

# Hearing God's Voice

**John 10:4-5, 27**

**4 And when he putteth forth his own sheep, he goeth before them, and the sheep follow him: for they know his voice.**

**5 And a stranger will they not follow, but will flee from him: for they know not the voice of strangers.**

**27 My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow me:**

**1 Corinthians 14:10**

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1. You will always do **what is right** and **what is best** for yourself and others when you follow the Lord's voice.
2. Anyone who did not do **what is right** and **what is best** for themselves and others got there because they listened to or followed the wrong voice and made a bad decision.
3. In **every decision** you are called to make and in **every situation** that you are faced with there is the possibility of many kinds of voices speaking to you.

# Many Kinds of Voices

1. The voices come into your mind in the form of a thought:

a. thoughts - create feelings

b. feelings - fuel desires

c. desires - can be good or bad (lusts)

(Lusts are bad desires within us from the flesh that are inconsistent with the Word of God)

This is why the Bible says:

- to bring into captivity every thought

- think on these things

- make no provision for your flesh to fail to fulfill the lusts thereof

- renew your mind

2. The voices can come into your thoughts directly or indirectly

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## VOICES

- 1. The voice of God's Spirit**
- 2. The voice of your spirit**
- 3. The voice of your conscience**
- 4. The voice of your reasoning**
- 5. The voice of your flesh**
- 6. The voice of the devil/demons**

# Things That Must Be In Place In Your Life

## You must:

1. Study the Word of God for yourself, (II Timothy 2:15)
2. Meditate on the Word of God day and night, (Joshua 1:8)
3. Spend time praying, (Mark 1:35)
4. Spend time communing with the Holy Spirit,  
(II Corinthians 13:14)
5. Be planted in a good church home, (See Psalm 92:13)
6. Count the cost of all options, (Luke 14:28-30)
7. Seek counsel from wise counselors, (See Proverbs 11:14)

# The Voice of God

**Instruction in righteousness, II Tim 3:16**

**Correction in righteousness, II Timothy 3:16, Proverb 3:11,12**

**Causes you to profit and bear fruit in Christ, II Timothy 3:16, John 15:16**

**Brings to your remembrance the Word of God, John 14:26**

**Guides you into Truth, John 16:13**

**Exhorts you, Jude 3, Romans 12:1**

**Comforts you, John 14:16, Psalm 23:4**

**Rebukes and reproves you, Titus 1:13, II Timothy 4:2**

**Convicts you of sin, Romans 6:1-23**

**Leads you to salvation, Romans 10:9-10, II Timothy 3:15**

**Assures you of the Father's love toward you, I John 3:1, Jeremiah 31:3**

**Admonishes and warns you, Ephesians 6:4, Acts 21:4,10-14**

**Edifies you, Ephesians 4:12**

**Increases our faith, Romans 10:17**

**Causes you to triumph in life through Christ, II Corinthians 2:14**

**Agrees with His Word Hebrews 1:1-3**

**Never causes confusion 1 Corinthians 14:33**

**Speaks peace Psalm 85:8**

**Never torments 1 John 4:18**

**Has no darkness in it 1 John 1:5**

# The Voice of Your Spirit

1. Job 32:8 But there is a spirit in man: and the inspiration of the Almighty giveth them understanding.
2. 1 Kings 19:11,12 And he said, Go forth, and stand upon the mount before the LORD. And, behold, the LORD passed by, and a great and strong wind rent the mountains, and brake in pieces the rocks before the LORD; but the LORD was not in the wind: and after the wind an earthquake; but the LORD was not in the earthquake: 12 And after the earthquake a fire; but the LORD was not in the fire: and after the fire a still small voice.
3. 2 Corinthians 2:13 ...I had no rest in my spirit...
4. 1 Peter 3:4 ...the hidden man of the heart
5. Galatians 5:22,23 But the fruit of the spirit is love, joy, peace, ...
6. Philippians 4:8 ... Whatsoever things are true, ... honest, ... just, ... pure, ... lovely, ... good report, ... virtue, ... praise, ...

