

Reflections on the Character of God

The reflection section has 5 scriptures that pertain to this week's aspect of God's character. Take one passage a day and reflect on it in the context you find. Note your insights.

The life response sections gives you 2 more verses to ponder. These passages relate to your response to the name, title or attribute of God. Write down practical responses.

God's Holiness

Reflection:

Exodus 15:11; Psalm 99:1-9; Isaiah 6:1-8; Revelation 4:8;
Revelation 15:3,4

Life Response:

Hebrews 12:14; 1 Peter 1:15



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4 Primary Ways God Speaks

- 1) His Word
- 2) Circumstances
- 3) Other Christians
- 4) The Church

My sheep listen to my voice; I know them, and they follow me.
– Jn. 10:27

There are 3 primary voices you'll hear in life: The voice of God, your own voice, and the voice of the enemy.

do not believe everyone who claims to speak by the Spirit. You must test them to see if the spirit they have comes from God. For there are many false prophets in the world. - 1 Jn. 4:1

Seven questions to ask in order to discern if an impression/idea is from God.

1. DOES IT AGREE WITH THE BIBLE?

Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away. - Lk. 21:33

2. DOES IT MAKE ME MORE LIKE CHRIST?

You must have the same attitude that Christ Jesus had.
- Phil. 2:5

3. DOES MY CHURCH FAMILY CONFIRM IT?

"Where there is no guidance, a people falls, but in an abundance of counselors there is safety." - Prov. 11:14

4. IS IT CONSISTENT WITH HOW GOD HAS SHAPED ME?

We are God's workmanship, created in Christ Jesus to do good works which God prepared in advance for us to do. - Eph. 2:10

5. DOES IT CONCERN MY RESPONSIBILITY?

Yes, each of us will give a personal account to God.
- Rom. 14:12

6. IS IT CONVICTING RATHER THAN CONDEMNING?

If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. - 1 Jn 1:9

7. DO I SENSE GOD'S PEACE ABOUT IT?

Don't worry about anything; instead, pray about everything. Tell God what you need, and thank him for all he has done. Then you will experience God's peace, which exceeds anything we can understand. His peace will guard your hearts and minds as you live in Christ Jesus. - Phil. 4:6-7

Bottom Line –

Anyone who belongs to God listens gladly to the words of God. But you don't listen because you don't belong to God. - Jn. 8:47

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Discussion Questions

- 1) Read John 10:22-30 - Focusing on hearing the voice of God; what stands out to you about this passage?
- 2) Looking at the 4 primary ways God speaks. How do you tend to hear from Him the most?
- 3) In the seasons where you feel like God is silent. What other voice rises to the surface the most?
- 4) When was the last time you sensed the Lord speaking to you? What did He say? How did you respond to what He said?
- 5) What tools have you relied on in the past to discern if a prompting or idea is from God?
- 6) What role does the church family play in your decision making? Do you have trusted mature Christians who you allow to speak into your life? If not, how can you change this?
- 7) Which of the 7 filters is something you recognize you need to incorporate in your discernment process? Practically how will you do this?

Prayer: Share a current decision that you need to hear from God on. Pray for one another that we would hear from the Lord and respond in obedience to His leading.

Homework: Carve out a 1/2 hour this week just to allow the Lord to speak to you. It may help to find a quiet spot or to go on a walk alone. If it has been a while since you have taken the time to listen to His voice, ask Him to forgive you, receive His love for you, and invite Him to share His heart with you. Record what he says to you.