

Hearing God's Voice

SPIRITUAL TECHNOLOGY and TECH SUPPORT IN ONE'S PRAYER TIME

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This information is good. It is gleaned from the scriptures and my 36 years of trying to, and hearing God's voice. This will help anyone who believes that God can and wants to communicate to them individually. I hope this will prevent you from making mistakes that would hurt yourself and others.

IMPORTANT: When God communicates to us, although the words and styles may change, His purposes and character traits do not.

What is always true:

God speaks from a place of peace – Heaven. His voice is relaxed, quieting, gentle, comforting – even when it is forceful. It can be a still, small voice, coming from a firm, secure and unhurried Person, who is Spirit.

What God says is concentrated with His Life. It can stun us. What God says will be “original.” It will create an appetite to hear more.

While in prayer He may answer our questions or unexpectedly add His comments.

He may get our attention and speak when we are not praying.

What is always true:

His voice does not need to be theatrical or dramatic in order to convince a listener that it is indeed Him. God can speak dramatically but that is not the norm.

The quality and content *identify* the speaker instead of the speaker needing to identify Himself by name. God can use one of His many names to enhance a message.

We may or may not feel a “something” when God speaks.

What is always true:

The content of what he says promotes character building, can make us wise, promotes wholeness and wholesomeness, provides knowledge that purifies our heart, releases burdens, is nurturing, will correct or confirm our ideas or behavior, steers us to glorify God, helps us serve others, love the unlovable, promotes unity and safety, can bring closure, AND teaches us ways to be like the Messiah, Jesus.

God wants to keep you out of TROUBLE!

What is always true:

The content of what he says can strengthen, encourage and comfort. It will be active, and life-giving, loving, maturing, impartial, wise, merciful, promotes truth, encourages good deeds, and sponsors reconciliation. Being helpful, it advances righteous growth.

- God will cut deep to expose our innermost thoughts, desires, questions, and motives.
- God wants to provide counsel because He cares!
- What God says can be for others to know about or is to remain private and kept to ourselves for a period of time or perhaps the rest of our lives.
- It can settle us down or challenge us out of our comfort zone.
- What God says will be something to be reckoned with; it will change the way we think.
- He may act as an umpire in the matters that concern us or Him.
- Can provide goals with plans and how to achieve them along with coaching us!
- Following God's moral laws, *plus* His specified and emphasized moral will for our certain situation, will have a nourishing and restoring effect on the soul like eating food does for your physical body!

What is always true:

The content will be clean language, no cuss words, crude ideas or sinful strategies. The content will not directly oppose the content of the Bible.

He will never direct or approve of evil as a proper solution. God will not direct illegal means, unless the laws are immoral or clearly go against the Bible.

God will not suggest or direct someone to harm themselves or someone else; nothing self-destructive.

He promotes serving instead of being served by others. God will not promote isolation, but He will promote times of private, personal solitude.

What is always true:

God can use words, ideas, concepts, plans or Bible verses that are unfamiliar to us, which we need to research to understand.

God may reveal that which enhances a scripture verse, motivating us to a good work and righteous living with greater understanding.

He enjoys mystery and intrigue, so he may provide clues, tips or sign posts in order to guide and show us the way to go.

We need to put time into significant, sincere, daily prayer or have substantial episodes with God to know His voice. Developing this habit takes time.

What is always true:

God is not an “information butler” or a Google search engine, he will volunteer only what He thinks we need to know, not what we want to know. Providing understanding in a matter is one of the most important gifts He can ever give us.

We become responsible for what we are told or directed to do. If we agree with what we hear (faith) then He can speak to us further.

We can have brief conversations and what God says is meant to draw us closer to Him.

What is always true:

Consistency in living a spiritual lifestyle: obedience, worship, Bible learning, fellowship attendance, memorizing scripture, meditation, religious friends, prayer, etc. will help us hear and *keep* hearing the voice of God as we develop in discerning our own umpiring skills.

God will motivate us into available, dependable scripture-based community or corporate fellowship and an authority structure.

Depending on the potential repercussions of our “acting in faith” (by what we have heard) it’s best to have a couple of seasoned counselors, agreeing, supporting, interpreting, and confirming the guidance as being from the Lord.

God will prompt and promote us to honor and submit to proper authority, whether it is in the church or in the world. He will also encourage honoring proper commitments we have made or are subject to.

What is always true:

God desires to speak to His people and to those who do not know Him.

TIP: Know God’s “CALLER ID”