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THE NEED OF COMMUNICATION

- A. God has not left man to himself but has revealed His will to him. (**Hebrews 1:1-2**)
1. The New Testament has been delivered through Jesus Christ. (**Hebrews 1:1-2; Matthew 28:18; John 12:44-50**)
 2. After ascending, Jesus Christ made His will known through the Holy Spirit guided apostles and prophets. (**John 15:26-27; 16:13-15; Acts 1:8; 2:1-4, 16-21; 2 Peter 1:20-21**)



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- 3. These inspired men wrote down “all truth” they received for all to come. (**Ephesians 3:3-5**)
- 4. The Bible is not the word of man but the word of God – His final and complete revelation for us. (**Jude 3; 2 Timothy 3:16-17; 2 Peter 1:3** – “all truth”)



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- B. Since God has spoken, am I listening? (**Matthew 4:4; Hebrews 5:12-14**)
1. How often do I listen to God? (**1 Peter 2:2; Matthew 17:5; 2 Peter 3:18**)
 2. What attitudes do I have in listening to God? (**2 Timothy 2:15; Matthew 15:10; Ephesians 5:17; John 7:17; Matthew 5:6; 2 Thessalonians 2:10-12; Matthew 13:1-23; James 1:22-25; Acts 17:11; Luke 8:16-18**)



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1. God desires and has promised to listen to our prayers. (Matthew 7:7-11)

2. We need to appreciate prayer and the blessings it brings.

a. We need to praise God. (Revelation 4:11)

b. We need to express our thanks. (1 Chronicles 16:8; Colossians 4:2)



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2. We need to appreciate prayer and the blessings it brings.
 - c. We need to acknowledge our sins and repentance. (2 Corinthians 7:10; 1 John 1:9; Luke 15:18)
 - d. We need to petition God for His aid. (Philippians 4:6; Matthew 6:11; James 1:5; 5:13-16)
 - e. We need to offer intercession for others. (1 Timothy 2:1-2; 2 Thess. 3:1-2; James 5:16; Matt. 5:43-44)



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3. When our prayers are not answered in the way we would like we need to trust God's wisdom. (2 Corinthians 12:7-10)



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- D. God is willing to listen if I take the time to pray.
1. He cannot hear prayers that aren't expressed. (1 Thessalonians 5:17; Luke 18:1-8; 11:5-10)
 2. He cannot hear prayers if we fail to pray properly. (Luke 18:9-14; Matthew 21:22; James 4:3; Matthew 6:5-16; James 1:6-8; John 14:13-14)
 3. He cannot hear prayers if we fail to live properly. (Proverbs 28:9; John 9:31; 1 Peter 3:12; Proverbs 21:13)

