



Listen and Learn #2 :: Listen Here {Andy Stanley}

INTRODUCTION

In the previous session, we discussed the fact that what and who you listen to will ultimately influence what you do. That raises the question: what/who should you listen to? There are a myriad of voices that attempt to speak into our lives and shape our decisions. Some we listen to with fervor. Some we ignore as foolish. But is there one voice among the rest that should not be ignored? Is there one voice that demands our attention?

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. How do you define *wisdom*? Who is the wisest person you know?
2. Who are your most trusted advisors? Who do you go to when you need solid advice?
3. Read Proverbs 1:20-23. The Bible suggests that *wisdom* is more than willing to speak if we're willing to listen. What exactly does that mean? How does *wisdom* "make known" its teachings? How do you hear from *wisdom*?
4. Read Proverbs 1:24-31. These proverbs reflect the way the world really works: if you don't listen to wisdom, there will be consequences. What are some consequences that you have experienced as a result of ignoring the voice of wisdom?
5. Why do we often ignore the voice of wisdom?
6. A helpful question to ask when faced with a difficult decision is "What is the wise thing for me to do?" As you consider your finances, your marriage, your relationships . . . what is the wise thing for you to do?

MOVING FORWARD

At the end of the day, to ignore wisdom is to decide to enter a storm from which you may never fully recover. Because wisdom understands how the world works. Wisdom is not swayed by the voices of greed or discontent. Wisdom is shouting from the streets to live in a way that honors God.

Are you listening?

CHANGING YOUR MIND

*For the waywardness of the simple will kill them,
and the complacency of fools will destroy them;*

*but whoever listens to me will live in safety
and be at ease, without fear or harm.*

Proverbs 1:32-33