


hearing God's voice

how to hear God's voice?

through the Bible

God speaks first and foremost through His Word. By reading and knowing the Bible you discover what you need to do.

 2 Timothy 3:16,17

 The lesson [Bible reading tips](#) can help you with this.

by thoughts

God often speaks in your thoughts. You



"hear" a word, a sentence or you think of a Bible text.

At first it is sometimes difficult to know whether these are not your own thoughts. But you can often recognize it because the thought comes suddenly. Or because you notice that the thought won't let you go.

You can also see a picture or a short 'video' in your mind.

by someone else

God also sometimes ensures that someone sends you a card, or that you see something on television, etc. Something that you "coincidentally" need at that moment.

through prophecy

God also passes things on through other Christians.

Prophesying is: saying/predicting something on behalf of God.

through dreams

God can also speak through dreams.





directly


In some cases it may also happen that God speaks with a clearly audible voice or that you receive a visit from an angel.

to think about

- ▶ How well do I know the Bible?
- ▶ Is there stubbornness, shame, fear or ignorance that prevents me from knowing God's voice?
- ▶ How has God ever spoken to me?
- ▶ What did He say then?
- ▶ How can I remember what God has said to me?

 **tips:**

1. Write down prophecies. Save them. Take them seriously.
 1 Timothy 1:18-19
2.  A prophecy must match what the Bible says. God will never say anything that goes against His Word.
3.  Never listen to predictions from fortune tellers, horoscopes, mediums, and so on. They do not have God as a source, are unhealthy and destroy things.
 Deuteronomy 18:10-12

4. If the same thing is said from different sides, pay extra close attention to these prophecies.
5.  When it comes to major events or changes in your life, ask God for clarity. Also discuss such matters with people who have been Christians for some time and have experience with this.
6. Check whether there are any conditions attached to the prophecy. Sometimes God asks you to do something.



Extra information

the gift of prophecy

The Bible says that Christians are all meant to have a desire to prophesy.

 1 Corinthians 14:1-5

God knows everything and wants to use us to help people. We may pass on His thoughts. For example, when we ask Him to say something, you suddenly think of someone, or you see his or her face. You often already know in your mind what you can pass on to the other person. This kind of prophecy is **always constructive**.

to think about

- ▶ In what way(s) has God used me to pass on a message to others?

prophets

You can also have a prophetic ministry. Then it is your job to listen a lot to God and to also pass on prophecies that give direction to what is going or needs to happen.

 Acts 11:27

 Ephesians 4:11

The intention is that these people are recognized as prophets by the church they belong to, so that they can support the leadership of the church with messages from God. They often also have a prophetic task outside the church.

The Bible contains many stories about prophets: Elijah, Isaiah, Jeremiah, Daniel, John, etc.

