

LISTENING IS NO SECRET

Why are you like that?

TRUTH BECOMES MYTH WHEN IT IS _____,
_____, OR _____.

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1 Timothy 4:2-3 Preach the word of God. Be prepared, whether the time is favorable or not. Patiently correct, rebuke, and encourage your people with good teaching. 3 For a time is coming when people will no longer listen to sound and wholesome teaching. They will follow their own desires and will look for teachers who will tell them whatever their itching ears want to hear. 4 They will reject the truth and chase after myths.

Women are _____; Men _____ you _____.

James 1:19 Understand this, my dear brothers and sisters: You must all be quick to listen, slow to speak, and slow to get angry.

How social styles influence our _____ ability

Driver - Can be _____ by long _____

Expressive - Loves to _____

Both Driver and Expressive - Can be _____ with an _____

Proverbs 18:13 Spouting off before listening to the facts is both shameful and foolish.

Amiable - Can stay _____ to avoid _____.

Analytical - Can stay _____ to avoid being _____.

Both Driver and Analytical - Can listen more to the _____ than to the _____.

Both Amiable and Analytical - Can be _____, not necessarily _____.

Both Driver and Amiable - Can be quietly _____.

Jeremiah 7:24 But my people would not listen to me. They kept doing whatever they wanted, following the stubborn desires of their evil hearts. They went backward instead of forward.

Some facts about listening

- Listening is more _____ than talking.

Mark 4:23 Anyone with ears to hear should listen and understand.

• Listening hears the _____, not just the _____.

Mark 4:24 *Pay close attention to what you hear. The closer you listen, the more understanding you will be given—and you will receive even more.*

Mark 8:14-16 *But the disciples had forgotten to bring any food. They had only one loaf of bread with them in the boat. 15 As they were crossing the lake, Jesus warned them, “Watch out! Beware of the yeast of the Pharisees and of Herod.” 16 At this they began to argue with each other because they hadn’t brought any bread.*

• Listening is _____.

• Listening depends on _____.

Trust is about _____ and _____.

Exodus 5:1 Moses and Aaron went and spoke to Pharaoh. They told him, “This is what the Lord, the God of Israel, says: Let my people go so they may hold a festival in my honor in the wilderness.” 2 “Is that so?” retorted Pharaoh. “And who is the Lord? Why should I listen to him and let Israel go? I don’t know the Lord, and I will not let Israel go.”

Exodus 6:9 So Moses told the people of Israel what the Lord had said, but they refused to listen anymore. They had become too discouraged by the brutality of their slavery.

Exodus 6:10 Then the Lord said to Moses, 11 “Go back to Pharaoh, the king of Egypt, and tell him to let the people of Israel leave his country.” 12 “But Lord!” Moses objected. “My own people won’t listen to me anymore. How can I expect Pharaoh to listen? I’m such a clumsy speaker!”

- How would you rate your listening skills? Do you just listen to the words, or do you listen to the person?
- When you fail to listen, is stubbornness the cause?
- How much does your social style contribute to your listening patterns?
- Are you failing to listen to someone because of low levels of trust?
- Is someone failing to listen to you because of low levels of trust? What has to change in order to rebuild that trust?

Proverbs 12:15 Fools think their own way is right, but the wise listen to others.

Proverbs 15:31 If you listen to constructive criticism, you will be at home among the wise.

Proverbs 15:32 If you reject discipline, you only harm yourself; but if you listen to correction, you grow in understanding.

Proverbs 16:20 Those who listen to instruction will prosper; those who trust the Lord will be joyful.