

# Hearing God 5

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If you can't hear the question, you can't get the right answer.

If you can't hear the instruction – you can't follow it.

**Hebrews 3:7-8** – <sup>7</sup> Therefore, as the Holy Spirit says: "Today, **if you will hear His voice,**  
<sup>8</sup> **Do not harden your hearts** as in the rebellion, in the day of trial in the wilderness,  
**NKJV**

- Ignored the faithfulness of God and continued to express a desire to live under bondage instead of choosing to live a life of faith.
- Since the Word of God is the “primary” voice of God in our lives that reveals the **general will of God**, and the condition of our hearts determines **how we hear and receive**, we must ensure our hearts are in the proper condition to **hear and receive** God’s Word.

**Exodus 14:17** - And I indeed will **harden the hearts** of the Egyptians, and they **shall follow them** [*into the Red Sea*]. So I will gain honor over Pharaoh and over all his army, his chariots, and his horsemen. **NKJV**

A “hardened heart” causes us to make very poor decisions.

We spend a fortune keeping our bodies and for ladies “keeping your skin” vital, and often ignore our hearts, which is the well spring of life.

Beautiful skin, a great body, and a hard heart is not a great combination.

**Proverbs 4:20** - <sup>20</sup> My son, give attention to my words; Incline your ear to my sayings. <sup>21</sup> Do not let them depart from your eyes; **keep them** in the **midst of your heart**; <sup>22</sup> For they are life to those who find them, and health to all their flesh.  
<sup>23</sup> **Keep** [*protect*] your heart with all diligence, for out of it spring the issues of life. **NKJV**

**Protect your heart from what?**

**Hebrews 3:13** - but exhort one another daily, while it is called "Today," lest any of you be hardened through the deceitfulness of sin. **NKJV**

**Mark 4:9-13** – <sup>9</sup> And He said to them, "He who has ears to hear, let him hear!" <sup>10</sup> But when He was alone, those around Him with the twelve asked Him about the parable. <sup>11</sup> And He said to them, "To you it has been given to know the mystery of the kingdom of God; but to those who are outside, all things come in parables, <sup>12</sup> so that 'Seeing they may see and **not perceive**, and hearing they may hear and **not understand**; lest they should turn, and their sins be forgiven them.'" <sup>13</sup> And He said to them, "Do you not understand this parable? How then will you understand all the parables?"

**John 15:7-8** – <sup>7</sup> If you abide in Me, and if My words abide in you, you will ask what you desire, and it shall be done for you. <sup>8</sup> By this My Father is glorified, that you bear much fruit; so you will be my disciples. **NKJV**