

“Let Him Hear” Mark 4:21-25

Jesus wanted folks to listen

Regarding identity of John **Matthew 11:15**

To the Word **Matthew 13:9**

Warnings about Satan **Matthew 13:43**

Messages to churches **Revelation 2:7,11,17,29; 3:6,13,22**

Are you listening? Pay Attention!

In one ear & out the other. Drill a hole & pour it in....

Many do not listen, to understand

Must appreciate importance of listening

Dull Hearing

Lack of interest

***Hebrews 5:11** Concerning him we have much to say, and it is hard to explain, since you have become dull of hearing.*

Too much trouble

***Matthew 13:13-15** Therefore I speak to them in parables; because while seeing they do not see, and while hearing they do not hear, nor do they understand. In their case the prophecy of Isaiah is being fulfilled, which says, ‘You will keep on hearing, but will not understand; You will keep on seeing, but will not perceive; For the heart of this people has become dull, With their ears they scarcely hear, And they have closed their eyes, Otherwise they would see with their eyes, Hear with their ears, And understand with their heart and return, And I would heal them.’*

Can't be bothered - Too much focus on other things

Mule Headed, Wall, Stump

Parents - children; Spouse - Spouse; Student - Teacher

Only hear parts we want

Causes failure to understand - one another; God's Truth

Itching Ears

Focus on self

***2Timothy 4:3-4** For the time will come when they will not endure sound doctrine; but wanting to have their ears tickled, they will accumulate for themselves teachers in accordance to their own desires, and will turn away their ears from the truth and will turn aside to myths.*

Satisfy desires, emotions

Parents - children; Spouse - Spouse; Student - Teacher

Brings failure to accept things that require discipline or work

Willing Ears

Fair/Noble Minded

***Acts 17:11** Now these were more noble-minded than those in Thessalonica, for they received the word with great eagerness, examining the Scriptures daily to see whether these things were so.*

Want to Know, Attentive

The Good Ground

***Luke 8:15** But the seed in the good soil, these are the ones who have heard the word in an honest and good heart, and hold it fast, and bear fruit with perseverance.*

Desire to learn situation before taking action

Understand so can act properly

Parents - children; Spouse - Spouse; Student - Teacher

Brings greater success to dealing with most any situation

Listening is Essential

***Matthew 13:16** But blessed are your eyes, because they see; and your ears, because they hear.*

***Romans 10:17** So faith comes from hearing, and hearing by the word of Christ.*

***John 20:30-31** Therefore many other signs Jesus also performed in the presence of the disciples, which are not written in this book; but these have been written so that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God; and that believing you may have life in His name.*

***Ephesians 3:4** By referring to this, when you read you can understand my insight into the mystery of Christ,*

Colossians 1:5-6 because of the hope laid up for you in heaven, of which you previously heard in the word of truth, the gospel which has come to you, just as in all the world also it is constantly bearing fruit and increasing, even as it has been doing in you also since the day you heard of it and understood the grace of God in truth;

Hebrews 2:1 For this reason we must pay much closer attention to what we have heard, so that we do not drift away from it.

Acts 13:46 Paul and Barnabas spoke out boldly and said, "It was necessary that the word of God be spoken to you first; since you repudiate it and judge yourselves unworthy of eternal life, behold, we are turning to the Gentiles."

Be a Listener!

Give complete attention to speaker

Listen to the end; Keep your focus on speaker

Trust the Message

Hebrews 4:1-2 Therefore, let us fear if, while a promise remains of entering His rest, any one of you may seem to have come short of it. For indeed we have had good news preached to us, just as they also; but the word they heard did not profit them, because it was not united by faith in those who heard.

Verify the Message

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Put it into action

James 1:25 But one who looks intently at the perfect law, the law of liberty, and abides by it, not having become a forgetful hearer but an effectual doer, this man will be blessed in what he does.

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