

“Distinguishing God’s Voice”

Going Vertical—Part 5

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Kingdom Warning: According to *The View* of a select few, today’s message on learning how to Distinguish the Voice of God, when put into practice, may cause some to question your mental stability.

Jeremiah 33:3 – *“Call to me and I will answer you and tell you great and unsearchable things you do not know.”*

1 John 4:1 – *“Dear friends, do not believe every spirit, but test the spirits to see whether they are from God, because many false prophets have gone out into the world.”*

- Does it agree with the bible?
- Does it make me more like Christ?

1. Does my _____ confirm it?

Ephesians 3:10-11—*“His intent was that now, through the church, the manifold wisdom of God should be made known to the rulers and authorities in the heavenly realms,¹¹ according to his eternal purpose that he accomplished in Christ Jesus our Lord.”*

If mature Christians question whether the impression or idea you received is of God, you should too!

Proverbs 11:9 (GN)—*“You can be ruined by the talk of godless people, but the wisdom of the righteous can save you.”*

Proverbs 11:14—*“For lack of guidance a nation falls, but victory is won through many advisers.”*

2. Is it consistent with how God _____ me?

Ephesians 2:10—*“For we are God’s handiwork, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do.”*

What you are good at is a good indication of what you should do with your life.

As followers of Jesus, if we renounce our God-ordained responsibility of being the LIGHT of the world, we relinquish all rights to stand and shake our fist at the darkness!

Romans 12:4-8

You discover a lot of God’s will by looking at what you’re good at.

3. Do I sense God’s _____ about it?

1 Corinthians 14:33—*“For God is not a God of disorder but of peace—as in all the congregations of the Lord’s people.”*

“Ninety percent of what God wants to say to you is encouragement. If all you ever hear from God is negative messages something’s wrong. The wires have been crossed.” - Peter Lord

Philippians 4:6-7—*“Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God.⁷ And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.”*

Proverbs 22:17-18 – *“Pay attention and turn your ear to the sayings of the wise; apply your heart to what I teach,¹⁸ for it is pleasing when you keep them in your heart and have all of them ready on your lips.”*

“Do what God’s teaching says; when you only listen and do nothing, you are fooling yourselves.” - James 1:22 (NCV)