

GOD QUESTIONS

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How Do I Know When It's God Speaking To Me?

There is a path before each person that seems right, but it ends in death. Proverbs 14:12

Dearly loved friends, don't always believe everything you hear just because someone says it is a message from God: test it first to see if it really is. For there are many false teachers around

John 4:1 (TLB)

Anyone who wants to do his will can test this teaching and know whether it's from God or whether I'm making it up. John 7:17

7 Ways to Test an Impression:

- I) Does it agree with _____?
 - A) God's will won't ever contradict God's Word.
 - B) Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will never pass away. Luke 21:33 (NIV)
 - C) Romans 13:6-7
 - D) Matthew 22:21
 - E) Truthful words stand the test of time, but lies are soon exposed. Proverbs 12:19
 - F) Let God's curse fall on anyone, including us or even an angel from heaven, who preaches a different kind of Good News than the one we preached to you. I say again what we have said before: If anyone preaches any other Good News than the one you welcomed, let that person be cursed. Galatians 1:8-9
- II) Does it make me more _____?
 - A) We demolish arguments and every pretension that sets itself up against the knowledge of God, and we take captive every thought to make it obedient to Christ. 2 Corinthians 10:5 (NIV)
 - B) But the Holy Spirit produces this kind of fruit in our lives: love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control... Galatians 5:22-23a
 - C) But if you harbor bitter envy and selfish ambition in your hearts, do not boast about it or deny the truth. Such "wisdom" does not come down from heaven but is earthly, unspiritual, of the devil. For where you have envy and selfish ambition, there you find disorder and every evil practice. But the wisdom that comes from heaven is first of all pure; then peace-loving, considerate, submissive, full of mercy and good fruit, impartial and sincere. James 3:14-17
- III) Does my _____ family confirm it?
 - A) God's purpose in all this was to use the church to display his wisdom in its rich variety to all the unseen rulers and authorities in the heavenly places. Ephesians 3:10

B) With their words, the godless destroy their friends, but knowledge will rescue the righteous.

Proverbs 11:9

C) Where there is no counsel, the people fall; But in the multitude of counselors there is safety.

Proverbs 11:14

IV) Is it consistent with how God _____ me?

A) S:

B) H:

C) A:

D) P:

E) E:

F) For we are God's workmanship, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do. Ephesians 2:10 (NIV)

G) In his grace, God has given us different gifts for doing certain things well... Romans 12:6a

V) Does it concern my _____?

A) John 21:18-22

B) So why do you condemn another believer? Why do you look down on another believer?

Remember, we will all stand before the judgment seat of God. For the Scriptures say, "As surely as I live," says the LORD, "every knee will bend to me, and every tongue will confess and give praise to God." Yes, each of us will give a personal account to God. Romans 14:10-12

C) When you think God is speaking to you about someone else:

1) Be _____ and pray.

2) Understand that God will use you to _____ what He's already said to them.

3) Remember God usually uses you without you being conscious of it.

VI) Is it _____ rather than condemning?

A) Conviction is from _____ VS. Condemnation is from _____.

B) Conviction: exposes what's _____. "This needs to change"

C) Condemnation: Attacks your _____. "You're worthless."

D) So now there is no condemnation for those who belong to Christ Jesus. Romans 8:1

E) "The people I love, I call to account—prod and correct and guide so that they'll live at their best... Revelation 3:19a

F) Then I heard a loud voice shouting across the heavens, "It has come at last— salvation and power and the Kingdom of our God, and the authority of his Christ. For the accuser of our brothers and sisters has been thrown down to earth— the one who accuses them before our God day and night. Revelation 12:10

VII) Do I sense God's _____ about it?

A) For God is not the author of confusion but of peace, as in all the churches of the saints. 1 Corinthians 14:33 (NKJV)

B) Don't worry about anything; instead, pray about everything. Tell God what you need, and thank him for all he has done. Then you will experience God's peace, which exceeds anything

we can understand. His peace will guard your hearts and minds as you live in Christ Jesus.

Philippians 4:6-7

C) Listen to this wise advice; follow it closely, for it will do you good, and you can pass it on to others: Trust in the Lord. Proverbs 22:17

Whoever is of God hears the words of God. The reason why you do not hear them is that you are not of God. John 8:47

NEXT STEPS:

- I will memorize 1 John 4:1.
- I will use the 7-filter test when I get an impression I think is from God.