



## **Are You Listening?**

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**Proverbs 8:34** *“Blessed is the person who listens to Me.”*

**What defines a good listener?**

**A good listener is a silent learner.**

*“People are not listening to understand, they listen to reply.”*

**James 1:19** *“Everyone should be quick to listen, slow to speak and slow to become angry.”*

**A silent learner is someone who genuinely wants to learn from who is speaking or what is being said – someone who yearns for wisdom.**

**Proverbs 8:33-35** *“Now then, My children, listen to Me; blessed are those who keep My ways. Listen to My instruction and be wise; do not disregard it. Blessed are those who listen to Me, watching daily at My doors, waiting at My doorway. For those who find Me find life and receive favor from the Lord.”*

**A good listener is one who responds in action.**

**James 1:22-25** *Do not merely listen to the word, and so deceive yourselves. Do what it says. Anyone who listens to the word but does not do what it says is like someone who looks at his face in a mirror and, after looking at himself, goes away and immediately forgets what he looks like. But whoever looks intently into the perfect law that gives freedom, and continues in it—not forgetting what they have heard, but doing it—they will be blessed in what they do.*

***Blessed are those who keep My ways... who listen to My instruction – it is those who find life and receive favor.***

**A good listener of God's word and instruction is one who does what God says.**

**James 2:17&22** *... faith by itself, if it is not accompanied by action, is dead. . . . You see that Abraham's faith and his actions were working together, and his faith was made complete by what he did.*

**Become people of faith – people of action.**

**Be a good listener!!**