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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 – ⁷ Therefore, as the Holy Spirit says: "Today, **if you will hear His voice,**
⁸ **Do not harden your hearts** as in the rebellion, in the day of trial in the wilderness,
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- Ignored the faithfulness of God and continued to express a desire to live under bondage instead of choosing to live a life a 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 - ²⁰ My son, give attention to my words; Incline your ear to my sayings. ²¹ Do not let them depart from your eyes; **keep them** in the **midst of your heart**; ²² For they are life to those who find them, and health to all their flesh.

²³ 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 – ⁹ And He said to them, "He who has ears to hear, let him hear!" ¹⁰ But when He was alone, those around Him with the twelve asked Him about the parable. ¹¹ 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, ¹² 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.'" ¹³ And He said to them, "Do you not understand this parable? How then will you understand all the parables?"

John 15:7-8 – ⁷ **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. ⁸ By this My Father is glorified, that you bear much fruit; so you will be my disciples. **NKJV**