

Knowing How To Hear God Speak

John 10:1-6

I. In my Christian walk I have encountered Five Different Types of Christians

1. Those who claim that God no longer speaks today personally to each of us. They say that all that we need is in the Bible. These people are usually referred to as cessationists.

2. Those who claim to hear from God all of the time (except when they REALLY need to hear from Him)

3. Those who genuinely know what it takes to hear from God and actually do on many occasions (though like anyone else, they sometimes miss Him).

4. Those who want to hear from God but do not know how to go about it.

5. Those who hear more from the devil than they do from God.

II. God has **promised** to Guide us continually

1. These promises for Guidance are clearly set in His Word - Prov. 3:5-8

2. When we ask God to guide us we should expect Him to answer - James 1:5-8; Matt. 7:7-11

3. The Holy Spirit has come to lead us and guide us. He will guide us in to all TRUTH - John 16:13

4. All of God's leading and guidance will be in line with His Word - John 14:26. Here is an easy test to determine if the guidance you received is from God. Find out if it lines up with His Word.

III. How God leads and guides us

1. God leads us by the Holy Spirit speaking in our spirit - Rom. 8:16

2. Man is spirit, soul, and body - 1 Thess. 5:23

A) God usually speaks into the spirit of man (see Rom. 8:16). This is why we are not to lean to our own understanding (the soulish realm - mind).

3. We often perceive things in our spirit - Mark 2:8; Acts 27:9-24