

How do you begin to hear and recognize God's voice?

1. Have a seeking heart. Read Psalm 63:1 .

Are you seeking God? If you want to hear God's voice, you need to seek him. Are you honest with him? Do you tell him frustrations, fears or doubts you may have about hearing from him? Ask him to give you ears to hear and eyes to see the ways he is speaking to you. Ask him for the ability to recognize the difference between his voice and your thoughts.

2. Read your Bible. Read Rom 10:7; and 2Timothy 3:16  
When you study the Bible, do you open yourself up to the very heart and personality of God? Do you keep your eyes open for teachings and stories that reveal who God is and what he is like? Ask him to help you understand and apply what you're reading.

3. Be a good listener. Read Psalm 46:10; 1 Kings 19:9-13  
Hearing God's voice requires one major thing: listening. While it may sound easy, actually making time to sit still can be a challenge in your super-busy world. It is hard to get quiet and even harder to stay that way. Hearing from God is about more than just turning off the cell and getting away from doors. It requires a quiet heart. It means becoming still enough on the inside despite the craziness on the outside.

4. Practice patience. Read Psalm 37:4  
All of this takes time, effort and patience. Learning to hear, recognize and understand the ways God speaks doesn't happen overnight. It may take several years before you're completely comfortable with hearing and recognizing God's voice. No matter how long it takes, be confident that he has heard your prayers and will respond.

5. Obey God.  
Hearing from God doesn't mean much if we don't obey. Do you constantly wonder if what you hear is really from God? This keeps you from taking action. The fear of being wrong prevents you from ever having the opportunity to be right.  
Remember, God looks at the heart. Through a pattern of obedience, you begin to develop a confidence and assurance that you really have heard from God. You can't really explain it. It's internal.

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**Be attentive.**

**Focus on God**

**Get in step with the Spirit**

**Practice His Presence**

**Read His Word**