

An aerial photograph of a vast agricultural field, likely a seedling nursery, showing rows of small plants in various colors including green, red, and purple. A small tractor is visible in the upper right quadrant of the field. A large, white, rounded rectangular text box is overlaid on the center of the image.

How Well Do You Listen?

Isaiah 55:3

Incline your ear and come unto me: hear and your soul shall live; and I will make an everlasting covenant with you, even the sure mercies of David.

(KJV)

Outline

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- **What are the Different Kinds of Hearers?**
- **Why Hearing is Important?**
- **How to be a Righteous Hearer?**
- **Conclusion/Invitation**

What are the Different Kinds of Hearers?



Hard of Hearing

***Matthew 13:13-35**

**-It is not that they cannot hear,
but they chose (willfully) NOT
to hear.**

- “heart waxed gross” which led to “dull hearing”
- True hearing requires **understanding.**



Dull of Hearing

***Hebrews 5:11**

**-They know how to proceed
with what they have heard but
exercise little effort.**

- Dull hearing makes it difficult to understand scripture.
- We gain understanding through scripture (2 Timothy 2:7).



Wishful Hearing

*2 Timothy 4:3-4

-They hear only what they want to hear.

- “after **their own lusts** shall they **heap to themselves...**”
- Isaiah 30:10 “Prophecy not unto us right things, speak unto us “smooth things.””



Righteous Hearing

***Luke 8:15**

**-They have good hearts and
honestly want to hear.**

- Righteous hearing requires action. (Hear, Keep, Do)
- Acts 17:11 "...they **received the word** with **all** **readiness of mind**, and **searched the scriptures daily...**"



Why is hearing important?



Righteous Hearing is a gift from God

***Matthew 13:16**

“But blessed are your eyes, for they see and your ears, for they hear.”

- Righteous hearing comes from God. Proverbs 20:12; 18:15
- Righteous hearing helps us overcome Satan and his devices.



Righteous Hearing produces FRUIT

***Mark 4:8**

“And other fell on good ground, and did yield fruit that sprang up and increased, and brought forth, some thirty, and some sixty, and some a hundred.”

- Righteous hearing produces result; we have no control over the “yield.” (v.9; 1 Corinthians 3:6)
- Righteous hearing wins souls to Christ. Matthew 10:14-15



How can we be a Righteous Hearer?



Righteous Hearing must be Serious

***Romans 10:17**

“So then faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the word of God.”

- Righteous hearing should be serious, contemplative, and God-focused/Christ-centered. 1 Corinthians 14:15



Righteous Hearing must be Disciplined



***James 1:19**

**“...let every man be swift to
hear.”**

- Righteous hearers should be willing to hear. Romans 1:16
- We should take every opportunity to listen, first word to last.

Righteous Hearing must be Intentional



***John 10:27**

“My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow me.”

- We must have intent to renew our minds. Romans 12:2
- We must have intent to remain faithful. Romans 6:12-13

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How Well Do You Listen?

Have you held to that which is good?

Have you obeyed the gospel?

Hear

Believe

Repent

Confess Christ

Baptized