuaded by the helmsman and the owner of the ship than by the things spoken by Paul. *NKJV*

Why did they believe the owner of the ship more than Paul?

- External vs. internal direction