

Hear the Word of God

Matthew 13:23-But he that received seed into the good ground is he that heareth the word, and understandeth it; which also beareth fruit, and bringeth forth, some an hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty. (KJV)

The word of God merits a primary place in the believer's heart, mind and soul. The serious believer treasures God's word and carefully considers the message. The attentive believer acts in deliberate concert with the content of God's word. The serious believer's patient and deliberate action bears an abundance of fruit. Believers welcoming and understanding the word of God remain firmly resolute. The believers treasuring the word of God are protective of the actions taken. Initiative and attentiveness are necessary for believers to seek the word of God.

Mark 4:33-And with many such parables spake he the word unto them, as they were able to hear it. (KJV)

Listening to God's word requires the believer's intense and complete attention. The world is filled with noises and distractions seeking the believer's attention. A focused heart, mind and soul are required to be completely attentive to the Lord. Love for the Lord is manifested when the believer hears the word and keeps it. Believers experience blessings when hearing the word of God and keeping it. The Holy Scriptures effectively preserve, proclaim and communicate God's word. Coming to God's Holy Church is the positive step to take to hear the word of God.

Luke 11:28-But he said, Yea rather, blessed are they that hear the word of God, and keep it. (KJV)

God's Church provides the environment and teachings for valuing God's word. The Church preserves, proclaims and protects God's word through the centuries. God's word can be heard effectively in different languages throughout the world. The Church provides the consistent and safe environment for hearing God's word. The hunger in the soul is nourished when the believer welcomes the word of God. The heart, mind and soul seek and desire the authenticity provided by God's word. Believers have opportunities throughout life to hear, study and act on God's word.

John 8:47-He that is of God heareth God's words: ye therefore hear them not, because ye are not of God. (KJV)

The home is a proper environment to study and put into action the word of God. The Lord knows whether a person welcomes the word of God and adheres to it. Bodily action and relationships reveal if the person embraces the word of God. Daily personal relationships over a period of time exhibit God's word in action. Relationships that are frayed and full of turmoil reflect an absence of God's word. God's word in action leads to an element of peace, love and joy in relationships. Honest personal self-examination will reveal the extent God's word is valued.

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