

A STUDY ON THE ART OF LISTENING



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LESSON #1: 5 Types of Listeners

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DISCUSSION:

I. The Deaf Ears

Isaiah 6:9, 48:8, 55:2-3, 65:12, 66:4

II. The Dull Ears

Ezekiel 3:7, Matthew 13:13-15,
Mark 3:5, Acts 28:27, Hebrews 5:11

III. The Critical Ears

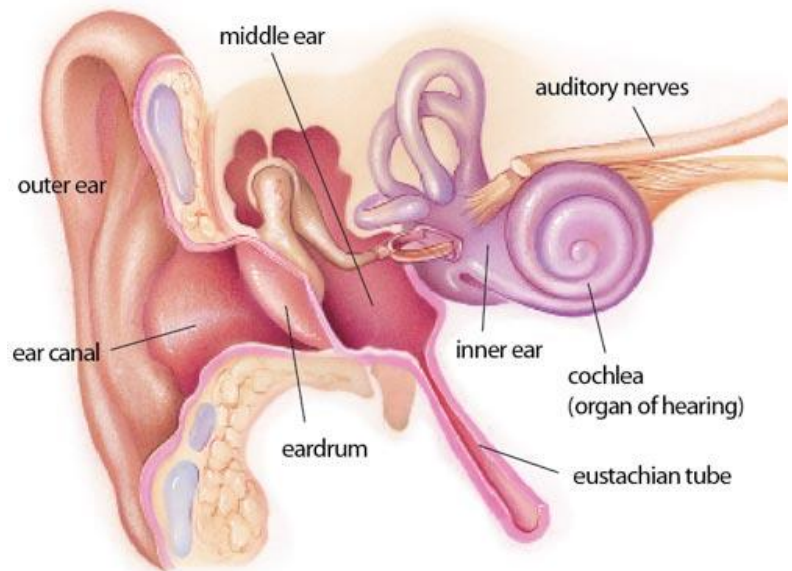
Matthew 7:1-5, Luke 6:37, John 7:24,
Romans 2:1-11, II Timothy 4:6-8

IV. The Itching Ears

Matthew 19:16-22, Mark 10:17-27,
Luke 18:18-23, John 6:60-66,
II Timothy 4:2-4

V. The Eager Ears

Luke 8:15, Acts 17:11, Revelation
2:7, 11, 17, 29, 3:6, 13, 22



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LESSON #2: 5 Reasons for Listening Ray Reynolds Rap Publications

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DISCUSSION:

I. Listening Prevents Judgment

Matthew 10:14-15, 12:41-42,
Acts 13:44-49, Jonah 3:6-10,
I Kings 10:1-3

II. Listening Increases Faith

Matthew 11:15, Romans 1:16-17, 10:14,17
John 20:30-31, James 1:19

III. Listening Provides Fruit

Matthew 13:3-9, 18-23, Luke 8:15,
John 15:1-8, Galatians 5:22-23,
Colossians 1:6

IV. Listening Brings Blessings

Matthew 13:10-17, Ephesians 1:3,
Proverbs 3:13, I Corinthians 1:5,
Luke 11:28

V. Listening Thwarts Ignorance

Proverbs 1:5-9, 19:20, 25:12,
Hebrews 2:1-3, James 1:22



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LESSON #3:

5 Lessons From Jesus

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DISCUSSION:

I. Listening Is A Sign of Warning

**Proverbs 17:27-28, Ecclesiastes 3:7,
John 8:1-11, James 1:19**

II. Listening Is A Sign of Integrity

**Matthew 26:59-63, Mark 14:56,
John 18:19-24, I Corinthians 10:1-2**

III. Listening Is A Sign of Maturity

**Isaiah 53:7, Matthew 27:12-14,
Mark 14:61, John 19:9**

IV. Listening Is A Sign of Judgment

**Matthew 5:4-42, Luke 13:34,
Luke 22:67, John 19:10-11**

V. Listening Is A Sign of Strength

**Luke 13:32, Luke 23:8-12,
John 19:25, I Peter 3:15-16**



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LESSON #4: 5 Examples of Poor Listening Ray Reynolds Rap Publications

