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**2017: THE YEAR OF NEW PERSPECTIVE**

## **HE THAT HATH AN EAR, LET HIM HEAR**

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### **He that hath an ear, let him hear!**

**Revelation 2:7, 2:11, 2:17, 2:29, 3:6, 3:13, 3:22 (King James Version, KJV)**  
He that hath an ear, let him hear what the Spirit saith to the churches.

- **The Book of Revelation makes this statement 7 times, to each of the 7 churches who are getting specific messages about their conduct, their position and their charge as a church in the end times.**
- **LET HIM HEAR!!! To let is to Not Prevent or Forbid, to Allow.**
- **It is important for us to “hear what the Spirit is saying to us; the church.”**

**Jesus admonished the crowds, disciples and us using the same words: “He who has ears, let him hear.” He made this statement after he taught, not before.**

**Matthew 11:15, 13:9, 13:43b (New International Version, NIV)**  
He who has ears, let him hear.

**Mark 4:23 (NIV)**  
If anyone has ears to hear, let him hear.

**Mark 4:24 (NIV)**  
Consider carefully what you hear, he continued “With what measure you use, it will be measured to you—and even more.”

- **Jesus warns us to consider carefully what we hear. And essentially warns us not to judge others, because we will be judged by the same measure that we use to judge. We need to make it a practice to put our judgment in check.**

## **We are FEARFULLY and WONDERFULLY made!**

### **Genesis 2:7 (KJV)**

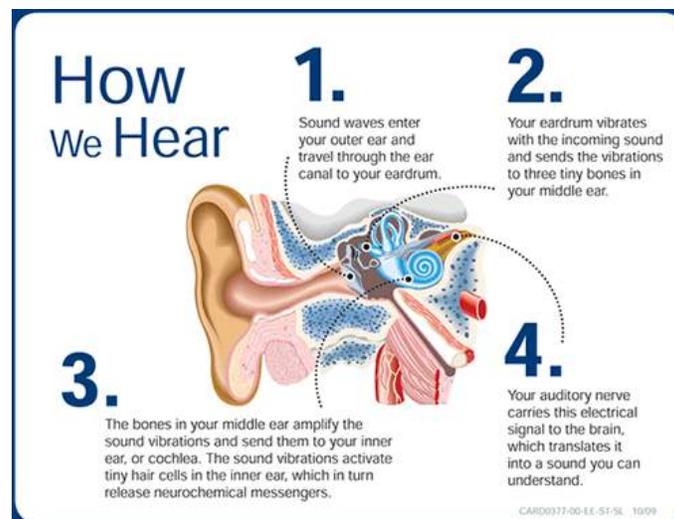
The Lord God formed man of the dust of the ground, and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life; and man became a living soul.”

### **Psalm 139:14 (NIV)**

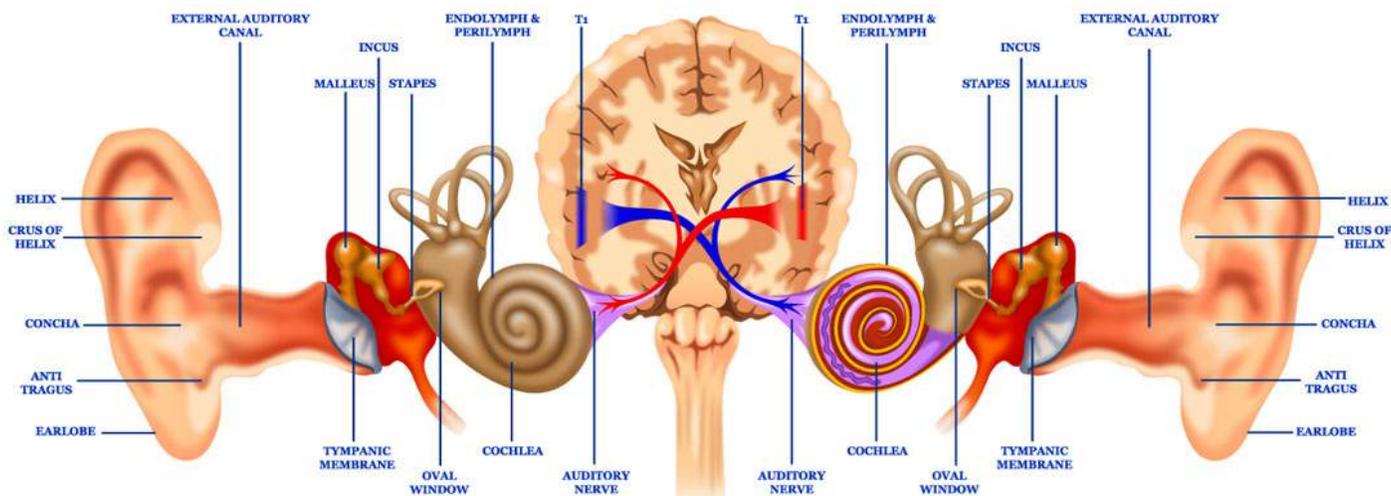
“I will give thanks to you, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made.”

