

Can You Hear HIM Now?

THE THREE VOICES OF GOD

① THE BIBLE

2 Timothy 3:16-17, Romans 12:2 & 2 Peter 1:20-21/ 2 Peter 3:15-16 & Titus 3:8-9

- It provides **God's point of view.** (*Commands, promises, principles*)
- It contains real **letters** to real **people.**
- Worry about the **clear stuff** not the **obscure stuff.**

② THE HOLY SPIRIT

John 16:6-13/ 1 Corinthians 2:10-16/ Philippians 2:13/ Romans 8:6-9

- He provides spiritual **insight** and **understanding.**
- He changes us from the **inside out.** (*With both desire & power*)
- He primarily guides us through our **thought processes.**

③ WISE COUNSEL

Proverbs 13:10/ Ephesians 4:11-15/ Hebrews 10:24-25

- Together we can **decipher** things we'd otherwise **miss.**
- Isolation is ultimately a sign of spiritual **arrogance.**

THE ONE THING MOST PEOPLE DON'T FACTOR IN

- Sometimes God sends us into a **tough battle** or through a **deep valley.**
1 Peter 1:6-9/ Matthew 4:1/ Hebrews 5:8

WHAT IF THE THREE DON'T AGREE?

- The **Bible** trumps **everything else.**
Acts 17:11/ 2 Timothy 3:15-16/ 1 Kings 13
- The **Holy Spirit** trumps **wise counsel!** – But ONLY IF you are **ABSOLUTELY CERTAIN!**
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Food for Thought

For the week of August 26, 2007
(Questions and Scriptures for further study)

1. In 1 Kings 13:1-26, we see the consequences of not listening to the clear voice of God. After reading the story, answer the questions below.

What was the clear command of God for the young prophet?

What caused him to disobey God's clear command and what were the consequences of his disobedience?

Why do you think the young prophet so readily listened to the old prophet?

How does this passage illustrate what Larry shared in his sermon about "what if the three don't agree?"

2. The Apostles were people who consistently listened to the Holy Spirit. At times they wrote about specific things God told them to do. Yet at other times, their Spirit-directed decisions were communicated without a lot of "God talk." Notice in the verses below the normal words used to explain their actions.

1 Thessalonians 3:1

Philippians 2:25

1 Corinthians 16:4

Acts 6:2

Acts 15:28

How could these examples affect the way you would talk about a decision you believe the Lord has led you to make?

3. In the two passages below, identify the wise counsel given, the response to that wise counsel, and the outcome of following or rejecting the wise counsel.

Exodus 18:17-26

2 Chronicles 10:1-17

What benefits have you received from listening to wise counsel? What consequences have you paid for not listening to it?

4. As you look back on the three voices of God, which of them do you have the easiest time hearing? Which do you have the hardest time hearing? What steps can you take to more clearly hear God speaking to you through that voice?