



A woman who rises is one who *Hears*

Introduction

“Every time we hear a sermon or open the scriptures, our assignment is to tune our souls to a readiness to be shaped, taught, corrected or advised.”

Jack Hayford

There is a profound difference between hearing and listening. A Woman who rises is one who not only hears what God is saying, but intently listens with an intention to respond.

She recognizes the difference between hearing and listening.

A. Shema (Old Testament) & Akouo (New Testament) definitions.

1. Shema: to hear, listen to, obey. To hear intelligently (often with implications of attention, obedience, etc.

2. Akouo: to hear, to attend to, consider what is being said. To understand, perceive the sense of what is said. To give ear to a teaching or a teacher.

B. Tips for being an active listener. (Matthew 11:15)

C. Benefits of active listening. (Matthew 7:24)

She learns the ways she can hear from God.

A. Through reading the Bible. (2 Timothy 3:14, 16-17)

B. Through prayer.

C. Through worship.

D. Through others.

E. Through creation. (Romans 1:20)

F. Through miracles.

G. Through circumstances

Listening as our spiritual discipline.

A. Remember this is where your journey with God began.

B. Be intentional about listening.

C. Ask yourself “How does God want me to respond?”

D. Keep a journal. Record what you are hearing God speak to you, what He is calling you to do and what the outcome was once you followed through.