

# *How Well Do You Listen?*

Luke 6:46-49  
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## **Introduction:**

- **Luke 6:46-49**
  - **Matthew 11:15**
  - **Matthew 13:9**
  - **Matthew 13:43**
  - **Mark 4:23-24**
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## **1. Dull of Hearing:**

- Hebrews 5:11**
- Greek – **Nothros** ... English - Slow ... *“Laziness ... sluggish in learning.”*
- Greek – **Akoe** (*A-Coe-A*) ... English – Learn ... *“Lazy to one’s ears ... Slow to understand.”*
- Matthew 13:13-15**
- James 1:22-25**
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Timothy 4:3-4**

## **2. Noble and Good Hearts:**

- Luke 8:15**
- Acts 17:11**

## **3. The Importance of Good Listening:**

- Good Listening is essential to being blessed:
  - Matthew 13:16-17**
- Good Listening is essential to Saving Faith:
  - Romans 10:17**
  - Romans 1:16-17**

- c. Good Listening is essential to Bearing Fruit:
  - i. **Luke 8:15**
  - ii. **Colossians 1:6**
- d. Good Listening is essential to Preventing Apostasy:
  - i. Greek – **Apostasia** ... English – **Apostasy** ... *“To depart from or leave a previous standing or belief system ... To forsake.”*
  - ii. **2<sup>nd</sup> Timothy 3:16-17**
  - iii. **1<sup>st</sup> Corinthians 6:9-11**
  - iv. **Hebrews 2:1**
- e. Good listening is essential to avoiding Rejection and Condemnation:
  - i. **Matthew 10:14-15**
  - ii. **Acts 13:46**
  - iii. **Matthew 12:41-42**
- f. Practical Steps to Better Listening:
  - i. Make listening an act of worship:
  - ii. Listen from first to last:
  - iii. Look at the speaker:
  - iv. Read along in your Bible:
  - v. Listen with Faith – **Hebrews 4:1-2 ... 2<sup>nd</sup> Corinthians 5:7**
  - vi. Listen with a mind to act – **Ezekial 33:30-32**
- g. **James 1:22**
- h. **James 2:17**
- i. **Isaiah 55:2-3**
- j. **Isaiah 59:1-2**

