

# Seven Habits of Great Relationships

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## “Lend Them Your Ears” (The Habit of Listening)

“Understand this, my dear brothers and sisters: You must all be quick to listen, slow to speak, and slow to get angry.”  
– James 1:19 (NLT)

### What does it take to REALLY listen?

Listening takes \_\_\_\_\_.

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Listening takes suspension of \_\_\_\_\_.

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Be humble and give more honor to others than to yourselves. Do not be interested only in your own life, but be interested in the lives of others.  
– Philippians 2:3-4 (ICB)

Give listening as a \_\_\_\_\_, not an \_\_\_\_\_.

If time is the most precious commodity we have,  
then listening is the most precious gift we can give!

Seek to hear their \_\_\_\_\_, not just their \_\_\_\_\_.

A person's thoughts are like water in a deep well, but someone with insight can draw them out.

– Proverbs 20:5 (GNT)

Listening is more than letting them speak their words.  
It's making them feel HEARD!

Don't listen to \_\_\_\_\_. Listen to \_\_\_\_\_!

“Most people don't listen with the intent to understand; they listen with the intent to reply.” – Stephen Covey

When they saw Job from a distance, they scarcely recognized him. Wailing loudly, they tore their robes and threw dust into the air over their heads to show their grief. Then they sat on the ground with him for seven days and nights. No one said a word to Job, for they saw that his suffering was too great for words.

– Job 2:12-13 (NLT)

See yourself as a listening ear of \_\_\_\_\_.

God is our merciful Father and the source of all comfort. He comforts us in all our troubles so that we can comfort others. When they are troubled, we will be able to give them the same comfort God has given us.

– 2 Corinthians 1:3-4 (NLT)

Listening is more than others knowing you hear them.  
Sometimes it's letting them know God hears them.