

LESSON 2.2 • CARES OF THIS WORLD

OUTLINE

VI. What would have happened if God had called Ananias and he hadn't been able to listen to God?

And there was a certain disciple at Damascus, named Ananias; and to him said the Lord in a vision, Ananias. And he said, Behold, I am here, Lord.

ACTS 9:10

- A. It's possible that God would've raised up someone else to minister to Saul.
- B. How many of you has God spoken to but you weren't there because you were too busy?
- C. If you are going to take the limits off God, you are going to have to start spending time with Him.
- D. The Word of God is so important—it will focus your attention on the things of God.
- E. You have to start unplugging from this world and putting your mind on God and giving Him an opportunity to speak to you in that still, small voice.

VII. There are many of you who are so talented that you depend only upon that talent and that you don't feel much need for God.

- A. It's a blessing not to have any great talent, because it makes you dependent upon God.

But God hath chosen the foolish things of the world to confound the wise; and God hath chosen the weak things of the world to confound the things which are mighty.

1 CORINTHIANS 1:27

- B. The people who make a difference are those who don't have a lot, because they are turning to God and seeking Him; therefore, He can speak to them.
- C. God still speaks to the mighty and the talented, but the vast majority of them don't listen, because they aren't as dependent on Him.

VIII. Proverbs 4:26 says—

Ponder the path of thy feet, and let all thy ways be established.

- A. You need to meditate on the path you're on and be still.
- B. If you do, your path will be established.

- C. If you are going to remove the limits from God and see His will come to pass in your life, you have to commit yourself to seeking Him with all of your heart.
 - D. You might be looking for something more profound than this, but until you start doing these things, there's no point in going on to the next step.
- IX. “*My sheep hear my voice*” (John 10:27, emphasis mine).
- A. Jesus didn't say, “My sheep *can* hear My voice.”
 - B. Every time we have a choice to make, God is giving us directions.
 - C. If we are not hearing His voice, it's because we are dull of hearing—not because He is not speaking to us.
 - i. We are drowning out His voice with other things.
 - D. We don't need to know everything before we step out; we just need to know that God is speaking to us.

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DISCIPLESHIP QUESTIONS

17. *Discussion question:* What opportunities do you feel you may have missed because you were too busy to hear God?

18. Why is the Word of God so important?

19. True or false: You have to start unplugging from this world and putting your mind on God and giving Him an opportunity to speak to you in that still, small voice.

20. It's a _____ not to have any great talent, because it makes you _____ on God.

21. Why don't the mighty and talented hear God speaking?

- A. He isn't speaking to them
- B. They don't listen
- C. They aren't dependent on Him
- D. A and C
- E. B and C

22. *Discussion question:* What do you think it means to “ponder the path of thy feet” (Prov. 4:26)?

- 23. What will happen if you meditate on the path you're on and be still?
 - A. Your path will disappear
 - B. Your path will be established
 - C. Birds and deer will come to you
 - D. All of the above
 - E. None of the above

24. *Discussion question:* What does John 10:27 mean to you?

25. True or false: God isn't always giving directions.

26. You don't need to know everything before you step out; you just need to know what?

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JEREMIAH 10:23

O LORD, I know that the way of man is not in himself: it is not in man that walketh to direct his steps.

PROVERBS 4:26

Ponder the path of thy feet, and let all thy ways be established.

JOHN 10:27

My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow me.