

A person is standing on a snowy mountain peak, looking out over a vast sea of clouds. The sky is a mix of orange and blue, suggesting a sunset or sunrise. The person is small in the distance, emphasizing the scale of the landscape. The overall mood is serene and contemplative.

HEARING GOD'S VOICE

Testing What You Hear

1 Thessalonians 5:19-22

Do not quench the Spirit; do not despise prophetic utterances. But examine everything carefully; hold fast to that which is good; abstain from every form of evil.

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Quench- stop the movement

Prophecy- hearing and speaking what God is saying

Examine- test with the intent of seeing what is
good

Evil- of no value, worthless, takes away from God

**I am still growing and
maturing and will make
mistakes.**

James 3:2

For we all stumble in many ways. If anyone does not stumble in what he says, he is a perfect man.

Be willing to step out in faith!

Reasons To Test What We Hear

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- He didn't believe God was with him and he blames God for Israel's condition.
- He doubts his own ability and thinks he can't be used by God.
- After receiving a word from God instead of trusting it he demands for more signs.

Reasons To Test What We Hear

2. Our spirits can be affected by factors other than God.

- Sorrow, offenses, doubt/discouragement, physical weakness/pain, satan.

1 Corinthians 6:17

But the one who joins himself to the Lord is one spirit with him. Our spirits are joined with the Holy Spirit.

Reasons To Test What We Hear

John 13:2

During supper, the devil having already put into the heart of Judas Iscariot, the son of Simon, to betray him.

3 Ways To Test What We Hear

1. Through the word of God.

- It is the final authority in all areas.

John 17:17

Sanctify them in the truth; your word is truth.

God sets us apart through the truth of his word.

**The Bible is our absolute
standard of truth!**

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2. God's word will be accompanied by peace.

Philippians 4:7

And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

The Peace Test

- Do I have peace?
- Can this peace stand the test of time?

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3 reasons believers do not have peace

- We live presently in the mistakes of our past that we cannot change.
- We waste copious amounts of time and energy on things that are out of our control.
- We fail to resist the pull of a world that promotes a selfishness that leads to isolation and loneliness.

3. The Body of Christ

Romans 13:4

The authorities are God's servants, sent for your good.

Proverbs 13:10

By pride comes nothing but strife. But with the well advised comes wisdom.

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Numbers 12:2

They said, “Has the Lord spoken only through Moses? Hasn’t he spoken through us, too?” But the Lord heard them.

RECAP

- Test what you hear because everything you hear is not God.
- Test what you hear with both your heart and your mind.
- Test what you hear with the word of God.
- If it is God speaking then you will have peace.
- Test what you hear with God established authority in your life.

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