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HE THAT HATH AN EAR

God doesn't want us to be in the dark about things. He wants us to know the plans He has for us and wants to lead us by His Spirit. Over and over in the Old Testament and the New Testament God tried to lead His people through the voice of His prophets but they often did not want to hear what they had to say.

When Jesus came on the scene, the Word made flesh, and spoke the religious leaders didn't want to hear what He had to say either. He often called them **"dead men's bones"** or **"whited sepulchers."** That wouldn't be a description of myself that I would want to hear. He brought them truth and they rejected them. Yet, in spite of their rejection He loved them. He yearned to see them change. He wept over Jerusalem knowing they had rejected the only one that could bring them salvation.

In the Book of Revelation there are seven churches that a message was to be sent out to. Each one had things that needed to change. Each message given ended with **"He that hath an ear, let him hear what the Spirit saith unto the churches."** This leads me to believe that God wants us to "listen" to the Spirit more than just be busy talking. We must take time to get quiet.

As a person that is hearing impaired, I often find it difficult to hear what someone says, especially with their back to me. I have to "tune in" and listen harder than most when someone speaks. I don't want to miss what they are saying. In Revelation it would seem that each of these churches' candlesticks, which represent their pastors, were hard of hearing. They just weren't listening to the voice of the Spirit. They fell short in every area because of being dull of hearing.

In the days that we are in it is imperative that we become the best listeners ever, because without hearing direction from God we will miss His leading. There are many voices speaking in this hour, but the only way we know who is speaking from God is if we get quiet and seek God ourselves. We must have an ear to hear what the Spirit is saying.

Don't fool yourselves into thinking that because you read the bible occasionally that you will know the voice of the Spirit. It comes from studying the word of God daily, not an occasional visit. We must take the time to study daily even in the hustle and bustle of life or we will miss what Holy Spirit is saying. We must pray that pastors and church leaders take the time personally to hear from God. Dry dead sermons come from dry dead works that will be burned up when the Lord comes back. We need to have fresh, new revelations of God's plan daily. Stale bread never satisfies anyone my friends.

Be determined to have an ear to hear what the Spirit is saying. He will never contradict the Word of God. He will guide you into all truth.