

Hearing Gods Voice - Rick Warren

Luke 8 – parable of the sower – this is not about 4 different kind of people but its about me everyday and my willingness to hear.

1. One of the reasons we need to listen to God, is that He protects us from mistakes –

Prov 3:6 - in all your ways submit to him, and he will make your paths straight

2. His voice also leads us into success Ps 32:8 I will instruct you and teach you in the way you should go; I will counsel you with my loving eye on you

Luke 8 Attitudes that qualify or disqualify our “receptive hearing”.

1. Cultivate an open Mind – not hard or narrow minded. Sit down and shut up.
2. Make time to listen – hurry and busy = deafness
3. Eliminate distractions – clouded with worries
4. Cooperate with what He says – decide in advance to obey.

Hear it, Retain it, Obey it, Persist in it.

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- 3 Barriers: 1. PRIDE – I already know it all
2. FEAR – He might make me religious weird
3. BITTERNESS – defensive, cold, thick walls, James 1:21

Kinds of soil: Hard soil = closed mind

Shallow soil = superficial mind

Soil with weeds = preoccupied mind (daily time w God, weekly time w small group)

Good soil = willing mind

Weeds = resistance, hurried, busyness / Luke 8 - Worry, riches, pleasure

* you don't have to do anything to get weeds, just neglect the garden!