



Sensitivity to the Lord

How can one become more sensitive to the Lord? One thing is true, we can all be more sensitive to the Lord than we currently are. It is to our benefit to be more sensitive to Him.

To be sensitive to the Lord, one thing ought to be ever present or consistently present. We need to keep our focus and attention on Him at all time. For that to happen, there are certain things we can do that will help us increase that sensitivity to the Lord.

Ephesians 4:17-19 This I say therefore, and testify in the Lord, that ye henceforth walk not as other Gentiles walk, in the vanity of their mind, Having the understanding darkened, being alienated from the life of God through the ignorance that is in them, because of the blindness of their heart:

Who being past feeling have given themselves over unto lasciviousness, to work all uncleanness with greediness.

1. Relationship with the Lord—Born again.

Romans 10:9 “That if thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved.”

- a) It all starts here. If you have not committed your life to Jesus and accepted Him in your heart as your personal Lord and savior believing that He died on the cross for all our sins.
- b) We have all been separated by sin and until were born again, our spirit man is still dead and has no capability to have the sensitivity to the Lord that could last long or be consistent. Once we have a new spirit and new man (Ephesians 4:24), we have begun a journey to being sensitive to the Lord like never.
- c) Our spiritual sensitivity flows out of our relationship with the Lord. No relationship with the Lord, no sensitivity to Him.

2. Word

- a) We need to be in the Word. This does not mean to be constantly in the Bible. We need to be at a place, position, or default where we constantly filter every voice and everything through the Word of God, looking and listening to and for His voice.
- b) God speaks to us more through His Word and as He speaks to us our sensitivity to Him increases.
 - i) Luke 24:32 And they said one to another, Did not our heart burn within us, while he talked with us by the way, and while he opened to us the scriptures?
 - He (God) talks to us while He opens the scriptures (The Word). We need to be in the Word if we want Him to talk to us.
 - ii) Psalms 119:104-105 “Through thy precepts I get understanding: therefore I hate every false way. Thy word is a lamp unto my feet, and a light unto my path.”

3. Prayer

- a) Prayer causes us to be focused on the Lord which in return increases our sensitivity to Him. One of the things I have learned is not to be only sensitive to the Lord during prayer. We can pray and ask the Lord to give us sensitivity to Him.
- b) One time I was praying about a specific direction from the Lord about a decision to rent a house, but I did not hear a thing in all the time of prayer, but the answer came after prayer and because I was not sensitive, tuned in, and listening to the Lord, when He spoke through my friend, I missed His voice.

4. Praying in tongues

- a) My experience while praying in the spirit is, I have gotten sensitivity to the Lord like never. We can grow in our sensitivity to the Lord through this.
- b) When we speak in tongues, we speak mysterious. We pray for what we know not.

5. Meditation

Meditating on the works of the Lord and His Word, it opens us to hearing the Lord and becoming sensitive to Him.

- a) Psalm 77:12 I will meditate also of all thy work, and talk of thy doings.
- b) Psalm 119:15 I will meditate in thy precepts, and have respect unto thy ways.

6. Fellowship with Him and practicing His presence

- a) Acts 13:2 As they ministered to the Lord, and fasted, the Holy Ghost said, Separate me Barnabas and Saul for the work whereunto I have called them.
 - i) We fellowship with the Lord by ministering to Him.
- b) Every believer has relationship with the Lord, but having relationship is not synonymous to having fellowship with Him. We need fellowship after relationship. This involves talking to the Lord through the day and constantly listening in to Him.
 - i) This includes praising, giving thanks, and giving Him glory. This includes acknowledging (to know, inquire of Him, recognize, give ear to Him, let Him lead us, remember Him, and listen for His voice) Him in all we do and before we do.
- c) We will grow in sensitivity to the Lord as we yield and respond to His leadings even the slightest things.

7. Spend time with the Lord

- a) Mark 3:14 And he ordained twelve, that they should be with him, and that he might send them forth to preach,
 - i) Every relationship requires time. Time is a crucial investment in being or growing in our sensitivity to the Lord.

8. Be still

- a) Psalm 46:10 Be still, and know that I am God: I will be exalted among the heathen, I will be exalted in the earth.
 - i) There is a time for us to be still and slow down from too much activity. This allows us to hear from the Lord better and clearer.

9. Obedience to the Lord

- a) James 4:8 Draw nigh to God, and he will draw nigh to you. Cleanse your hands, ye sinners; and purify your hearts, ye double minded.
 - i) God has already drawn near to us spiritually but there is a soulish and physical drawing near on our part to experience another manifestation of His drawing near. If we draw near to Him, He will draw near to us as well.

- b) The increase of our spiritual sensitivity is connected to our obedience to the Lord, first in believing and in action.
- c) We need promptness in following the leading of the Lord at the first hearing of the Lord. When the Lord speaks to us and we take a long time without following Him we gradually become insensitive to the Lord and His leading.

10. Living a godly life

- a) Hebrews 3:13 But exhort one another daily, while it is called Today; lest any of you be hardened through the deceitfulness of sin.
 - i) Sin hardens our hearts to the Lord. If we want to be sensitive to the Lord, we need to live a separate and godly life.