

***Life Principle Day Thirteen:
Listening to God is essential to
walking with God.***

**Today's Reading
John 10:1-30**



One of the most important life principles is summarized in the above statement: "Listening to God is essential to walking with God." God desires a loving relationship with us. Just as a good human relationship requires good listening skills, so too a strong relationship with your Father requires that you listen to Him. You cannot walk with God without listening to Him. No wonder the psalmist cries out with an attentive ear in Psalm 119:133 "Direct my footsteps according to your word."

We learn that lesson well during a walk through rolling pasture fields. It is here that Jesus as the Good Shepherd tends His sheep. If you have surrendered your life to Christ in repentant faith, you are one of those sheep. Repeatedly throughout this passage, Jesus makes clear that He speaks to you as His sheep. You, in turn, are charac-

terized as listening. Perhaps it is best summarized in verse 27, "My sheep listen to my voice; I know them, and they follow Me." Think of this: the God of the universe wants to guide your steps in life! Listening is essential to following.

We can listen to the voice of the Savior as He speaks in many ways. Certainly, He speaks to us through the Scriptures and through prayer. Make sure that you approach both with a listening ear. Don't do all of the talking. Don't only look for words/answers you want to hear. At one point in my prayer life, I stopped asking God, "Why?" and began asking "What?" He was not giving me answers to why. I have grown as I pray and read the Word with an ear tuned to listen for His guiding voice.

To listen to Dr. Stanley, click here: http://www.intouch.org/resources/life-principles-to-live-by/content/topic/listening_to_god_walking_with_god_life_principle



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