



"...stop and consider the wondrous works of God." - Job 37:14

EARS TO HEAR

My stepdad wears hearing aids.

He served in the military and was injured years ago that led to him losing his hearing. Since I've known him, he has been wearing hearing aids. The kind of hearing aids have changed over the years, but all of them have given him the ability to adjust how much he hears.

There are times when he takes the hearing aids out completely, which leaves him practically deaf. Other times he simply turns them down or up depending on where he is, who is talking, or the noise around him.

Most of his lack of hearing he can't control, but those hearing aids give him an uncanny ability to regulate what EXACTLY he hears.

Sometimes it's a convenient "selective hearing" mechanism—if you catch my drift!

Let's be honest though, my stepdad isn't the only one who has used "selective hearing" every once in a while in his/her lifetime.



It doesn't matter the age, everyone has their "selective hearing" moments where we choose what we want to listen to.

We tune people out, act like we didn't hear them, and only hear certain parts (mainly just what we want to hear).



I've been reading through the Gospels and there is phrase that Jesus repeatedly uses,

"he who has ears to hear, let him hear."

At first thought, this seems obvious. Ears are designed to hear—that's what they are made for. Hearing is the purpose of the ear. So, of course, if I have ears, I should hear.

Mind you, Jesus isn't just talking about our physical ears. He is talking about our spiritual ones—the ears of our heart—as well.

So, why would Jesus say this over and over again?

Because we have a tendency not to hear.

Sometimes the hecticness of life can drown out what we need to hear. Sometimes the trials and tribulations can do the same. Sometimes the worldly distractions cause us not to hear...

But more importantly, we have a tendency to **CHOOSE** not to hear.

We take out our hearing aids. We use our "selective hearing." We turn down, turn off, and tune out the things we don't want to hear.

If someone disagrees with us, we turn them down. If someone confronts us, we turn them off. If the Holy Spirit through God's word convicts us, we tune it out.

Even though we have ears, we no longer hear.

Jesus said in **Luke 11:28**, "*Blessed rather are those who hear the word of God and keep it!*"



Are we receptive to the things of God?

Are we listening to His voice and His leading, or are we tuning Him out and turning Him off?

Are we allowing the routines, stresses, and trials of life to drown out the voice of God or are we turning our ears to hear Him through it all?

Are we listening to the distractions of life through the news, social media, Super Bowl halftime show controversies, etc., more than we are the voice of God and prompting of His Spirit?

May the ears on our head, and the ears of our hearts be listening for the voice of the Lord. May we not use our selective hearing to only hear what we WANT and ignore what we NEED.

He who has ears to hear, let him hear.

Derrick Marris
Ministry Director



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