

HOW TO RECOGNIZE GOD'S VOICE

You Asked for It – Part 4

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*“What you think is the right road may lead to death.”
Proverbs 14:12 (TEV)*

“Beloved, do not believe every spirit, but test the spirits to see whether they are from God; because many false prophets have gone out into the world.” 1 John 4:1 (NASV)

Jesus: “Anyone who wants to do God’s will CAN TEST this teaching and know whether it’s from God or whether I’m making it up.” John 7:17 (MSG)

7 WAYS TO TEST AN IMPRESSION

1. DOES IT AGREE WITH THE BIBLE?

“Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will never pass away.” Luke 21:33 (NIV)

“Truth stands the test of time...” Proverbs 12:19a (NLT)

“Let God’s curse fall on anyone, including myself, who preaches any other message. Even if an angel comes from heaven and preaches any other message, let him be forever cursed.” Galatians 1:8 (NLT)

2. DOES IT MAKE ME MORE LIKE JESUS?

*“In your lives you must think and act like Christ Jesus.”
Philippians 2:5 (NCV)*

*“We demolish arguments and every pretension that sets itself up against the knowledge of God, and we take captive every thought to make it obedient to Christ.”
2 Corinthians 10:5 (NIV)*

“If you harbor bitter envy and selfish ambition...such ‘wisdom’ is of the devil... The wisdom that comes from God is pure, peace loving, considerate, submissive, full of mercy, impartial and sincere.” James 3:14-17

3. DOES MY CHURCH FAMILY CONFIRM IT?

“God’s intent is that through the church, the manifold wisdom of God should be made known.” Eph. 3:10 (NIV)

*“The wisdom of the righteous can save you.”
Proverbs 11:9b (TEV)*

*“In the multitude of counselors there is safety.”
Proverbs 11:14b (KJV)*

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.”
Ephesians 2:10 (NIV)*

*“God has given each of us the ability to do certain things well...”
Romans 12:6a (NLT)*

5. DOES IT CONCERN MY RESPONSIBILITY?

Jesus: “If I want him to remain alive until I return, what is that to you? You must follow me.” John 21:22 (NIV)

“Who are you to judge someone else’s servant? To his own master he stands or falls. And he will stand, for the Lord is able to make him stand.” Romans 14:4 (NIV)

“We will all be judged one day, not by each other’s standards, or even our own, but by the judgment of God... It is to God alone that we shall have to answer for our actions.” Romans 14:10, 12 (Ph)

6. IS IT CONVICTING RATHER THAN CONDEMNING?

CONVICTION (from God) VS. CONDEMNATION (from Satan)
Exposes what’s wrong Attacks your value
“This needs to change” “You’re worthless”

“There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus.” Romans 8:1 (NASV)

6 Cont. **IS IT CONVICTING RATHER THAN CONDEMNING?**

“Those whom I dearly and tenderly love, I tell their faults and convict and discipline. So be earnest and repent (changing your mind and attitude).” Revelation 3:19 (Amp)

“Satan is the accuser of believers...” Revelation 12:10

7. **DO I SENSE GOD’S PEACE ABOUT IT?**

“God is not the author of confusion.” 1 Corinthians 14:33

“Don’t worry about anything; instead, pray about everything. Tell God what you need, and thank him for all he has done. If you do this, you will experience God’s peace, which is far more wonderful than the human mind can understand. His peace will guard your hearts and minds as you live in Christ Jesus.” Philippians 4:6-7 (NLT)

*“Listen to this wise advice; follow it closely, for it will do you good, and you can pass it on to others...”
Proverbs 22:17a (LB)*

“He who belongs to God hears what God says. The reason you don’t hear is that you do not belong to God.” Jn 8:47

MEMORY VERSE:

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