- **Fearfully in Hebrew is defined: to revere, have reverence.**
- **Wonderfully in Hebrew is defined: to distinguish, put a difference, show marvelous, separate, set apart.**
- **The miracle of how our ears were designed by God demonstrates the reverent way that God set us apart and distinguished us to be able to hear.**

## **The Wonder of the Human Ear**



- **Isn't it amazing that God "breathed" and the intricacy of our ears formed!**
- **We can only hear if the eardrum, the hammer, the anvil, the stirrup, the auditory nerve and the cochlea work together to process the sound waves that come into our ears.**
- **God created this amazing sense called hearing; he designed the ear to work in the way that's been described, but he says, "He who has an ear let him hear!"**



### **Point #1: CHECK YOUR HEART TO OPEN YOUR EARS!**

#### **Acts 28:26-27 (NIV)**

26 “Go to this people and say, “You will be ever hearing but never understanding; you will be ever seeing but never perceiving.” 27 **For this people’s heart has become calloused; they hardly hear with their ears**, and they have closed their eyes. Otherwise they might see with their eyes, hear with their ears, understand with their hearts and turn, and I would heal them.’

- **If our hearts are calloused (made hard; hardened), we can’t hear with our ears, even if all of the mechanics work properly, we cannot hear.**
- **Our judgment, our pain, our baggage, our anger, our attitudes – all which reside in our hearts -- block our hearing.**
- **We hear what we want to hear and we miss what we are supposed to hear, from our spouses, children, friends, from our Pastor; even from our God.**
- **We may as well be walking around with our hands over our ears.**

### **Point #2: DON’T DISHONOR GOD’S GIFT OF HEARING BY NOT LISTENING!**

**Mark 4:3a (NIV) – LISTEN!**

**Mark 4:3a (KJV) – HEARKEN!**

**Mark 4:3a Amplified Bible, Classic Edition (AMPC) – GIVE ATTENTION TO THIS!**

**Mark 4:3a Message Version (MSG) – LISTEN. WHAT DO YOU MAKE OF THIS?**

**Matthew 15:10...**

- Jesus called the crowd to Him and said, “Listen and understand.” (NIV)
- And he called the multitudes and said unto them, “Hear and understand.” (KJV)
- He then called the crowd together and said, “Listen, and take this to heart.” (MSG)
- And Jesus called the people to Him and said to them, “Listen and grasp and comprehend this...” (AMPC)

- **Listening Defined: To pay close attention to, to take heed, to obey, to hear.**
- **Hearing Defined: Perceiving with the ear.**
- **Hearing and listening can be synonymous, but for one thing: Hearing is passive; listening is active. It is an art!**
- **Pastor Dewayne Freeman said, “Listening is a skill that we all need to learn. We cannot lead if we do not listen.”**
- **In Mark 4:3, Jesus told the crowd to LISTEN, BEFORE he shared the parable/BEFORE he taught! It was his way of calling them to attention.**
- **In Matthew 15:10, Jesus commands us to listen, to understand, to grasp, to comprehend – to take this to heart!**
- **We must self-assess our listening skills. *The Executive’s Guide to Better Listening* presents 6 types of bad listeners and 3 behaviors of good listeners:**

### **6 Types of Bad Listeners**

- The Opinionator: Listens to others to primarily determine whether or not their ideas conform to what he or she believes to be true. While opinionators may have good intentions, the effect of this listening style is to make conversation partners uncomfortable or even to intimidate them.
- The Grouch: is a poor listener who is blocked by a feeling of certainty that your idea is wrong.
- The Preambler: has windy lead-ins and questions which are really stealth speeches, often intended to box conversation partners in a corner. Preamblers use questioning to steer the discussion, send warnings, or generate a desired answer.
- The Perserverator: talks a lot without saying anything. If you pay close attention to one of these poor listeners, you’ll find that their comments and questions don’t advance the conversation.
- The Answer Man: Everyone wants to solve problems, but “Answer Man” spouts solutions before there is even a consensus about the challenge—a clear signal that input from conversation partners isn’t needed.
- The Pretender: Pretenders feign engagement and even agreement, but either aren’t interested in what you’re saying or have already made up their minds.

