

Do You Really Hear God?

Do you wonder why you don't feel God at work in your life? Explain _____

Jesus talks about being connected to God; He talks about the Vine and the Branches *"I am the true vine, and my Father is the gardener. He cuts off every branch in me that bears no fruit, while every branch that does bear fruit he prunes so that it will be even more fruitful. You are already clean because of the word I have spoken to you. Remain in me, as I also remain in you. No branch can bear fruit by itself; it must remain in the vine. Neither can you bear fruit unless you remain in me"*

"I am the vine; you are the branches. If you remain in me and I in you, you will bear much fruit; apart from me you can do nothing. If you do not remain in me, you are like a branch that is thrown away and withers; such branches are picked up, thrown into the fire and burned. If you remain in me and my words remain in you, ask whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. This is to my Father's glory, that you bear much fruit, showing yourselves to be my disciples." John 15 1-8 (NIV)

Often in life we have several blind spots which are blocking us from being connected to God. We don't often feel God's presence in our life or hear His voice. Circle items from the list below that are possible blind spots or problem areas in your life.

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| 1) Too busy for God | 2) Wrong motives | 3) Bitterness | 4) Resentment |
| 5) Prideful / arrogance | 6) Poor attitude of heart | 7) Stubbornness | 8) Selfishness |
| 9) Your sinful behavior | 10) Blaming others | 11) Un-forgiveness | 12) Anger issues |
| 13) Very worldly | 14) Drugs / alcohol | 15) Legalistic | 16) Very judgmental |
| 17) Not trusting God | 18) Ignorance of God | 19) Dishonest nature | 20) Fear / insecurities |

"The god of this age has blinded the minds of unbelievers, so that they cannot see the light of the gospel that displays the glory of Christ, who is the image of God." 2 Corinthians 4:4 (NIV)

"Let light shine out of darkness," make his light shine in our hearts to give us the light of the knowledge of God's glory displayed in the face of Christ." 2 Corinthians 4:6 (NIV)

Questions to ponder:

1) Do you honestly spend any alone time with God each day? _____

2) What impediment(s) is keeping you from connecting to God? (Examples: anger, resentment)
Explain _____

3) What can you do to have a better connection to the vine, (or God)? Explain _____