# **The Voice of Your Conscience**

- 1. A good conscience 1 Timothy 1:5; Acts 24:15**
- 2. A weak conscience 1 Corinthians 8:7**
- 3. A seared conscience 1 Timothy 4:2**
- 4. An evil conscience Hebrews 10:22**
- 5. A defiled conscience Titus 1:15**

**Needs fully informed and enlightened by the Word of God then obeyed**



# The Voice of Reasoning

1. Reasoning is mind's mental ability to draw conclusions, judgments, and inferences; to think logically
2. 2 Corinthians 10:4 uses the word "imagination"
3. It is the Greek word "logismos" from the root word "logizomai" and means: to reason, calculate, estimate, infer, suppose, think, to take an inventory; weigh; to deliberate; decide; or determine
4. Examples of faulty reasoning
  - a. Mark 2:6,8
  - b. Luke 12:17 ...thought within himself...
  - c. Luke 20:14
  - d. Acts 28:4,6
5. Acts 17:2 reasoned with them out of the Scriptures

# The Voice of Your Flesh

- (1) **Adultery** - unlawful sexual relations with the spouse of another
- (2) **Fornication** – illicit sexual intercourse; all sexual immorality, incest, pornography, harlotry...
- (3) **Uncleanness** – moral filthiness; homosexuality, lesbianism, pedophilia, any sexual perversion
- (4) **Lasciviousness** – uncontrolled passions or desires; absence of restraint; no feeling of shame; shameless conduct; indecency; lewdness; wantonness
- (5) **Idolatry** – pre-eminence/worship given to sports stars, preachers, movie stars, music icons, celebrities, money over God
- (6) **Witchcraft** – sorcery, drug use, spells, luck charms, horoscopes...
- (7) **Hatred** - personal hostility toward someone; hold grudges, malice
- (8) **Variance** - to quarrel with words, stir up strife and incite debates
- (9) **Emulations** - jealousy, rivalry spirit; desire what others have
- (10) **Wrath** – outbursts of anger; hot anger; passion; agitated feelings
- (11) **Strife** - rivalries; factions; denotes ambition, self-seeking (tries to win followers and stir up group antagonism); rivalry
- (12) **Seditious** – dissensions; division; lit. “a standing apart”
- (13) **Heresies** - a self-willed opinion, which is substituted for submitting to truth that causes discord/division/separation
- (14) **Envy** – displeasure at what others have; desires to deprive it
- (15) **Murder** – the act of murder; to spoil or mar the reputation of others
- (16) **Drunkenness** – public/private intoxication, alcoholic, addicted to it
- (17) **Revelings** – partying, clubs, house parties, carousing, rioting that often comes as a consequence of drunkenness

# Voice of the devil/demons

Deceive you, (Revelation 20:7-8)

Cause oppression, (Acts 10:38)

Discourage you, (Numbers 32:6-10)

Cause you to be bitter, (Colossians 3:19)

Cause confusion, (Acts 19:32)

Cause you to rationalize sin, (Isaiah 5:20)

Blind your mind, (II Corinthians 4:4)

Cause you to lie, (I John 2:4)

Cause you to doubt God's Word, (Hebrews 3:12)

Cause division in your family, church, business, (Mark 3:25)

Cause you to disobey the Word of God, (Joshua 5:6)

Inspire rage, anger and malice, (Ephesians 4:31)

Bring you fear, (Mark 4:40)

Torment you, (Matthew 8:6)

Cause you to lose hope, (Job 7:1-15)

Cause you to be dismayed, (gloominess of soul) (Joshua 1:9)

Cause you to seek revenge, (Ezekiel 25:15)

Cause you to curse God, (Job 2:9)

Stir up unforgiveness, reminding of the offence or injustice (Matthew 6:15)

Cause you to be ashamed of the gospel, (Mark 8:38)

Cause you not to hear God's voice, (distract, divert), (John 10:5)

Lead you astray, off course, offer a substitute (Matthew 4:1-10)