



Father Knows Best! Part 2

Lesson 5



Spiritual Skill #2

Admit God _____ than we do!

When Comes to Listening to a Sermon, the Best Hearing Aid Is a _____ Heart!

Four Types of People Who Struggle to Admit God Knows Better

- Identify how you **struggle** to admit your heavenly Father knows best when He speaks through a biblical sermon.

Hard Hearted Hearer

During sermons I think to myself that I can opt out of what is being said with no major consequences.

1	2	3	4	5
Always	Often	Sometimes	Rarely	Never

Itching Ear Picker and Hoarder

I view what is being preached as a "buffet" that I can pick and choose what to accept and reject from God's Word.

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Abounding Grace Abuser

I think of grace as forgiveness for sin rather than the power to stop sinning and do what pleases God.

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Always	Often	Sometimes	Rarely	Never

Distracted Do Gooder

I am busy doing "my thing" and thinking about how much others need what is being preached to hear what God is saying to me.

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- Will you **repent** of failing to admit that God knows better than you do? Will consider how you need to **replace** your "spiritual deafness" with a humbled heart? What is one positive step you can take to admit God knows better than you when listening to a sermon?

Four Ways Our Heavenly Father Knows Best ~ 2Timothy 3:16-17; 4:2-4

Every part of Scripture is God-breathed and useful one way or another—showing us truth, exposing our rebellion, correcting our mistakes, training us to live God's way. Through the Word we are put together and shaped up for the tasks God has for us. 2Timothy 3:16 MSG

- Father knows best when it comes to _____ us truth: *He knows better what **is** right path for His children!*
- Father knows best when it comes to _____ our rebellion: *He knows better what **is not** the right path!*
- Father knows best when it comes to _____ our ways: *He knows better how to **get back** on the right path!*
- Father knows best when it comes to _____ in righteousness: *He knows better how to **stay** on the right path!*

Four Responses to Hearing the Father Speak through Biblical Preaching – Acts 2:12-13, 37, 42; 17:32-34

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| ► _____ by scoffers | ► _____ of sinners |
| ► _____ by seekers | ► _____ of saints |

Three Hearing Aids to Help Us Admit that the Father Knows Better than We Do:

- His _____ in our hearts. *John 6:63; 16:13; 1Thessalonians 5:19-20; 1John 4:1-6; 1Corinthians 2:6-16*

"The lightning bolts from a Spirit-empowered preacher hit the lightning rods of a Spirit-illuminated listener."

The Spirit's Role as a Spiritual "Hearing Aid"

- 1) The Holy Spirit helps to _____ the Truth to us.
- 2) The Holy Spirit helps us to _____ the Truth revealed to us.
- 3) The Holy Spirit helps us to _____ with the Truth as it is revealed to us.

Our Response to the Spirit's Role as a Spiritual "Hearing Aid"

- 1) _____ for the Spirit's help and conviction.
- 2) _____ the Spirit's leading through the preached Word of God.
- 3) _____ on the Spirit's help to turn from your way of thinking and living to God's way of thinking and living.

"God's Spirit is sovereign. Through the Spirit's agency in both preacher and hearers, the Word of God becomes invincible. If fruitfulness depended finally on human wisdom and resourcefulness, no preacher would dare to speak a word, for no preacher ever feels...he has been wise and resourceful enough." ~J. I. Packer

- His _____ for the humble. *James 4:4-10; 1Peter 5:5-9*

- 1) _____ to God and those God is using to speak His Word into your life.
- 2) _____ the devil and his devious schemes: excuse-making, blame-shifting, critical thinking, and doubting God and His Word.
- 3) _____ to God and the preaching of His Word in order to delight in Him and do His will.
- 4) _____ of any and all known sin **before** you listen to the Word preached.
- 5) _____ your emotions match your conviction of sin and desire to change.

- His _____ in our homes. *Hebrews 10:24-27; 1Peter 4:8-11*

Spiritual Skill #2 Admit God KNOWS BETTER than You!

➤ Listen with a **humbled heart**

- ☐ Humble yourself by **refusing** to have a hard heart before God, His Word, and His preachers and teachers.
- ☐ Humble yourself by **confessing** that you are often wise in your own eyes and struggle with pride.
- ☐ Humble yourself by **admitting** that you do not know better than God.
- ☐ Humble yourself by **forsaking** any known sin in thought, word, or deed.
- ☐ Humble yourself before God by **fearing** Him enough to **admit** that as your heavenly Father He knows better than you.

➤ Listen with a **submissive heart**.

- ☐ Practice **"pre-obedience"** instead of **"post-consideration"**: Go into the sermon or lesson already determined to do whatever the Lord speaks in His Word through the preacher or teacher.

Pre-Obedience	Two Options	Post-Consideration
Decide to Obey and Then Listen		Listen and Then Decide to Obey

- ☐ What part of this week's sermon **most challenged** you or **most convicted** you **to change**—in knowing, being, or doing?
- ☐ Does the passage preached or taught **clearly teach** these things?
- ☐ Move forward in **repentance and faith relying on the Holy Spirit** (which already indwells believers) and **God's grace** (which is God at work in you to desire and do His will) to **enable** you to **be** and **do whatever** God has said?