

EXERCISE – Listening to God regarding ENTERTAINMENT KMI '07

Wherever there we beans waiting for the Voice of God that Voice a to be heard.

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God is interested in communicating in a personal way with each of us. For many of us, the only reason He hasn't spoken to us personally is that we haven't taken the time to truly listen. The following exercise is an opportunity to listen and obey Him, to bare our soul to Him, rather than merely reflecting *on* ourselves with our cognitive mind. In getting ready to hear from God, the following steps have proven helpful to many.

- Still and quiet your soul – *But I have stilled and quieted my soul like a weaned child with its mother.* (Psalm 131:2)
- Resist the enemy – pray something like, *In the name of Jesus I prohibit any demonic forces speaking or interfering with this time.* (Luke 10:19)
- Ask God to search your heart– talk to Him about what He reveals, confess any known sin. (Psalm 23,24)
- Ask God to speak to you –use the model of Samuel, *Speak Lord, for I, Your servant, am listening.* (I Samuel 3:10)
- Wait in silence–quiet your heart with the words, *My soul, wait in silence for God alone. Be still and know that I am God and that I am with you.* (Psalm 62:5; 46:10; Josh 1:9)
- Write down your Impressions – this may be words, phrases, visual images or thoughts that come into your mind through the indwelling Holy Spirit. (John 16:14)
- Obey God's guidance –I will obey whatever God reveals out of love and a grateful heart for all that He has done for me. (John 14:21)

Ask God, *Lord do you have anything you want to say to me about the things I watch read, listen to and do for entertainment.*

Consider some of the following scriptures:

Key Phrase:

I Corinthians 10:23-24, 31 _____

Romans 14:22, 23 _____

Ephesians 5:1-21 spec. vs. 11, 12 _____

Romans 12:1, 2 _____

Psalm 11:5 _____

Proverbs 3:31 _____

Proverbs 22:24 _____

Isaiah 33:15 16 _____

Psalm 101:3 _____

Proverbs 4:23 _____

Pray and ask God what is the conviction He wants you to live by in this area

Write out your conviction: _____

What key verses will you memorize and meditate on? _____

Additional Verses to consider:

Proverbs 8:13 _____

Proverbs 13:20 _____

Matthew 5:27ff _____

Romans 12:9 _____

Philippians 4:8 _____

James 4:4 _____

1 Corinthians 10:23-24,31 (NASB77) All things are lawful, but not all things are profitable. All things are lawful, but not all things edify. Let no one seek his own *good* but that of his neighbor... Whether, then, you eat or drink or whatever you do, do all to the glory of God.

Romans 14:22 (NASB77) The faith which you have, have as your own conviction before God. Happy is he who does not condemn himself in what he approves. But he who doubts is condemned if he eats, because *his eating is* not from faith; and whatever is not from faith is sin.

Ephesians 5:11-12 (NASB77) And do not participate in the unfruitful deeds of darkness. but instead *even* expose them; for it is disgraceful even to speak of the things which are done *by* them in secret.

Romans 12:1-2 (NASB77) I urge you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies a living and holy sacrifice, acceptable to God, *which* is your spiritual service of worship. And do not be conformed to this world but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, that you may prove what the will of God is, that which is good and acceptable and perfect.

Psalms 11:5 (NASB77) The LORD tests the righteous and the wicked. And the one who loves violence His soul hates.

Proverbs 3:31 (NASB77) Do not envy a man of violence, And do not choose any of his ways.

Proverbs 22:24 (NASB77) Do not associate with a man *given* to anger; Or go with a hot-tempered man.

Isaiah 33:15-16 (NASB77) He who walks righteously, and speaks with sincerity, He who rejects unjust gain. And shakes his hands so that they hold no bribe; He who stops his ears from hearing about bloodshed, And shuts his eyes from looking upon evil; He will dwell on the heights; His refuge will be the impregnable rock; His bread will be given *him*; His water will be sure.

Psalms 101:3 (NASB77) I will set no worthless thing before my eyes; I hate the work of those who fall away; It shall not fasten its grip on me.

Proverbs 4:23 (NASB77) Watch over your heart with all diligence, For from it flow the springs of life.

Proverbs 8:13 (NASB77) "The fear of the LORD is to hate evil; Pride and arrogance and the evil way, And the perverted mouth, I hate.

Proverbs 13:20 (NASB77) He who walks with wise men will be wise, But the companion of fools will suffer harm.

Matthew 5:28 (NASB77) But I say to you, that everyone who looks on a woman to lust for her has committed adultery with her already in his heart.

Romans 12:9 (NASB77) Let love be without hypocrisy. Abhor what is evil; cling to what is good.

Philippians 4:8 (NASB77) Finally, brethren, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is of good repute, if there is any excellence and if anything worthy of praise. let your mind dwell on these things.

James 4:4 (NASB77) You adulteresses, do you not know that friendship with the world is hostility toward God? Therefore whoever wishes to be a friend of the world makes himself an enemy of God.