

# Recognizing God's Voice

## 1 John 4:1; Various Scriptures



**LEARNING TO HEAR GOD'S VOICE**  
**SERMON SERIES**

## 1 John 4:1



- *“Beloved, do not believe every spirit, but **test the spirits**, whether they are of God; because many false prophets have gone out into the world.”*

# 7 WAYS TO TEST AN IMPRESSION



## 1. Does it agree with the Bible?



- Luke 21:33, *“Heaven and earth will pass away, but My words will by no means pass away.”*
- God will never tell you to do anything that will violate His Word.

## 2. Does it make me more like Christ?



- Philippians 2:5 (NLT), *“You must have the same attitude that Christ Jesus had.”*

## James 3:14-15



- *“But if you have bitter envy and self-seeking in your hearts, do not boast and lie against the truth.*
- *<sup>15</sup> This wisdom does not descend from above, but is earthly, sensual, demonic.”*

## James 3:17



- *“But the wisdom that is from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, willing to yield, full of mercy and good fruits, without partiality and without hypocrisy.”*

### 3. Does my church family confirm it?



- Ephesians 3:10 (NLT), *“God’s purpose in all this was to use the church to display his wisdom in its rich variety to all the unseen rulers and authorities in the heavenly places.”*

## Proverbs 11:14



- *“Where there is no counsel, the people fall; But in the multitude of counselors there is safety.”*

## Proverbs 11:9 (GN)



- *“The wisdom of the righteous can save you.”*

## 4. Is it consistent with how God shaped me?



- Ephesians 2:10 (NLT), *“For we are God’s masterpiece. He has created us anew in Christ Jesus, so we can do the good things he planned for us long ago.”*

## Romans 12:6 (NLT)



- *“In his grace, God has given us different gifts for doing certain things well.”*

## 5. Does it concern my responsibility?



- Romans 14:10-12 (Phillips Trans.), *“We shall all be judged one day, not by each other's standards or even our own, but by the standard of Christ. ...It is to God alone that we have to answer for our actions.”*

# Does God ever speak to me about other people?



- 1. God will use you to confirm what He already said to them.
- 2. If God speaks through you to help someone, He will usually do it without you knowing it.
- 3. Trust God to speak to that person first, before you speak to them.

## 6. Is it convicting, rather than condemning?



- 1 John 1:9, *“If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.”*

## 7. Do I sense God's peace about it?



- 1 Corinthians 14:33, *“For God is not the author of confusion but of peace...”*

## Colossians 3:15 (NIV)



- *“Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts...”*

# Invitation

