

February 6th, 2008 Command of Christ → Hear God's Voice
Character Quality → Attentiveness
Scripture Reference → Matthew 11:15

God's creative power is released through His voice.

- When He spoke creation happened. (Genesis account)
- We also create our world through what we say.

Doing God's will is determinate upon hearing His voice.

- Jesus only said what he heard the Father say.
- Faith comes by hearing. (Romans 10:17)
- Man shall not live by bread alone... (Deuteronomy 8:3)
- See Hebrews 1:1-3!

God's voice will locate us.

- "Adam, where are you?" (Genesis 3:9)

An "ear that hears and perceives" is actually an "open heart."

- See Matthew 13:15, 16 –
 - Compare with Matthew 15:10 → Position yourself, put away any opinions and presumptions, empathize, and receive what I am about to say...
- See Hebrews 3:7, 15 – "...*harden not your hearts...*"
- The sheep hear the voice of the shepherd (John 10:3-5, 16, 25)
- Everyone who is of the truth hears Jesus' voice. (John 18:7)

Conditions:

Dullness of hearing (Matthew 13:15; Acts 28:27; Hebrews 5:11)

- Blessed ears for they hear (v.16)

Uncircumcised heart and ear (Acts 7:51)

- Resistance to the Holy Spirit.
- See the response in Acts 7:57

Deaf ears

- Proverbs 23:9 – The ears of a fool are closed.

Itching ears (2 Timothy 4:3, 4)

- Only hear what they want to hear.