

Listen to God
Psalm 81:12-13
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Thesis: I want to show the importance of listening to God.

- Intro:
1. What happens when we don't listen? Wives know what happens when men don't listen, right?
 2. When we don't listen to God, what happens? **Do you even want to listen to God?**

I. Listening to God means listening to His Word

A. To listen to God means to follow His Word/His laws (**Heb 5:9**)

1. Obedience is not words, its actions. Obedience can be seen, just as disobedience is seen.
2. Obeying God means He is a part of our lives. - (**Ps 81:10-11**)

B. To listen to God means to put Him first & love Him (**Mt 16:24**)

1. To say we follow Him then live worldly does not fool God.
2. - (**Lk 18:8**)

II. Listening to God means setting the right example.

A. Obedience to God can be seen in one's example.

1. If we obey God we can show our obedience through our example.
2. Obedience, is more than words (**Mt 23:37**)

B. Disobedience is also seen in one's example.

1. Those who do not obey God make this clear by their poor example.
2. How many times do we hear people say they love God, they want to put Him first. But, their actions says....they are all talk. They may say it, but they obviously do not mean it (**Pro 3:7**)

III. Apathy problems

A. Apathy defined.

1. According to the oxford dictionary Apathy is defined as: "lack of interest, enthusiasm, or concern".
2. Simply stated apathy means you **do not care**.

B. Apathy & the Christian

1. Apathy makes the Christian unfaithful.
2. God does not tolerate a Christian with apathy or lack of concern for Him or His church (**Rev 3:16**).

Application & Conclusion:

1. What exactly do you expect to happen on the day of Judgment? A pardon?
2. The unprepared, the uninterested, uncaring will not inherit the kingdom of God. Why? These we described are disobedient.

3. Full Invitation

Hear – James 1:22, Romans 10:15,17

Believe – Jn 12:44, Jn 8:24, Mt 16:16

Repent – Acts 17:20, Acts 8:37, Luke 13:3

Confess – John 12:42, Romans 10:9

Be Baptized – 1 Pt 3:21, Acts 22:16, Col 2:11, Mk 16:16, Rom 6:3-4

Live faithfully – Rev 2:10,

Christians must:

Repent: Acts 17:20, Acts 8:37, Lk 13:3

Pray: James 5:16, 1 Jn 1:9