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Introduction

1. The church - the Body of Christ - will have members of every _____, every _____, and every _____. [Rev. 5:9](#)
2. When we minister to others in the name of the Lord, it is an expression of _____ to Him! [Matt. 5:40](#); [Col 3:23-24](#); [1 Cor. 15:58](#)
3. When our lives are clean and quiet, we will _____ the Holy Spirit clearly. [John 10:27](#)
4. When ministry moments arise it is important that we _____ be _____. [1 Peter 3:15](#)
5. If you are actively sharing your faith, don't be surprised if you encounter _____. [1 Cor. 16:9](#)

What kinds of things hinder us from hearing God clearly?

1. Nothing so effectively stops up our "spiritual ears" like _____. [Prov. 15:29](#); [Isa. 59:1-2](#); [Ps. 66:18](#); [1 John 1:9](#)
2. Lack of _____ towards others makes us tone deaf to the Holy Spirit. [Matt. 6:12-15](#); [Ps. 103:2](#); [Jer. 31:34](#); [Rom. 8:15](#); [Mark 11:25](#)
3. _____ garbles, or obscures, God's voice in our ears. [Luke 6:46](#); [James 1:22](#); [1 Sam. 15:22](#)
4. _____ puts your spiritual ears on mute. [James 1:5-8](#); [Jer. 17:5](#)

5. _____ drown out God's voice in our lives. [Ps. 46:10](#); [Isa. 30:15](#)

What concrete steps can I take to increase my spiritual hearing acuity?

1. Fasting

- Fasting involves doing without something in order to better focus our hearts and our attention on _____ God's voice. [Matt. 6:16-18](#)

2. Prayer

- Earnest, persistent and passionate prayer must be a _____.
[James 5:16](#); [1 Thes. 5:17](#)

3. Daily Bible Reading

- The Bible is the only Book where every time you read it, the _____ shows up. [Ps. 119:105](#); [Jer. 15:16](#)