

HOW TO RECOGNIZE GOD'S VOICE

INTRODUCTION: Confusing _____ desires with _____ desires.

I John 4:1 (LB) "Don't always believe everything you hear just because someone says it is a message from God; test it first to see if it really is!"

FIVE WAYS TO TEST IF AN IMPRESSION IS FROM GOD

1. DOES IT AGREE WITH _____?

Luke 21:33 (TEV) "Heaven and earth will pass away but My words will never pass away."

- God is _____.

Galatians 1:8 (TEV) "But even if we or an angel from heaven should preach to you a gospel that is different from the one we preached to you, may he be condemned to hell."

2. DOES IT MAKE ME MORE _____?

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

- Not to be a god, but rather to be _____.

James 3:14-17 (NIV) "If you harbor bitter envy and selfish ambition ... such 'wisdom' does not come from heaven... but is of the devil. The wisdom that comes from God is... pure, peace loving, considerate, submissive and full of mercy..."

- If it is from God it is
 - pure
 - peace loving
 - considerate
 - submissive
 - full of mercy

3. DOES MY _____ CONFIRM IT?

Ephesians 3:10 (NIV) "God's intent is that through the church, the manifold wisdom of God should be made known."

- A believer has a relationship, not only to God, but to the _____.
- There are no _____ Christians.

Proverbs 11:9 (TEV) "The wisdom of the righteous can save you."

4. IS IT CONSISTENT WITH HOW GOD _____?

Ephesians 2:10 (NIV) "We are God's workmanship, created in Christ Jesus to do good works which God prepared in advance for us to do."

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S _____ Gifts

H _____

A _____

P _____

E _____

Romans 12:6 (LB) "God has given each of us the ability to do certain things well."

5. DO I SENSE _____ ABOUT IT?

I Corinthians 14:33 (NIV) "God is not the author of confusion."

- God is _____
- Worry and anxiety are not from _____
- God wants you to know His will.
 1. Does it agree with _____?
 2. Does it make me more _____?
 3. Does my _____ confirm it?
 4. Is it consistent with how God _____?
 5. Do I sense _____ about it?