

Twenty-One Day Fast: Day Fifteen – August 22

Consider Well How You Listen

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For several weeks I've been meditating on Luke 8:18 "*Consider well how you listen.*" NIV

During my time of *considering well how I listen*, Gerry Edwards shared four keys that would improve hearing God:

1. Learn what His voice sounds like.
2. Learn to take the time to quiet your emotions and mind from inner distractions.
3. Learn to fix your eyes on Jesus.
4. Learn to journal, writing down the revelations God imparts.

As you ponder these points, do you sense any stirring? Are there any of the four keys that you find challenging? Personally, I realize that I discern His voice in limited ways. What if God wants to speak to me in ways I can't imagine? What if He wanted me to ask Him friendship questions? What if my present questions to Him aren't the questions on His heart?

John 15:15 says, "*I no longer call you servants, because a servant does not know his master's business. Instead, I have called you friends, for everything that I learned from my Father I have made known to you.*"

In Can You Hear Me? the author, Brad Jersak asks, "*What if God wanted me to ask Him some friendship questions like, 'What's grieving You these days, Lord? Why? What's exciting You these days, Lord? Why? If my heart is Your home, what does that home look like?'*"

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PRAYER POINT: Pray that we all will develop a driving curiosity about what His voice sounds like.