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DISCUSSION:

I. The Israelites Were Poor Listeners

Judges 2:7-23, Psalm 81:11,
Luke 11:28

II. King Saul Was a Poor Listener

I Samuel 15:1-35, Proverbs 16:20,
James 1:22

III. King Rehoboam Was a Poor Listener

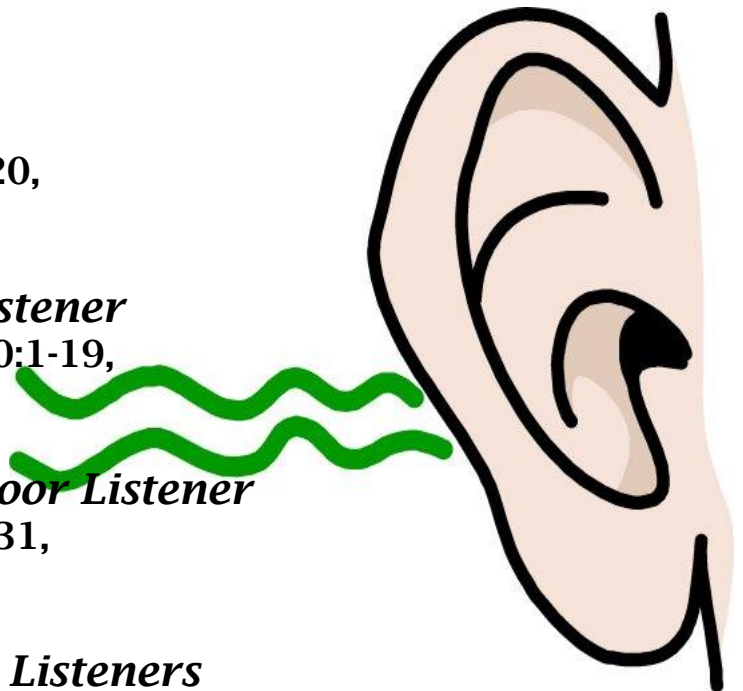
I Kings 12:1-20, II Chronicles 10:1-19,
Matthew 7:24

IV. The Rich Young Ruler Was a Poor Listener

Matthew 19:16-22, Mark 10:17-31,
Luke 18:18-30

V. The Jewish Leaders Were Poor Listeners

John 9:1-41, Proverbs 8:32,
Proverbs 19:27



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5 Ways to Listen to God

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DISCUSSION:

I. Listening in Personal Bible Study

**Romans 10:17, II Timothy 2:15,
Psalm 119:105, Joshua 1:8**

II. Listening in Family Bible Study

**II Timothy 1:5, 3:14-17,
Deuteronomy 11:19, Proverbs 22:6**

III. Listening in Corporate Bible Study

**Acts 17:11, Hebrews 4:1-2,
Luke 24:25-27, Psalm 19:7-11**

IV. Listening in Worship

**Romans 10:14, 15:4, Matthew 4:4,
I Timothy 4:13**

V. Listening in Daily Living

**Ezekiel 33:30-32, Isaiah 6:9,
James 1:22-25, Psalm 19:1**



CONCLUSION: I want to close by reading **Psalm 95:1-7**. When we stop listening to God terrible things will happen. Listening to God is very important (**Isaiah 35:5, 55:2-3, Romans 10:17**), but it is also very important to listen to others (**Romans 10:14, James 1:19**). Jesus emphasized the need to listen throughout His ministry. Listening is good for the soul. Do you have an attentive ear to those around you (**Acts 15:12**)? Are you listening to the Lord (**Luke 9:35**)? Are you obeying His Word (**Luke 6:46**)? It is time to listen up!