

**Answer Key:**

**Who do I listen too?**

- static

**Try this...**

- You

1. Bible      •contradict      •principle      •eternal
2. more      •model      • thought / idea / philosophy / opinion / fad

**Two specific check lists:**

- James 3:14-17
- Galatians 5:22-23

3. family      •relationship
4. created      •significance      •indication
5. my      •responsibility      •direct
6. convicting / condemning      •define      •vague
7. peace      •does not

**Summer Days in the Carolinas**

**Part 6**

“Did I hear you right?”

**John 7:17 Message**

***"Anyone who wants to do his will can test this teaching and know whether it's from God or whether I'm making it up."***

**Introductory Statement**

***Maybe you have been a Christian your whole life, but you have never actually heard God speak directly to you. Or maybe you are a total skeptic and can't help but cringe every time someone says, "God told me this or that..." Wherever you are at, make a decision today to at least be open to the possibility of knowing a God who really does speak. God has special words to deliver right your precious soul. All you have to do it put in your spiritual hearing aids and turn the volume up.***

**John 10:14 - 16 NLT**

***"I am the good shepherd; I know my own sheep, and they know me, just as my Father knows me... They will listen to my voice..."***

## Who do I listen too?

- If you want to hear from God, you must tune out the \_\_\_\_\_ from your receiver.

### Proverbs 14:12 GNT

*"What you think is the right road may lead to death."*

### 1 John 4:1 Living Bible

*"Don't always believe everything you hear just because someone says it is a message from God: test it first to see if it really is."*

### Try this Test...

- God wants to speak to us, and yes, \_\_\_\_\_ can know that you hear His voice.

1. Does it agree with the \_\_\_\_\_.

### Luke 21:33 NIV

*"Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will never pass away."*

- God's will, will never \_\_\_\_\_ God's Word.

- God will never tell you to violate a \_\_\_\_\_ that he has already given in his Word, the Bible, and the Word of God.

### Proverbs 12:19 NLT

*"Truthful words stand the test of time..."*

- God's Word is \_\_\_\_\_ because truth never changes.

### Galatians 1:8 NLT

*"Let God's curse fall on anyone, including us or even an angel from heaven, who preaches a different kind of Good News than the one we preached to you."*

### Question

*Is this thought or idea in harmony with the Word of God?*

2. Does this make me \_\_\_\_\_ like Christ?

**Philippians 2:5 NCV**

***"In your lives you must think and act like Christ Jesus."***

• Jesus is the \_\_\_\_\_.

**2 Corinthians 10:5 GWT**

***"We take every thought captive so that it is obedient to Christ."***

• We should evaluate every \_\_\_\_\_, every \_\_\_\_\_, every \_\_\_\_\_, every \_\_\_\_\_, every \_\_\_\_\_ against Jesus Christ.

### **Two specific check lists:**

• \_\_\_\_\_.

**James 3:14-17 NIV**

***"But if you harbor bitter envy and selfish ambition in your hearts, do not boast about it or deny the truth. Such "wisdom" does not come down from heaven but is earthly, unspiritual, demonic. For where you have envy and selfish ambition, there you find disorder and every evil practice.***

***But the wisdom that comes from heaven is first of all pure; then peace-loving, considerate, submissive, full of mercy and good fruit, impartial and sincere."***

### **Not of God**

• **Motivated by bitterness or envy.**

• **Motivated by selfish ambition.**

• \_\_\_\_\_.

**Galatians 5:22-23 NIV**

***"But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, forbearance, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control..."***

### **Of God**

• pure

• peace

• loving considerate

• submissive

• full of mercy

• impartial

• sincere

3. Does my church \_\_\_\_\_ confirm this?

**Ephesians 3:10 NIV**

***"His intent was that now, through the church, the manifold wisdom of God should be made known..."***

•You were meant to live life in \_\_\_\_\_ to other people.

**Proverbs 11:9 GNT**

***"...the wisdom of the righteous can save you."***

**What does this mean?**

***This means that if God has genuinely spoken to you, other believers, other people who are following Christ are going to confirm it when you talk to them about it.***

**Proverbs 11:14 KJV**

***"Where no counsel is, the people fall: but in the multitude of counsellors there is safety."***

4. Is it consistent with how God \_\_\_\_\_ me?

**Ephesians 2:10 NKJV**

***"For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand that we should walk in them."***

•**SHAPE** determines your \_\_\_\_\_.

**SHAPE:**

Spiritual gifts

Heart

Abilities

Personality

Experiences

**Ephesians 2:10 NLT**

***"For we are God's masterpiece. He has created us anew in Christ Jesus, so we can do the good things he planned for us long ago."***

•What you are good at is a good \_\_\_\_\_

of what you should do with your life.

**Romans 12:6 Living Bible**

***"God has given each of us the ability to do certain things well."***

**You can be all God shaped you to be.**

**And you better be happy with that.**

**Play the hand you have been dealt!**

5. Does it concern \_\_\_\_\_ responsibility?

•If it's not your \_\_\_\_\_ why should God talk to you about it?

**John 21:22 NLT**

***Jesus replied, "If I want him to remain alive until I return, what is that to you? As for you, follow me."***

•Every believer has \_\_\_\_\_ access to God.

**Romans 14:4 NIV**

***"Who are you to judge someone else's servant? To their own master, servants stand or fall. And they will stand, for the Lord is able to make them stand."***

6. Is it \_\_\_\_\_ rather than \_\_\_\_\_?

•Conviction is \_\_\_\_\_and specific. God gives you a solution. As soon as you confess and change –the feeling goes away!

•Condemnation is \_\_\_\_\_. It does not go away after confession. You still feel bad!

**Romans 8:1**

*"So now there is no condemnation for those who belong to Christ Jesus."*

<b>Conviction</b>	<b>Condemnation</b>
Comes from God	Comes from Satan
<b>(to correct)</b>	<b>(to criticize)</b>
Motivated by God's Love	Motivated by Satan's hatred
This needs to change	Your are worthless

**Revelation 12: 10 NIRV**

*"Satan, who brings charges against our brothers and sisters..."*

**Revelation 3:19 AMP**

*"Those whom I [dearly and tenderly] love, I tell their faults and convict and convince and reprove and chasten [I discipline and instruct them]. So be enthusiastic and in earnest and burning with zeal and repent [changing your mind and attitude]."*

**That is how God speaks!**

7. Do I sense God's \_\_\_\_\_ about it?

**1 Corinthians 14:33 NKJV**

***"For God is not the author of confusion but of peace..."***

***"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 NLT**

***"Don't worry about anything; instead, pray about everything. Tell God what you need, and thank him for all he has done. Then you will experience God's peace..."***

●When God speaks it \_\_\_\_\_ create anxiety and worry.

**But I am not hearing God's voice what is wrong?**

***You have allowed something to come between you and God and you need to pull out that blockage and then you'll be able to hear him clearly again .***

**Most of the time it is SIN!**