

HEARING GOD

Recognizing His Voice In A World Full Of Noise

Hearing God Through Our Inner Witness

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"My sheep listen to my voice; I know them, and they follow me." [John 10:27](#)

Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, since as members of one body you were called to peace. And be thankful. [Colossians 3:15](#)

Inner Witness - An internal sense of right and wrong that God gives every human being

HOW DOES GOD SPEAK TO OUR CONSCIENCE / INNER WITNESS

Impression / Nudge
Thought / Idea / Picture
Spiritual Discernment
Dreams / Visions
Check or Caution

Romans 8:16

"The Spirit himself bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God."

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"May your whole spirit and soul and body be kept blameless until our Lord Jesus Christ comes again." [1 Thessalonians 5:23](#)

THE CONDITIONS OF THE CONSCIENCE

1. GUILTY CONSCIENCE

[Hebrews 10:22](#) says:

"Let us go right into the presence of God with sincere hearts fully trusting him. For our guilty consciences have been sprinkled with Christ's blood to make us clean, and our bodies have been washed with pure water."

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2. WOUNDED CONSCIENCE

"When you sin against them in this way and wound their weak conscience, you sin against Christ." 1 [Corinthians 8:12](#)

3. SEARED CONSCIENCE

1 [Timothy 4:1-2](#) says:

"The Spirit clearly says that in later times some will abandon the faith and follow deceiving spirits and things taught by demons. Such teachings come through hypocritical liars, whose consciences have been seared as with a hot iron."

4. CORRUPTED CONSCIENCE

"To the pure, all things are pure, but to those who are corrupted and do not believe, nothing is pure. In fact, both their minds and consciences are corrupted." [Titus 1:15](#)

THE GOAL - CLEAR CONSCIENCE

So I strive always to keep my conscience clear before God and man. [Acts 24:16](#)

HOW DO YOU KEEP A CLEAR CONSCIENCE?

1. GUARD WHAT YOU LET IN

"The eye is the lamp of the body. If your eyes are healthy, your whole body will be full of light. But if your eyes are unhealthy, your whole body will be full of darkness."

[Matthew 6:22-23](#)

2. ADMIT WHEN YOU MAKE MISTAKES

"Therefore confess your sins to each other and pray for each other so that you may be healed." [James 5:16](#)