

INTRODUCTION:

Read: **1 Kings 19:11-13**

¹¹ The LORD said, "Go out and stand on the mountain in the presence of the LORD, for the LORD is about to pass by." Then a great and powerful wind tore the mountains apart and shattered the rocks before the LORD, but the LORD was not in the wind. After the wind there was an earthquake, but the LORD was not in the earthquake. ¹² After the earthquake came a fire, but the LORD was not in the fire. And after the fire came a gentle whisper [a still, small voice – KJV]. ¹³ When Elijah heard it, he pulled his cloak over his face and went out and stood at the mouth of the cave.

Then a voice said to him, "What are you doing here, Elijah?"

A. **Illustration.** Gary Henecke in our pre-marital counseling:

You will be so in love with each other, more than anyone else, so much that even in a crowded, noise-filled room, you can recognize the sound of your mate's voice. You are tuned in to that voice!

B. Read: **John 10:27**

My sheep listen to my voice; I know them, and they follow me.

C. How many of us today would say we _____ the Lord?
How many of us today could say we're so much "_____
_____" with the Lord that we know His voice?

I. REAL LISTENING IS MORE THAN _____!

Dr. David Gibbs, Founder of the Christian Law Association, said that the question Christians should ask is not if God will give me direction.

The question we should be asking is

"Did _____ direct my path _____? and
Am I _____ Him direct me _____?"

The **focus of the question** is not "what does God do," but rather, **what are we doing?**

God cannot direct us if we do not _____
_____ (carefully, intentionally) and obey.

A. **Proverbs 3:5-6 (NLT)**

Trust in the LORD with all your heart; do not depend on your own understanding. Seek his will in all you do, and he will show you which path to take.

Before the Lord can direct our paths, we must trust in Him.
Completely! With all our heart!

II. THE VOICE OF GOD COMES TO EACH OF US IN A WAY THAT HE INTENDS FOR US TO _____.

A. The voice may not come to you in the same way it came to _____.

Psalms 32:8 (NLT)

The LORD says, "I will guide you along the best pathway for your life. I will advise you and watch over you.

B. God does not want us to be confused or to

_____ but sometimes He speaks in a
_____! We must _____ listen.

Ps. 37:23 This is a conditional promise in God's Word!

(KJV) The steps of a good man are ordered by the Lord.

(NLT) The Lord directs the steps of the godly.

Isaiah 30:21 (NLT)

"Your own ears will hear him. Right behind you a voice will say, 'This is the way you should go,' whether to the right or to the left."

NIV & KJV indicate "walk in it"

CONCLUSION:

THE QUESTION I ASK YOU IS THIS: ARE YOU LISTENING TO _____ VOICE?

VIDEO CLIP (8 MINUTES)

Dr David Gibbs – preaching at Temple Baptist Church

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=uuTv5sK9Kjc&t=3s>