

## Heart Listener

This teaching is all about the many benefits of becoming a good heart listener, and I have chosen, with the Spirit, a few pertinent ones to edify our precious Body of Christ here.

- until a person is ok with all Truth, then the skill of heart listening will not be fully realized.

Benefits:

- Greater discernment
- Closer relationships
- Effective witnessing
- Become more like Jesus
- Move to another level of communication

Let's first remove the main blockers.

1. Self deception

John 14:16-17

"I will ask the Father, and He will give you another Helper, that He may be with you forever; 17 that is the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it does not see Him or know Him, but you know Him because He abides with you and will be in you.

"Nothing but the Truth" was a teaching the Lord put on my heart a few months ago and that would be a great preparation into this one. This is for every one of us. Touching on it briefly here; when we of the faith become unapproachable or simply won't listen to another person trying to point out some things we said that offended, don't line up with scripture or of any oppressive behavior that is causing **on-going** strife, we are picking and choosing what truth is convenient for us. My brethren, let this not be.

The truth of our actions matters so much.

Peace in the Body of Christ is a growth factor and sets the tone for vibrant Body.

I heard the Spirit speak to me on both ends of this riff in relationships of all kinds, but this behavior is, in Truth, keeping us from going deeper with sanctification in the Secret Place; this behavior rejects the TRUTH of its actions.

The truth of our actions matter. As for why we want the Truth:

John 8:31-32

So Jesus said to the Jews who had believed him, "If you abide in my word, you are truly my disciples, and you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free."

The flesh is tricky. I call it the pride of self. I taught on it in earlier sessions and it is a good thing to understand better as to know how to out maneuver and cut it off before it wrecks testimonies.

Told live on zoom:

*Brief example of my encounter with a brother where I initially failed this test.*

John 13:34

A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another: just as I have loved you, you also are to love one another.

How do we stop walking in the flesh so we can Love one another like Jesus loved us? It's all about carving off all that keeps us from Glory and obtaining all that moves us into Glory-the Glory to be like Him!

Col 3, Rev 3. These great chapters are like a one two punch for growth. Take these to the secret place and talk to the Lord about them. Zeal for sanctification time.

*Story of a heart talk with God about being worn out from instructing stubborn disciples about learning new skills so they can get to the next level.*

The next step is to be like a vigilant defense system catching any fleshly thought that comes to mind and throwing it out in Jesus Name giving thanks.

Also, asking the Father to point out things in our characters that we can't see but others do, so we might begin cleaning our tents (our holy tabernacle we share with The Holy Spirit) and keep it cleaned. Like a physical home can't be ignored, so is our tents.

Although it is paramount that our hearts be on a clean and pure trajectory before the Lord as we build a relationship with him in the secret place; it is almost equally paramount to draw from the overflow and pour it into the body and outreach with the goal being daily outreach.

Be zealous! Pray for one another. Reach out. Lean more about one another as long as it is received well on both ends. Loosen the wallets and plants some seeds.

Be humble. Serve one another.

Zeph 2:3

Seek the LORD, all you humble of the land, who do his just commands; seek righteousness; seek humility; perhaps you may be hidden on the day of the anger of the LORD.

A rule: when we become skilled at recognizing when someone is speaking from their heart...take careful note. First, do not respond quickly. Second, remind yourself of the

attributes of Love. Third, When they are finished saying what was on their heart, thank them for saying what they did.

If it is something that you could acknowledge about the truth of your actions right then and there, go for it, heaven is watching. Just speak from your heart; if that is not possible, and you need time to process what you heard, let them know that you will give it much thought and respond soon.

Be sure to thank them for coming to you.

*I used general wording above.*

In close, Jesus spoke about the heart many times, because our faith and heart are linked. He wants our hearts clean, Holy clean. It's beautiful really, to be zealous for a clean heart to honor Him, bless His Body; and walk out a life of being a **great heart listener**.