

LIVE BY THE SPIRIT

THEME VERSE – GAL 5:25 (NIV)

²⁵ *Since we live by the Spirit, let us keep in step with the Spirit.*

PT 6: The Hearing Ear

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1. Prvb 20:12 (NKJV)

¹² The hearing ear and the seeing eye, The LORD has made them both.

- A primary means of divine communication
- “Hearing” (Shama)
 - To listen intelligently, with the implication of being attentive and obedient
 - Involves discernment, understanding and perception

2. Foundations for spiritual hearing:

a) God wants to communicate and reveal

- 1 John 1:3 (TLB)

³ *Again I say, we are telling you about what we ourselves have actually seen and heard, so that you may share the fellowship and the joys we have with the Father and with Jesus Christ his son.*

- “Fellowship” (Koinonia)

- Partnership, participation, communication, sharing, interaction
- John 14: 16-18 (Amp classic)

¹⁶ And I will ask the Father, and He will give you another Comforter (Counselor, Helper, Intercessor, Advocate, Strengthener, and Standby), that He may remain with you forever—

¹⁷ The Spirit of Truth, Whom the world cannot receive (welcome, take to its heart), because it does not see Him or know *and* recognize Him. But you know *and* recognize Him, for He lives with you [constantly] and will be in you.

¹⁸ I will not leave you as orphans [comfortless, desolate, bereaved, forlorn, helpless]; I will come [back] to you.

b) The shepherd leads, the sheep follow – Jn 10:27 (Voice)

²⁷ My sheep *respond as they hear My voice; I know them intimately, and they follow Me.*

c) The benefits of hearing

- Isaiah 55: 2-3 (NET) – Fulfillment

² *Why pay money for something that will not nourish you?*

Why spend your hard-earned money on something that will not satisfy?

Listen carefully to me and eat what is nourishing!

Enjoy fine food!

³ *Pay attention and come to me!*

Listen, so you can live!

Then I will make an unconditional covenantal promise to you, just like the reliable covenantal promises I made to David.

- Psa 32:8-9 (God's Word) – Focus and direction

⁸ *The LORD says,*

"I will instruct you. I will teach you the way that you should go.

I will advise you as my eyes watch over you. ⁹ Don't be stubborn like a horse or mule. They need a bit and bridle in their mouth to restrain them, or they will not come near you."

- Rev 3:20 (NLT) – Friendship with Jesus

²⁰ *"Look! I stand at the door and knock. If you hear my voice and open the door, I will come in, and we will share a meal together as friends.*