

## Checklist of “How to hear from God”

### How God speaks to us

The introduction of the book mentions many ways in which God speaks to us. The following ways are discussed in this book. Probably there are more, because God speaks to us personally. Here you can tick the ways in which God already speaks to you.

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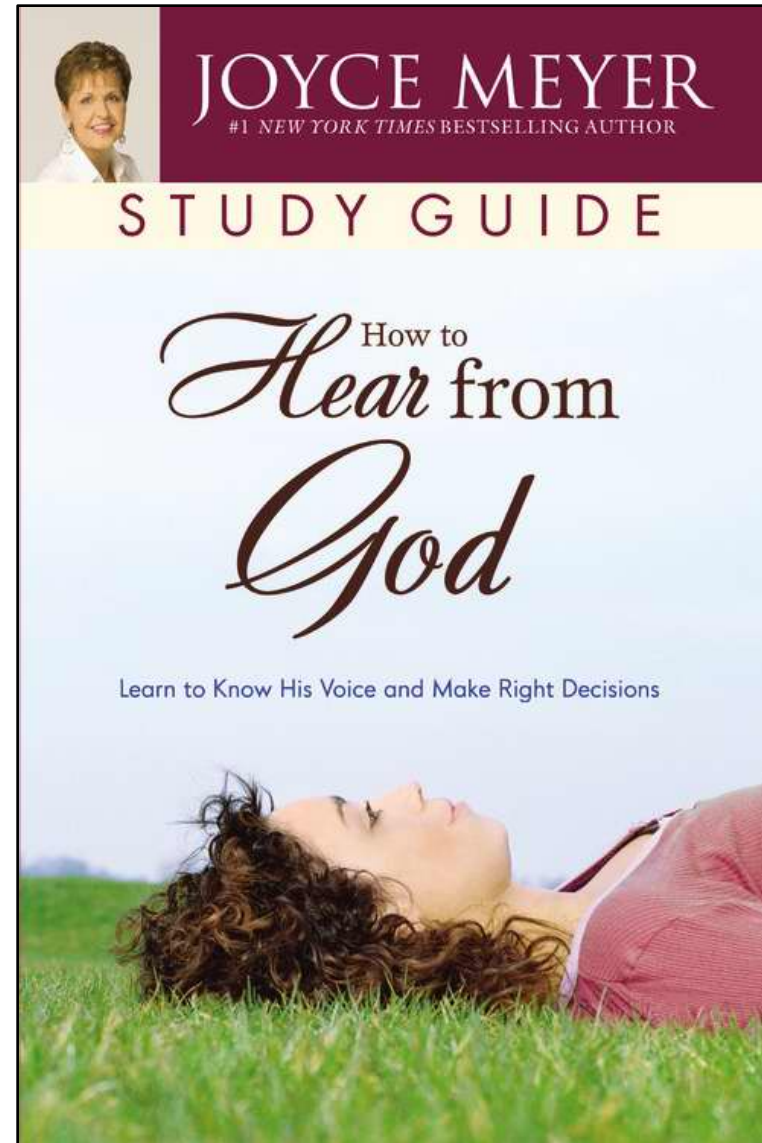
This checklist is about learning to listen in general. And what is involved in that. Listening is the basis for getting a good relationship with God.

Speaking with God is not just waiting for him to say something. It is important to create the right conditions for the conversation with him. While reading the following list, you can tick what you already do or have done. From what you have left, you can choose step by step, what you want to do. God often quickly rewards someone when a new step is taken.

God would also like to talk to us about his plan for us. We miss that, if we don't listen or disobey. The Holy Spirit is our counselor and helper. He always leads us into the truth. This book teaches you to enjoy a life, led by the Holy Spirit. This list is a good start for that.

### First thing you can ask:

God will you tune my hearing to you, so that I am not distracted by other things?



## Part 1 LEARNING TO LISTEN

### Chapter 1

Every day God speaks to his children. Every person can know who God is, because he has made himself known through the inner awareness of man, the conscience.

#### A Take the initiative yourself

- We must decide ourselves to listen to God and tell him that. He does not impose himself, but likes to encourage us. Involve him in everything what you do. Then he will pave the way for you to the goal. A place of peace and satisfaction.
- You can ask anything!
- Jeremiah 29: 13*  
*You will seek and find me when you seek me with all your heart.*

#### B The Holy Spirit speaks on behalf of the Father and Jesus

- Expect him to speak!  
How he speaks?  
The Holy Spirit teaches us everything God has said and will help us to remember. He always has something to say about new situations we find ourselves in. And he will announce us what is to come.

#### C Did you really try to find him?

- When we hear God's voice, we will know when we are off course.  
The Father gives the Holy Spirit to all who ask him!  
*Luke 11: 9. "So I say to you: Ask and it will be given to you; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you."*
- Did you really ask, search and knock? We can all hear from God and be guided by him every day.

#### D God presents himself as a partner for life

- God presents himself as a guide in our lives, leading us forever. He has a personal plan for everyone. So there is no point in imitating what someone else does, how he lives. Therefore, it is not necessary to constantly ask others for guidance. Find out what he tells you personally.
- You walk with God by always taking a step in obedience!

#### E Do not miss it!

- If you don't want to hear it at some point, you might not be able to hear from God afterwards. But if you do which God asked from you later, you will be fine after that. Don't just go to God to talk to him if you want or need something.
- Just spend time with him, in which you only listen during your quiet time. The Bible is God's Word. All the ways he speaks will agree with this.
  - That's how you can test, whether what you see or hear is correct.
  - It is important to do what God says. From obedience comes trust.
  - It takes practice to fully surrender to God's guidance. It is never too late to take a new direction.

#### Exercise in listening:

- God is there someone I can encourage or bless?

## Part 1 LEARNING TO LISTEN

### Chapter 2

Create an atmosphere in which you can hear God. Be prepared to change and create a good atmosphere, mood around you. It is determined by your attitude. Therefore: live in peace with everyone.

We must bring our attitude under the rule of Jesus and learn to be led by His Spirit in all our ways.

#### A A listening attitude

- Be always open for him.
- Learn also to be really quiet.
- Revelation comes from the Holy Spirit through our spirit. Not by our minds. When we know God's character, we know what is and what is not of God. He is gentle and not sharp, strict or hard. He's not putting pressure on us.
- When we are quiet and expectant we will hear him.  
"I listen to you God, if I do something you don't want me to do, let me know."  
When God confirms his message to more people, it builds our faith.

#### B Develop an attitude that honors God

- "God when I hear you say something clearly and I'm sure it comes from you, I will honor you and do what you say." God teaches us personally. We don't need other people to make decisions.

#### C An attitude of faith

- Believe what God says even if you are alone in it.
- When God gives you a calling, don't talk to others about it yet. Wait until God shows you the next step.

#### D Develop an attitude of patience

- We hear God much more clearly, when we are determined not to act based on our natural desires or emotions. We are blessed when we wait to hear from God. Do not act impulsively, but sensibly and with the awareness that God leads us. Follow God's wisdom.

*Proverbs 8: 34-36 Blessed are those who listen to me, watching daily at my doors, waiting at my doorway. For those who find me, find life and receive favor from the Lord. But those who fail to find me harm themselves; all who hate me love death.*

- If you tend to tackle something right away, wait a day, then you see it differently.

#### E Develop an attitude of obedience

- Pray and listen to God and do what he said.

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