



Memory Verse:

“The Lord GOD has given me the tongue of disciples, so that I may know how to sustain the weary one with a word. He awakens me morning by morning, He awakens my ear to listen as a disciple.”

Isaiah 50:4 (NASB)

People don't care how much you _____ until they know how much you care.

“First of all, then, I urge that requests, prayers, intercession, and thanksgiving be made in behalf of all people.”

1 Timothy 2:1 (NASB)

“To listen is very hard, because it asks of us so much interior stability that we no longer need to prove ourselves by speeches, arguments, statements, or declarations. True listeners no longer have an inner need to make their presence known. They are free to receive, to welcome, to accept. Listening is much more than allowing another to talk while waiting for a chance to respond. Listening is paying full attention to others and welcoming them into our very beings. The beauty of listening is that, those who are listened to start feeling accepted, start taking their words more seriously and discovering their own true selves. Listening is a form of spiritual hospitality by which you invite strangers to become friends, to get to know their inner selves more fully, and even to dare to be silent with you.”

Henry Nouwen

Listening is wanting to _____.

It is an _____ when we listen to others.

Most people don't listen to understand, they listen to respond.

"A fool takes no pleasure in understanding, but only in expressing his opinion."

Proverbs 18:2 (ESV)

John 4:2–42 — The woman at the well — Jesus listened to her and spoke to her, and drew her into the conversation.

Why should we be better listeners?

1. When someone is listened to, they are _____.
2. When someone is listened to, they are _____.
"For some strange reason, human beings tolerate stress and pressure much more easily if at least one other person knows they are enduring it." —James Dobson
3. Listening helps people _____.
 - Thoughts crossing your lips (speaking)
 - Thoughts crossing your fingertips (writing)
4. Listening improves the _____ of our response to the other person who is talking to us.

"One who gives an answer before he hears, It is foolishness and shame to him."

Proverbs 18:13 (NASB)

"Like apples of gold in settings of silver, is a word spoken at the proper time."

Proverbs 25:11 (NASB)

When we become _____, it will change every conversation we have, and it will change the people we listen to as well.

How do we become better listeners?

- Read through the Gospels.
- Highlight verses in Proverbs about being a good listener.
- Memorize verses such as Isaiah 50:4.

Some people might not say anything until someone gives them the opportunity to be heard.



Discussion Questions:

- Who is the best listener in your life and why?
- Why do you think James 1:19 says to be quick to listen and slow to speak?
- What are your favorite questions to ask people to get to know them better?
- Describe a situation when someone was not listening to you. How did it make you feel to not be heard?
- What are some reasons someone might not want to open up? What can we do to help others feel safe to share?
- Did you download and use the Bless Every Home app?
- As you prayed for those around you this week, did you see God answer any of your prayers?