



## LESSON #2: *5 Reasons for Listening*

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**INTRODUCTION:** The Bible has much to say about listening. Jesus says, “*He who has ears to hear*” over a dozen times! This is said in the Gospels and in the Revelation of John. I am convinced that many today do not appreciate the importance of listening. We know that hearing someone is important, and essential for good communication, but we often fail to listen up! In this series I want us to consider some things to help us become better listeners. In this lesson we will discuss 5 reasons for listening. Let’s study together....

### DISCUSSION:

#### ***I. Listening Prevents Judgment***

Matthew 10:14-15, 12:41-42,  
Acts 13:44-49, Jonah 3:6-10,  
I Kings 10:1-3

#### ***II. Listening Increases Faith***

Matthew 11:15, Romans 1:16-17, 10:14,17  
John 20:30-31, James 1:19

#### ***III. Listening Provides Fruit***

Matthew 13:3-9, 18-23, Luke 8:15,  
John 15:1-8, Galatians 5:22-23,  
Colossians 1:6

#### ***IV. Listening Brings Blessings***

Matthew 13:10-17, Ephesians 1:3,  
Proverbs 3:13, I Corinthians 1:5,  
Luke 11:28

#### ***V. Listening Thwarts Ignorance***

Proverbs 1:5-9, 19:20, 25:12,  
Hebrews 2:1-3, James 1:22



**CONCLUSION:** Listening to God is very important (**Isaiah 35:5, 55:2-3, Romans 10:17**), but it is also very important to listen to others (**Romans 10:14, James 1:19**). Jesus emphasized the need to listen throughout His ministry. Listening is good for the soul. Do you have an attentive ear to those around you (**Acts 15:12**)? Are you listening to the Lord (**Luke 9:35**)? Are you obeying His Word (**Luke 6:46**)? It is time to listen up!