



# Weekly Devotion

## “Hearing vs. Listening”

There’s a big difference between hearing and listening.

Hearing is a passive activity. An instinctive bodily function that requires no real energy at all. A noise sounds. Your ears hear it. Your brain registers it as a noise. And that’s it. There is no conscious effort involved in the mere act of hearing.

Listening, however, is an active exercise that extends beyond the ears and into the mind. Listening takes conscious effort because it’s a two-step analytical process that looks something like this: (1.) You receive some sort of intellectual input—spoken words, musical lyrics, written text, etc. (2.) Then you analyze that message and measure it against the objective truth of reality. If what you’ve heard or read stands opposed to the truth, it’s at best erroneous and at worst a lie. Either way, disregard it. However, if what you’ve heard or read rings true, then make your ear attentive to that truth and incline your heart to understanding it because there is great reward in applying it to your life.

As this process makes apparent, an open ear and an active mind are the keys to being a good listener.

But being a good listener also means listening to the right people. Solomon knew this to be true. So he began Proverbs 2 by encouraging his son to listen to the one man he could trust above all others: him, the young man’s father.

“My son, if you will receive my words and treasure my commandments within you, make

your ear attentive to wisdom, incline your heart to understanding...then you will discern the fear of the LORD and discover the knowledge of God” (Proverbs 2:1-5).

Notice that in verse 1, Solomon commanded his son to receive and treasure up “his” commandments, to make his ear attentive to “his” words of wisdom. What he’s saying is this: “Son, don’t just listen to anybody. Incline your ear only to the people who are worth listening to. But above them all, listen to my words. Pay attention to me, your father, the one man you can trust more than any other. I want the best for you. I will always have your back. So make your ear attentive to my instruction as I train you in the truth—in the way of wisdom.”

I know this may sound crazy to young ears. But if young people are sincere about learning how the world really works, they will stop merely hearing their parents’ voices and start really listening to their heartfelt words of parental wisdom.

Parents, like Solomon, we should command our children to receive our words and treasure our commandments within them. But that means we must give them something worthwhile to listen to.

Just to be clear: We as parents shouldn’t expect our children to listen to us because we are cool or because we’ve mastered the art of living well. They should listen to us because we are their parents. Because we love them more than anyone else on this earth and because we want

the best for them. Because we can help them reach their potential by speaking to them with the wisdom of something they don’t yet possess: The wisdom of life experience.

One of our main jobs as parents is to teach our children how not to make the same dumb mistakes we made when we were their age. We can do this by giving our children the wisdom they need to avoid many of the foolish blunders that tend to plague young people. If we want our children to learn those valuable lessons the smart way and not the hard way, then we need to teach them to really listen.

But on the flipside of that, we need to make sure we speak to them with words that are worth listening to. With words and lessons that will help them transform their youthful inexperience into mature, real-world wisdom.

**Bro. Colin Trisler**  
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### Memorial Service

Old Catahoula Church/Cemetery  
Memorial Services  
Will be held on April 24, 2022  
beginning at 10:30 a.m.  
Bro. Kent Nugent  
will be preaching the message.  
"Dinner on the ground"  
to follow. Please bring your favorite dish!

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