

Listening

I. Prayer Is A Two-Way Conversation

- a. God didn't create you just to listen to your requests, He has things He wants to share with you. He speaks, reveals, guides.

(Psalm 25:4-5 NASB) "Show me your ways, Lord, teach me your paths. Guide me in your truth and teach me, for you are God my Savior, and my hope is in you all day long."

- b. But you can't hear if you're always talking. Most of us treat prayer like a monologue when God designed it as dialogue.

(Revelation 3:20 NASB) "Behold, I stand at the door and knock; if anyone hears My voice and opens the door, I will come in to him and will dine with him, and he with Me."

II. The Holy Spirit Speaks – Personally and Specifically

- a. The Spirit doesn't just unveil Jesus, He speaks to you. He whispers direction, conviction, comfort, truth.

(John 16:13 NASB) "But when He, the Spirit of truth, comes, He will guide you into all the truth; for He will not speak on His own initiative, but whatever He hears, He will speak; and He will disclose to you what is to come."

- b. Listening is how intimacy deepens. You learn His voice. You recognize His movements. You discover what's on His heart

(John 10:27 NASB) "My sheep hear My voice, and I know them, and they follow Me."

(Jeremiah 33:3 NASB) "Call to Me and I will answer you, and I will tell you great and mighty things, which you do not know."

III. A Practice That Transforms Prayer

- a. Want to enjoy prayer more? Stop doing all the talking. Spend more time listening than speaking, ask God a question, then wait. Sit in silence. Pay attention.

(Psalm 37:7 NASB) "Rest in the Lord and wait patiently for Him."

- b. Here's your challenge: In every prayer time this week, spend more time listening than talking, write down every word, or phrase you feel like even "might" be God. You'll be shocked by what He wants to say to you.

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