

Hearing God 4

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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 PEOPLE OF GOD

We Need Each Other

I Corinthians 12:21 - The eye cannot say to the hand, "I don't need you!" And the head cannot say to the feet, "I don't need you!" *NIV*

Ecclesiastes 4:9-12 - Two are better than one, because they have a good reward for their toil. For if they fall, one will lift up his fellow. But woe to him who is alone when he falls and has not another to lift him up! Again, if two lie together, they keep warm, but how can one keep warm alone? And though a man might prevail against one who is alone, two will withstand him—a threefold cord is not quickly broken. *ESV*

Galatians 6:2 - Bear one another's burdens, and so fulfill the law of Christ. *ESV*

Others can't help you bear burdens you keep to yourself.

APPLYING THE 4 PILLARS - GETTING MARRIED

WORD OF GOD

Are they a believer?

II Corinthians 6:14 - Do not be yoked together with unbelievers. For what do righteousness and wickedness have in common? Or what fellowship can light have with darkness? *NIV*

Are they a believer WITH FRUIT?

Matthew 7:15-16 - ¹⁵ Watch out for false prophets. They come to you in sheep's clothing, but inwardly they are ferocious wolves. ¹⁶ By their fruit you will recognize them.... **NIV**

Don't ignore their present lifestyle. This will indicate how they will choose tomorrow!

WISDOM OF GOD

Don't get in a hurry

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

I Thessalonians 5:21 - **Test or prove all things; hold fast what is good.** **NKJV**

Testing something takes TIME!

WORK ETHIC

Past performance does indicate future expectations!

Proverbs 6:9-11 – ⁹ So how long are you going to laze around doing nothing? How long before you get out of bed? ¹⁰ A nap here, a nap there, a day off here, a day off there, sit back, take it easy — do you know what comes next? ¹¹ Just this: You can look forward to a dirt-poor life, poverty your permanent houseguest! **The Message**

HOW DO THEY HANDLE MONEY?

- Do they honor God in their giving?
- If they will take from God for their benefit, they will take from you.
- If they can't steward money, which is least, they are unlikely to steward a person, which is much.
- Do they prefer themselves over you?

PROTECT YOUR TEENAGER

SPIRIT OF GOD

Don't ignore or override your "inward witness."

Acts 27:9-11 - When 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**

What did is your inward man telling you?

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

- External vs Internal direction

Don't be persuaded by the outward appearance.

PEOPLE OF GOD

- This is only ONE PILLAR; this isn't a license to have other people direct your life.
- PUT ALL 4 PILLARS TOGETHER!

Proverbs 11:14 - Where there is **no counsel**, the **people fall**; but in the **multitude** of counselors there is **safety** or deliverance by God through human agency.

Proverbs 27:17 - Iron sharpens iron, and one man sharpens another. **ESV**

Proverbs 25:11 - A word fitly spoken is like apples of gold in a setting of silver. **ESV**