



*Are You Still
Listening?*

Ezekiel 33:30-32

Some Practice “Selective Hearing”

- Paul’s audience listened until they disagreed (Acts 22:22)
- Jeremiah’s audience stopped listening after three or four columns (Jeremiah 36:23-24)
- Stephen’s audience listened to the conclusion, but then stopped up their ears (Acts 7:57)

Some Practice “Selective Hearing”

- An unbeliever will listen until you mention “God” or the “Bible”
- A follower of a world religion will listen until you mention “Jesus”
- A devout denominationalist will listen until you mention “baptism”, or “works”, or the “one church”
- Some “churches of Christ” will listen until you mention “pattern”
- An uncommitted Christian will listen until you mention “obedience” or “self denial”

Some Causes Of “Selective Hearing”

- Traditions, customs (Matthew 15:8-9)
- False teaching, error (2 Timothy 4:3-4)
- Limited knowledge, ignorance (Ephesians 4:17-19)
- Pride, hardness of heart (1 Kings 22)
- Lack of Commitment (Luke 14:34-35)
- Ultimately it is a matter of loving darkness more than light! (John 3:19-20)

How Can I Become A Better Listener?

- Listen with all your heart (1 Peter 2:2; 2 Thessalonians 2:10-12; Proverbs 23:23)

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- Listen with all your heart
- Listen with all your mind (Acts 17:11;
2 Timothy 2:15)

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- Listen with all your heart
- Listen with all your mind
- Listen with all your soul (John 21:21-22; James 1:21; Proverbs 11:2; 12:15)

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- Listen with all your heart
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- Listen with all your soul
- Listen with all your strength (James 1:22-25; 2:20)



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