

How To Learn To Discern The Voice of God in Your Life

An All In Resource for Personal Discernment Around Generosity

My sheep listen to my voice; I know them, and they follow me. John 10|27

God is speaking to us and wants to be involved in our lives. It's what it means to "walk with God."

Here's a simple framework to help you listen:

1. Ground Yourself in Scripture

Read His word. Before you can build the muscle to hear what God is saying to you about a specific part of your life—generosity, how to show up to that difficult meeting, how to parent through a tough situation—you need to know His tone, His heart, and what He has already revealed in Scripture.

2. What He Has Revealed in Scripture About Generosity

God's Word gives us clear principles about generosity:

Everyone gives according to what they have

- "Each of you should give what you have decided in your heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver." (2 Corinthians 9|7)
- The biblical starting point is the tithe (10%), but God may be calling you to something different based on where you are.

Giving that requires trusting God beyond what feels comfortable

- "Bring the whole tithe into the storehouse... Test me in this,' says the LORD Almighty, 'and see if I will not throw open the floodgates of heaven and pour out so much blessing that there will not be room enough to store it." (Malachi 3|10)
- Sometimes God invites us to give in ways that stretch our faith and deepen our dependence on Him.

There are many passages in Scripture that talk about giving—you can dive as deep as you feel led in this. Here are a few more passages you can explore:

- The rich young ruler - Luke 18|18–30
- The Sermon on the Mount - Matthew 6
- Contentment/Eternal Perspective - I Timothy 6|6–10

3. Prayer

Bring before the Lord where you currently are with your giving and have an honest conversation about what it would look like to grow in your giving.

Once you have sat in what God has said about generosity in His word, ask some of these questions,

- "God, what do You want us as a family to give?"
- "What do You want to teach me about trust through my giving?"
- "Where is my heart when it comes to money and generosity?"
- "What next step are You inviting me to take?"

And then wait on Him.

How do I know when God has answered my prayers?

You may get a strong sense or feel incredible peace about a certain number; if you are discerning as a couple, pray separately, then come together to see if you're on the same page (that's a good way to confirm). If you are not on the same page, that's ok. Keep praying.

Job 33|14 says, *"God speaks, now one way, now another..."*

Hearing God's voice is a muscle to build through practice, but once you begin to learn to hear Him, you will find yourself consulting Him about everything. This is what it looks like to walk with God.

4. Consider the "All In" Invitation

The All In Invitation - as part of our church's journey, we're inviting everyone to prayerfully consider what God is inviting them to give. The goal of ALL IN is to maximize our impact as a church family for the Kingdom of God. We hope that this guide helps you discern how God is inviting you to lean in. We're praying with you.

Once God has made it clear to you, there will be an opportunity at the end of the All In series to make a commitment before the Lord.

Need help? If you have questions about giving or want to talk through your decision, reach out to our team at info@242community.com.