### **3 Behaviors of Good Listeners**

- Show Respect: Seek input from people at all levels; good ideas come throughout the church, your organization, and even your family. Listen and ask questions in a respectful manner. The goal is ensuring the free and open flow of information and ideas.
- Keep Quiet: You can’t really listen if you’re too busy talking. Don’t let your ego get in the way of listening. Use the 80/20 rule—spend 80% of the time listening and 20% speaking/asking questions. It’s not a coincidence that listen and silent have the same letters in the word.
- Challenge Assumptions: Good listeners seek to understand—and challenge—the assumptions that lie below the surface of every conversation.

### **Point #3: FAITH COMES BY HEARING AND HEARING BY THE WORD OF GOD!**

#### **Romans 10:9-17 (NIV)**

9 If you declare with your mouth, “Jesus is Lord,” and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. 10 For it is with your heart that you believe and are justified, and it is with your mouth that you profess your faith and are saved. 11 As Scripture says, “Anyone who believes in him will never be put to shame.” 12 For there is no difference between Jew and Gentile—the same Lord is Lord of all and richly blesses all who call on him, 13 for, “Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.”

14 How, then, can they call on the one they have not believed in? **And how can they believe in the one of whom they have not heard? And how can they hear without someone preaching to them?** 15 And how can anyone preach unless they are sent? As it is written: “How beautiful are the feet of those who bring good news!”

16 But not all the Israelites accepted the good news. For Isaiah says, “Lord, who has believed our message?” 17 **Consequently, faith comes from hearing the message, and the message is heard through the word about Christ.**

#### **Lord, what happens with those who are born without “ears to hear?”**

- **Those who are born without ears are diagnosed with ear AGENESIS.**
- **Those who are born with under-developed ears are diagnosed with MICROTIA.**
- **Agensis Defined: failure of an organ to develop during embryonic growth and development due to the absence of primordial tissue (tissue in its earliest recognizable stage of development.)**
- **Genesis Defined: an origin, creation, beginning – agensis – not beginning**
- **In order to understand the point, we have to go back to ear anatomy: LISTEN!**
  - **The middle and inner ears are necessary for hearing. People with complete agensis of the ears are totally deaf.**
  - **Minor agensis that affects only the visible part of the outer ear, which may be called microtia, typically produces cosmetic concerns and perhaps hearing impact if the opening to the ear canal is blocked.**
- **This is a picture Deacon Dominic took at the Berkely Pier. As you look through the slats that block the end of the pier, you can see that the pier was once longer than it is now. But something happened. Part of the pier was destroyed and they had to build a gate at the end of the pier to protect people from falling off into the water. There’s a message in this picture. A message about how do you get to the other side without drowning in the water. When you get there, will it be stable, if it hasn’t been used or gotten maintenance in years. Is the wood deteriorating?**



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- **How are you going to get to the other side of your journey without drowning if you don't listen?**
- **How will you know if your hearing has rotted, is not able to hold up, is too unstable to support you?**
- **How long will you stand behind the gate wondering and worrying about how "God is going to bring you through?"**

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DO YOU HAVE AN EAR TO HEAR?  
TAKE THIS SELF-ASSESSMENT**

**Luke 11:28 (NIV)**

Blessed are all who **HEAR** the word of God and put it into practice.

- **Ask yourself the following questions, then decide to LET yourself hear!!**
  1. *Have I dishonored the intensely amazing mechanics of my ears by not listening; by not hearkening; by not obeying; by not developing?*
    - If so, what am I going to do about it?
    - How can I honor the gift of hearing from God by developing my listening skills?
  2. *If I'm not going to hearken (listen, give respectful attention, give heed to, hear), should God take back the gift of hearing that He gave me? Do I need it, if I'm not going to use it?*
    - Make a decision to mature in your walk with Christ intentionally.
    - You do have an ear, so hear what He is saying!
  3. *Was I born with ears yet **reborn** with a birth defect called ear agenesis (no ears) or microtia (an underdeveloped ear)?*
    - If you suffer from ear agenesis or microtia, the good news is that there is a cure for these ailments.
    - The cure for these ailments are:
      - Consistent and timely attendance at Sunday morning church services
      - Coming to Kingdom Building classes at 9am on Sunday mornings
      - Logging on to Periscope to learn from Pastor Daren's Wednesday messages
      - Coming to Thursday night Bible Study at 7pm at WCC's Merritt College location
      - Re-watching (on Periscope) or re-listening (on CD) to Sunday sermons
      - Spending time reading your Bible (in silence), so that you can develop your hearing
  4. *Was I reborn without an ear to hear what the Spirit is saying to the churches?*
    - See above for the list of ways to develop your ear
    - Recommit your life to Christ as described in Romans 10:9-17
    - To God be the glory!