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Reasons Why You Don't Hear From God & How To Change It



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1

You think God is a Telemarketer!

I called you so often, but you wouldn't come. I reached out to you but you paid not attention.

Proverbs 1:24

Telemarketers & bill collectors are among the top reasons people look at caller ID before answering. If we don't recognize that number, then we don't answer. That's cool, until someone we want to talk to calls from a number we don't know or maybe their name was mistakenly deleted from our contacts. Therefore, when they called we failed to answer.

If you're not hearing from God it may be because His number is not in your contacts, either He never was or you deleted Him. So you have put Him in the same category as all the other things trying to get your attention. God is no telemarketer, although to you all the numbers are looking the same. Many people and things are attempting to reach you with a message, but don't throw Jesus in the category with the others. The reason why He is holy is because He is set apart from everyone and everything else. He is in a class by Himself! So not only should you add Him to your contacts, you should also make Him #1 in your favs! It's time to put church, prayer, Bible reading, etc. back into the rotation of your day.

2

Holding a conversation in Da Club is difficult!

The seed that fell among the thorns represents others who hear God's word, but all too quickly the message is crowded out by the worries of life, the lure of wealth, and the desire for things, so not fruit is produced.

Mark 4:18-19

"It is way too loud in here for me to hear what you're saying!" Many of us have said those words before when somebody wants to talk when the party is lit. Well, the person in the club probably doesn't really have much to say but God has a lot to say. However, His challenge with reaching you is your life is too lit. External commotion, busyness, and drama affects our ability to pick up on God's leading.

Many of us need to quiet our lives by making time for reflection, mental recovery, and prayer. Turn off the iTunes for a moment. Silence the notifications on IG. And if you really want to get crazy, put your phone on "Do not Disturb." Do this a few times and you'll begin to feel your heart drawn to different ideas beyond your regular train of thought. God will begin to help you see things and people in your life that are not healthy for your spiritual and emotional progress. He'll also help you see that without Him, even your best efforts will always fall short.

3

You need to switch from T-mobile to Verizon

There is so much more we would like to say about this, but it is hard to explain, especially since you are spiritually dull and don't seem to listen.

Hebrews 5:11

You get what you pay for. Sure, salvation is free, but developing in the benefits of your salvation will require commitment and sacrifice; you must make an investment. If you have never surrendered your life to Jesus, then you don't even have a "cellphone," at best you have a beeper. In other words, He has to page you so you'll know where He can be reached (Acts 16:31). Until you respond by giving Him your life, there is not a whole lot more to talk about.

Too many people fall into the trap of thinking their connection with God requires no effort on their behalf, simply because they know salvation is free. In some ways salvation is like receiving a free house; you have security, provision, and freedom from debt, but if you live there long enough you're likely to make a mess. Keeping things orderly takes time and effort, so will keeping your spiritual life that way. It takes an effort to accept what God has given you and to care for it the way He desires (Matthew 25:14-21, Philippians 2:12).

Keeping a strong connection to God takes a good plan, you can even say "data plan." If you're a cheapskate go ahead and keep your Sprint service, but don't be surprised if you find yourself in a tight spot with weak reception.

4

You are thinking He sounds like Morgan Freeman

Above all, you must realize that no prophecy in Scripture ever came from the prophet's own understanding, or from human initiative. No, those prophets were moved by the Holy Spirit, and they spoke from God.

2 Peter 1:20-21

Morgan Freeman played the role of God or some spiritual guru in an about 50 movies...this year. Sadly, we have watched so many movies, Youtube, and streamed so much Netflix that our idea of God has been molded more by media and things like History Channel specials than the actual Bible. I have news for you, God does not sound like James Earl Jones. He sounds like Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John. Without assuming that you know who they are, please note they are the writers of the four accounts we have of Jesus' words and life. God sounds like the Bible! Don't look for a tone of voice, accent, or pitch when seeking to hear from God. Listen to what resembles His character and holy nature as seen in His Word.



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