

TALK IT OVER

Wise Choice or Best Choice?

BOTTOM LINE

The voice you follow determines the life you experience.

CONVERSATION STARTER

What was a piece of advice you were given that you are so glad you followed?

THINGS TO CONSIDER

What did you hear?

What do you think?

What will you do?

RESOURCES

- The Daily:
newpointe.org/thedaily
- [Hearing God's Voice](#) – Dr. Charles Stanley (31 min.)

KEY VERSES AND QUOTES

My sheep listen to my voice; I know them, and they follow me.
John 20:27 NIV

Do not merely listen to the word and so deceive yourselves. Do what it says.
James 1:22 NIV

If you know these things, you are blessed if you put them into practice.
John 13:17 NIV

“Hearing alone is not enough. The true power lies in obedience – the choice to respond, follow, and act on what He says. The life you experience is directly determined by the voice you follow.”

“God never intended His voice to be informational only. It is always transformational.”

“Isaiah said, ‘If you are willing and obedient, you will eat the good things of the land.’ Willing – the posture of the heart. Obedient – the response of the will.”

“Hearing without obeying produces deception. Hearing with obeying produces transformation.”
– Quotes by Dwight Mason

TALK IT OVER

What actually begins to happen when we hear God’s voice and obey? Things in our lives tangibly begin to flow from our obedience. **Blessings:** *If you fully obey the Lord your God and carefully follow all his commands ... all these blessings will come on you and accompany you ...* (Deut. 28:1-2). This is not a reward for perfection but the result of obedience. What examples do you have in your life? **Direction:** *In all your ways acknowledge him, and he will direct your paths* (Prov. 3:6). Talk about a recent direction God has given you. How did you know it was Him? **Protection:** *But whoever listens to me will live in safety and be at ease, without fear of harm* (Prov. 1:33). Share about the protection hearing God has given you from wrong relationships, opportunities, or decisions. Did you know immediately that He had protected you or did you struggle for a while? **Intimacy:** *My sheep listen to my voice; I know them, and they follow me* (John 10:27). How does listening to God help you know Him more intimately? **Fruitfulness:** *If you remain in me and my words remain in you, ask whatever you wish, and it will be done for you* (John 15:7). Obedience places you in the center of God’s will, so you can be powerful and effective in fruit bearing. In what areas of your life or in someone’s life close to you have you experienced a dramatic difference in their effectiveness through obedience? If you had to give advice to a young person and it was the only advice they would receive, what would you tell them about listening to God?

ACTION STEP

I am so thankful for God’s voice. I will actively obey His voice today about ...