

TO HEAR GOD'S VOICE, TURN DOWN THE NOISE!

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"Now the LORD came and stood and called as at other times, 'Samuel! Samuel!' And Samuel answered, 'Speak, for Your servant hears.' {1 Samuel 3:10}

God spoke to Samuel in an audible voice and told him some things He would accomplish regarding Eli's household. Today, God speaks to us through His word. Sadly, many do not hear His voice because of the **world's noise**. How can we turn down the noise?

Get busy in His kingdom. "Then He said to His disciples, 'The harvest truly is plentiful, but the laborers are few. Therefore pray the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into His harvest.' {Matthew 9:37,38} This world can keep you so busy, you can't hear yourself think! A busy life is fine as long as there is a balance among the things that keep us busy! Why, when there's work to do for the Lord, are workers so hard to come by? Whether it be teaching classes, visiting the sick, helping maintain the building, seeking the lost, or just encouraging the weak – there's plenty of work and not enough workers. Does it mean that it should always be the "same workers" carrying the burdens of the Lord's work?

Set proper priorities. "But seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness, and all these things shall be added to you." {Matthew 6:33} We all have the same number of hours in our days. Work, rest, and recreation are a part of each person's life. Where does God fit into our busy lives. Are we guilty of just giving Him our leftover time? Do we truly put God first in our lives?

Turn off the TV and computer. There's nothing wrong with watching TV or spending time on the computer on your Facebook account. But when we allow these activities to consume hours of our lives that we could devote to growing stronger spiritually or helping others who need encouragement, have we not become poor stewards of our time? Yes, this world's noise can get so loud it drowns out God's voice. Please don't let this happen to you! ***