

## Listening Like Jesus Mark 7:24-30

### Jesus Was A Listener

Nicodemus **John 3:1-15**

Samaritan woman at the well **John 4:7-30**

Martha **Luke 10:38-42**

Rich young ruler **Luke 18:18-23**

Zacchaeus **Luke 19:1-10**

Syro-Phoenician woman **Mark 7:24-30**

Many others

### 3 Kinds Of Listeners

"Dull Of Hearing" - **Hebrews 5:11**

Hard for others to explain things to them!

Fault not with "subject" material, or "presenter", but "listener"!

Isaiah wrote of such, Jesus applied to many His day - **Matthew 13:13-15**

"Itching Ears" - **2Timothy 4:1-4**

Such people listen only to that which is pleasing, don't like "sound doctrine"

"Honest And Good Heart" - **Luke 8:15; Acts 17:11**

Were "fair-minded" (NKJ), willing give Paul a fair hearing

"received" (listened) word: "with all readiness"

### The Ability To Listen Well Is An Art That We All Can Develop

When Jesus spoke of things that would be revealed or brought to light He admonished - **Mark 4:23-25**

Jesus was telling His disciples that the ability to hear well involves applying oneself to hearing or listening attentively, and that God will take into account how well we take notice of what we hear.

We apply this to guiding our own action, but what about how it applies to our helping others?

We Focus On What Others Are Saying So That We Can Correctly Hear Them

We heed their words with the purpose of understanding.

Closely examining their words will help us know how to respond.

Not forming our response while they are speaking!

Someone once wrote: "Listening to one another and sharing our lives becomes a means by which we nourish a sense of community in relationship while also nourishing our freedom and individuality."

By Listening To One Another, We Are Opening A Pathway That Shows We Are Seeking The Well

Being Of Someone Other Than Ourselves - **1Corinthians 10:24; Ecclesiastes 3:7; James 1:19-20**

When We Listen, How We React To What We Hear Is Really Important

Listening is not always just about the listener. - **Proverbs 25:11-12**

We do not listen just to help by offering a solution, but also that the person expressing his feelings might find clarity and even self-direction in the things he has said aloud for your hearing.

### Listening Like Jesus Will Nurture Caring Relationships

A loving open ear will nourish a sense of community and family sharing far more than a constant flapping tongue. May God bless us to be good listeners!

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