

HEARING GOD

Recognizing His Voice In A World Full Of Noise

Hearing God Through Trusted Voices

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"The way of fools seems right to them, but the wise listen to advice." Proverbs 12:15 NIV

Then King Rehoboam consulted the elders who had served his father Solomon during his lifetime. "How would you advise me to answer these people?" he asked.

1 Kings 12:6

They replied, "If today you will be a servant to these people and serve them and give them a favorable answer, they will always be your servants." 1 Kings 12:7

But Rehoboam rejected the advice the elders gave him and consulted the young men who had grown up with him and were serving him. 1 Kings 12:8

He asked them, "What is your advice? How should we answer these people who say to me, 'Lighten the yoke your father put on us'?" 1 Kings 12:9

The young men who had grown up with him replied, "These people have said to you, 'Your father put a heavy yoke on us, but make our yoke lighter.' Now tell them, 'My little finger is thicker than my father's waist. 1 Kings 12:10

My father laid on you a heavy yoke; I will make it even heavier. My father scourged you with whips; I will scourge you with scorpions." 1 Kings 12:11

THREE QUESTIONS TO ASK:

1. WHAT'S STOPPING ME FROM LISTENING TO TRUSTED VOICES?

- WE HAVE PRIDE**

A man who isolates himself seeks his own desire; He rages against all wise judgment. Proverbs 18:1

"Trends have an expiration date. Truth never expires"

- WE'VE HAD A BAD EXPERIENCE**

A person's insight gives him patience, and his virtue is to overlook an offense. Proverbs 19:11

2. WHAT DO I LOOK FOR IN A GODLY COUNSELOR?

Plans fail for lack of counsel, but with many advisers they succeed. Proverbs 15:22

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- They Give Counsel According to God's Word
- They Have Godly Character
- They Have Your Best Interests at Heart
- They Don't Want Anything From You
- They Have a Proven Track Record
- They Have a Fruitful Life

By their fruit you will recognize them. Do people pick grapes from thornbushes, or figs from thistles? Matthew 7:16

So if you have not been trustworthy in handling worldly wealth, who will trust you with true riches? Luke 16:11

3. AM I TEACHABLE?

- Am I open to correction? (Proverbs 27:6)
- Am I submitted to the authorities God has placed in my life. (Romans 13:1)
- Am I responsive to God's Counsel through Trusted Voices?

"Today, if you hear His voice, do not harden your hearts as you did in the rebellion." Hebrews 3:15