

## How To Listen To God

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If we're going to reach our God-given potential in this life, we have to learn "Practice" the Presence of God.

*I am the true vine and my Father is the gardener. He cuts off every branch in me that bears no fruit, while every branch that does bear fruit he prunes so that it will be even more fruitful. You are already clean because of the word I have spoken to you. Remain in me and I will remain in you. No branch can bear fruit by itself; it must remain in the vine.*

*Neither can you bear fruit unless you remain in me. "I am the vine; you are the branches. If a person remains in me and I in him, he will bear much fruit; apart from me you can do nothing. If anyone does not remain in me, he is like a branch that is thrown away and withers; such branches are picked up, thrown into the fire and burned.*

*If you remain in me and my words remain in you, ask whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. This is to my Father's glory, that you bear much fruit, showing yourselves to be my disciples. "As the Father has loved me, so have I loved you. Now remain in my love ... I have told you this so that my joy may be in you and that your joy may be complete. **John 15:1-17***

## How To Practice the Presence of God

### Pay Attention

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*May the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be pleasing in your sight, O LORD, my Rock and my Redeemer. **Psalm 19:14***

Whatever is planted in my heart is what will grow in my future

*Finally, brothers and sisters, whatever is true, whatever is noble, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is admirable -- if anything is excellent or praiseworthy -- think about such things. **Philippians 4:8***

True  
Noble  
Right  
Pure  
Lovely  
Admirable  
Excellent

## Praiseworthy

### True

*I was born and came into the world to testify to the truth. All who love the truth recognize that what I say is true. **John 18:37***

Every scheme of the devil to trip you up,  
steal your joy and destroy your future begins with a lie.

### Nobel

### Right Wise

*Solomon said, "You were extravagantly generous in love with David my father, and he lived faithfully in your presence, his relationships were just and his heart right. And you have persisted in this great and generous love by giving him—and this very day!—a son to sit on his throne.*

*"And now here I am: God, my God, you have made me, your servant, ruler of the kingdom in place of David my father. I'm too young for this, a mere child! I don't know the ropes, hardly know the 'ins' and 'outs' of this job. And here I am, set down in the middle of the people you've chosen, a great people—far too many to ever count.*

*"Here's what I want: Give me a God-listening heart so I can lead your people well, discerning the difference between good and evil. For who on their own is capable of leading your glorious people?" **1 Kings 3:6-9***

*If anyone lacks wisdom, ask God. He will give it generously. **James 1:5***

### Pure

If your thoughts are pure - if you focus on that which  
is clean and undefiled your actions will be pure.

### Lovely

Things that promote peace instead of conflict.

### Admirable

## Communicate With God

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Intimately - as a close friend  
Consistently - on a regular basis  
Frequently - as part of our daily experience

*Pray in the Spirit on all occasions with all kinds of prayers and requests.* **Ephesians 6:18**

## Align Your Life

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*God's word is a lamp to my feet and a light for my path.* **Psalms 119:105**

*He saved us not because of righteous things we had done but because of his mercy.* **Titus 3:5**

We're not saved by good works. We're saved by God's mercy  
and God's mercy alone!

*Do not fear, for I am with you.* You see, God doesn't just say, "Do not fear." He says, "Here's the reason you don't have to fear -- because I Am with you. *Do not be dismayed, for I am your God. I will strengthen you. I will help you. I will uphold you with my mighty victorious right hand.*" **Isaiah 41:10**

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He is with us  
He will strengthen us  
He will help us  
He will uphold us with His mighty, victorious, right hand

Align your thoughts, communicate throughout your day and begin ingesting the Scriptures because that's just like God whispering in your heart.