



How to Get Them to Listen!

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"When wise people speak, they make knowledge attractive ..."

PROVERBS 15:2 | GN

How to Get Them to Listen to You

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Pick the right time.

"There is a right time and a right way to do everything ..."

ECCLESIASTES 8:6 | GN

"If I speak with human eloquence and angelic ecstasy but don't love, I'm nothing but the creaking of a rusty gate."

1 CORINTHIANS 13:1 | MSG

"A loud and cheerful greeting early in the morning will be taken as a curse!"

PROVERBS 27:14 | NLT

2

Take time to think.

"Intelligent people think before they speak; what they say is then more persuasive."

PROVERBS 16:23 | GN

3 Begin with **their** **needs**.

"(Speak) only what is helpful for building others up, according to their needs, that it may benefit those who listen."

EPHESIANS 4:29 | NIV

"Out of respect for Christ, be courteously reverent to one another."
EPHESIANS 5:21 | MSG

4 Listen **first**.

"Listen before you answer. If you don't, you are being stupid and insulting."

PROVERBS 18:13 | GN

"... be quick to listen and slow to speak ..."

JAMES 1:19 | NIV

5 Focus on the **positive**, work on the **negative**.

"A wise, mature person is known for his understanding. The more pleasant his words, the more persuasive he is."

PROVERBS 16:21 | GN

6 Clarify the **action** **steps**.

"... because you belong to the Lord, settle your disagreement."

PHILIPPIANS 4:2b | NLT

7 Reaffirm **three** **things**.

"Anxious hearts are very heavy, but a word of encouragement does wonders!"

PROVERBS 12:25 | LB

- Your commitment to the marriage.
- Your love for your spouse.
- Your faith in Jesus as the leader of your marriage.

"Now that you know these things, you will be blessed if you do them."

JOHN 13:17 | NIV

GN = GOOD NEWS TRANSLATION, MSG = THE MESSAGE TRANSLATION,
NLT = NEW LIVING TRANSLATION, NIV = NEW INTERNATIONAL VERSION,
LB = LIVING BIBLE.

Small Group Questions

- 1** Share one thing that stood out to you in this week's sermon and why?
- 2** Have you been told you are a good listener? Why do you think that is?
- 3** Share a story about someone you know that is a fantastic listener. **What was it about them that made them so good?**
- 4** When it comes to listening well, what do you find to be most difficult? How can you improve?
- 5** How can we be praying for you this week?