

## ***SEEK...YE FIRST***

**"LISTEN" - Part 2 of 6**

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Jesus: "Whoever has ears to hear, let them hear!" **Luke 8:8b (NIV)**

### **HOW TO HEAR GOD**

**Luke 8:4-15**

1. I must cultivate an \_\_\_\_\_ mind.  
"A farmer went out to sow his seed. As he was scattering the seed, some fell along the path; it was trampled on, and the birds of the air ate it up."  
**Luke 8:5 (NIV)**

"Those along the footpath are the ones who hear, and then the devil comes along and takes away the word from their hearts, so they cannot believe and be saved." **Luke 8:12 (NIV)**

"So get rid of all the filth and evil in your lives, and humbly accept the word God has planted in your hearts, for it has the power to save your souls."  
**James 1:21 (NLT)**

**REMEMBER** - God speaks through life's \_\_\_\_\_  
when we're OPEN to hearing Him.

2. I must make time to \_\_\_\_\_.  
"Other seed fell among rocks. It began to grow, but the plant so wilted and died for lack of moisture." **Luke 8:6 (NLT)**

"The seeds on the rocky soil represent those who hear the message and receive it with joy. But since they don't have deep roots, they believe for a while, then they fall away when they face temptation." **Luke 8:13 (NLT)**

**REMEMBER** - God \_\_\_\_\_ his servants when they  
LISTEN for Him.

"He calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. After he has gathered his own flock, he walks ahead of them, and they follow him because they know his voice . . . 'I am the good shepherd; I know my own sheep, and they know me . . .'" **John 10:3b-4, 14 (NLT)**

3. I must eliminate the \_\_\_\_\_.  
"Other seed fell in the weeds; the weeds grew with it and strangled it."

**Luke 8:7 (MSG)**

"The seed that fell among weeds stands for those who hear, but as they go on their way, they are choked by life's worries, riches, and pleasures, and they don't mature." **Luke 8:14 (NIV)**

**REMEMBER** – God already knows about all your DISTRACTIONS that cause you to believe you can't...but He knows you can or He wouldn't call you.

4. I must \_\_\_\_\_ with what God says!  
"The seeds that fell in good soil stand for those who hear the message and retain it in a good and obedient heart, and they persist until they bear fruit."  
**Luke 8:15 (GN)**

**REMEMBER** – COOPERATING with God \_\_\_\_\_ prepares us  
to hear God's voice

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"...they listen to God's words and cling to them and steadily spread them to others who also soon believe." **Luke 8:15 (LB)**