

What Keeps Us From Hearing God's Word

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But if you judge the law, you are not a doer of the law but a judge. 12 There is only one lawgiver and judge, he who is able to save and to destroy. But who are you to judge your neighbor?



How Pride Keeps Us From Hearing God's Voice



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Luke 18:9-14 9He also told this parable to some who trusted in themselves that they were righteous, and treated others with contempt: 10“Two men went up into the temple to pray, one a Pharisee and the other a tax collector. 11The Pharisee, standing by himself, prayed thus: ‘God, I thank you that I am not like other men, extortioners, unjust, adulterers, or even like this tax



12 I fast twice a week; I give tithes of all that I get.’ 13 But the tax collector, standing far off, would not even lift up his eyes to heaven, but beat his breast, saying, ‘God, be merciful to me, a sinner!’ 14 I tell you, this man went down to his house justified, rather than the other. For everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, but the one who humbles himself will be exalted.”



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1 Thessalonians 5:12-22 ¹² We ask you, brothers, to respect those who labour among you and are over you in the Lord and admonish you, ¹³ and to esteem them very highly in love because of their work. Be at peace among yourselves..... ¹⁹ Do not quench the Spirit. ²⁰ Do not despise prophecies, ²¹ but test everything; hold fast what is good. ²² Abstain from every form of evil.



WHERE can Pride keep us from hearing

- 1) Church
- 2) Small Group
- 3) Other gatherings of believers



Dangers of Pride



1) Unrealistic view of Ourselves



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Philippians 2:3 – In humility, value others better than yourselves.



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- 1) Unrealistic view of Ourselves
- 2) Detaches us from Community



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- 4) Doctrinal Pride



Listening



1) Humble Ourselves



James 1:19-21 19 Know this, my beloved brothers: let every person be quick to hear, slow to speak, slow to anger; 20 for the anger of man does not produce the righteousness of God. 21 Therefore put away all filthiness and rampant wickedness and receive with meekness the implanted word, which is able to save your souls.



Listening

- 1) Humble Ourselves
- 2) Draw Near to God



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- 3) Resist the devil

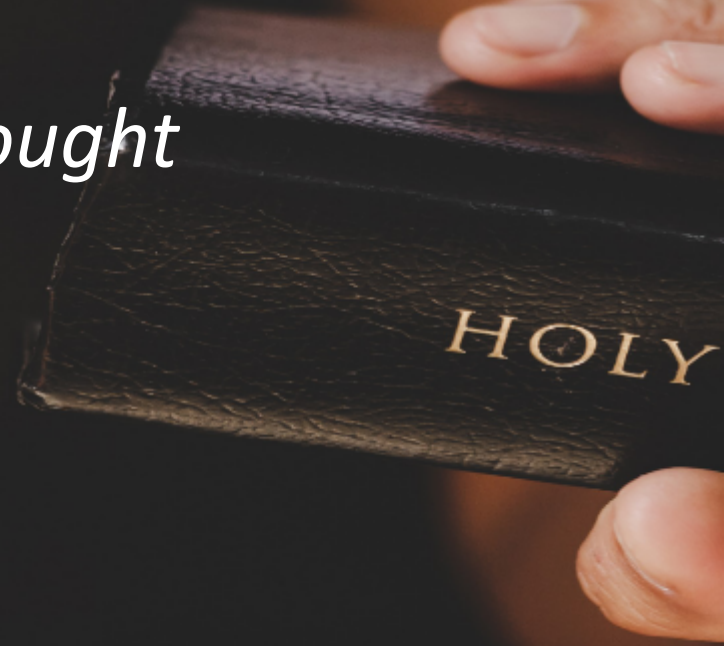


Listening



- 1) Humble Ourselves
- 2) Draw Near to God
- 3) Resist the devil

*2 Corinthians 10:5b and take every thought
captive to obey Christ*



Listening

- 1) Humble Ourselves
- 2) Draw Near to God
- 3) Resist the devil
- 4) Repentance



Listening



James 1:5 If any of you lacks wisdom, let him ask God, who gives generously to all without reproach, and it will be given him.

