

There are so many times when I want to “hear” from God. No, I don’t hear God’s voice audibly, but rather through his word, the Bible, and through his spirit inside me which gives me a “knowing” of what God thinks about a particular subject. Sometimes, it’s an appreciation over something wonderful God has created. I think God expects us to love and appreciate His creation. Growing up on a farm gave me such an appreciation for the earth’s bounty, for the wonder of birth, and the specialness of baby animals.

Other times, we are looking for God to give us a clear sign of which way we should go: which college to attend, who to marry. These are difficult, at times, because we sometimes have to make decisions without a clear answer from God. No matter which way we chose to go in life, it is important to dedicate every day to God and to his glory. Yet, it is so important to keep our lives in the posture of listening for God. Staying open to his directions, to the prompting of His Spirit. Keeping our schedules open enough to include those in our lives who are less fortunate, and need us to minister to them. And allowing God’s Spirit to mold our own hearts into the character of Christ.

*“The Spirit searches all things, even the deep things of God. For who among men knows the thoughts of a man except the man’s spirit within him? In the same way, no one knows the thoughts of God except the Spirit of God. We have not received the spirit of the world but the Spirit who is from God, that we may understand what God has freely given us. That is what we speak, not in words taught us by human wisdom, but in words taught by the Spirit, expressing spiritual truths in spiritual words. ....”for who has known the mind of the Lord that he may instruct him?” But we have the mind of Christ. 1 Cor 2: 10b-13, 16-17*