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LISTEN: DEVELOPING EARS TO HEAR

Ears that hear require a _____.

Heart = The center of our motivation, _____, and inclinations.

My heart determines...

- Why I _____ the things I do

Matthew 12:34 *For whatever is in your heart determines what you say.*

- Why I _____ the way I do

Hebrews 4:12 *For the word of God...judges the thoughts and attitudes of the heart.*

- Why I _____ the way I do

Proverbs 4:23 *Above all else, guard your heart, for it affects everything you do.*

The condition of my _____ affects what I hear.

Jeremiah 29:13 (NIV) *You will seek me and find me when you seek me with all your heart.*

James 4:7-8 *So humble yourselves before God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you. Come close to God, and God will come close to you. Wash your hands, you sinners; purify your hearts, for your loyalty is divided between God and the world.*

A purified heart is _____.

1 Peter 1:15, 16 *But now you must be holy in everything you do, just as God who chose you is holy. 16 For the Scriptures say, "You must be holy because I am holy."*

Our hearts are made clean by Jesus' _____

1 John 1:8-9 *If we claim we have no sin, we are only fooling ourselves and not living in the truth. 9 But if we confess our sins to him, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all wickedness.*

Hebrews 10:10 *For God's will was for us to be made holy by the sacrifice of the body of Jesus Christ, once for all time.*

Our hearts are made clean by continual _____

Hebrews 10:12-14 (Message) *As a priest, Christ made a single sacrifice for sins, and that was it! Then he sat down right beside God and waited for his enemies to cave in. It was a perfect sacrifice by a perfect person to perfect some very imperfect people. By that single offering, he did everything that needed to be done for everyone who takes part in the purifying process.*

1 John 1:7 *But if we are living in the light, as God is in the light, then we have fellowship with each other, and the blood of Jesus, his Son, cleanses us from all sin.*

A purified heart is _____.

Romans 2:28-29 For you are not a true Jew just because you were born of Jewish parents or because you have gone through the ceremony of circumcision. 29 No, a true Jew is one whose heart is right with God. And true circumcision is not merely obeying the letter of the law; rather, it is a change of heart produced by the Spirit. And a person with a changed heart seeks praise from God, not from people.

What must be cut away

- Hurry and _____

- External _____

Acts 8:5,6 Philip, for example, went to the city of Samaria and told the people there about the Messiah. 6 Crowds listened intently to Philip because they were eager to hear his message and see the miraculous signs he did.

Matthew 6:6 But when you pray, go away by yourself, shut the door behind you, and pray to your Father in private.

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- Internal _____

Matthew 8:23-25 Then Jesus got into the boat and started across the lake with his disciples. 24 Suddenly, a fierce storm struck the lake, with waves breaking into the boat. But Jesus was sleeping. 25 The disciples went and woke him up, shouting, "Lord, save us! We're going to drown!"

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Joshua 9:7-14 The Israelites replied to these Hivites, "How do we know you don't live nearby? For if you do, we cannot make a treaty with you." 8 They replied, "We are your servants." "But who are you?" Joshua demanded. "Where do you come from?" 9 They answered, "Your servants have come from a very distant country. We have heard of the might of the Lord your God and of all he did in Egypt. 10 We have also heard what he did to the two Amorite kings east of the Jordan River—King Sihon of Heshbon and King Og of Bashan (who lived in Ashtaroth). 11 So our elders and all our people instructed us, 'Take supplies for a long journey. Go meet with the people of Israel and tell them, "We are your servants; please make a treaty with us."' 12 "This bread was hot from the ovens when we left our homes. But now, as you can see, it is dry and moldy. 13 These wineskins were new when we filled them, but now they are old and split open. And our clothing and sandals are worn out from our very long journey."

14 So the Israelites examined their food, but they did not consult the Lord.

- ★ Borrowing _____

- ★ Assuming _____

1. When we _____ it.

John 15:5 Yes, I am the vine; you are the branches. Those who remain in me, and I in them, will produce much fruit. For apart from me you can do nothing.

2. When we _____ it.

3. When the real strength is in our _____

Matthew 5:8 God blesses those whose hearts are pure, for they will see God.