

# Recognizing God's Voice

Tests that confirm whether you are really hearing from God

Inspired by "God wants to talk to you" by Rick Warren



"Blessed are you, Simon Barjona, because flesh and blood did not reveal this to you, but My Father who is in heaven. Matthew 16:17 (NASB 95)

..."Get behind Me, Satan! You are a stumbling block to Me... Matthew 16:23 (NASB 95)

"Dearly loved friends, don't always believe everything you hear just because someone says it is a message from God: test it first to see if it really is... 1 John 4:1 (The Living Bible )

## Test #1

Does it \_\_\_\_\_ with the Bible?



"All Scripture is inspired by God and is useful to teach us what is true and to make us realize what is wrong in our lives. It corrects us when we are wrong and teaches us to do what is right. 2 Timothy 3:16 (NLT)

"The grass withers and the flowers fall, but the word of our God stands forever." Isaiah 40:8 (NIV84)

### Examples:

"Give to everyone what you owe them: Pay your taxes and government fees to those who collect them, and give respect and honor to those who are in authority. Romans 13:7 (NLT)

"The Lord detests people with crooked hearts, but he delights in those with integrity. Proverbs 11:20 (NLT)

"The man of integrity walks securely, but he who takes crooked paths will be found out. Proverbs 10:9 (NIV84)

"For from the heart come evil thoughts, murder, adultery, all sexual immorality, theft, lying, and slander. Matthew 15:19 (NLT)

"God's will is for you to be holy, so stay away from all sexual sin. 1 Thessalonians 4:3 (NLT)

"Run from anything that stimulates youthful lusts... 2 Timothy 2:22 (NLT)

"For a time is coming when people will no longer listen to sound and wholesome teaching. They will follow their own desires and will look for teachers who will tell them whatever their itching ears want to hear. 2 Timothy 4:3 (NLT)

## Test #2

Does it Lead me to be  
more \_\_\_\_\_?



“For God called you to do good, even if it means suffering, just as Christ suffered for you. He is your example, and you must follow in his steps. 1 Peter 2:21 (NLT)

“But if you harbor bitter envy and selfish ambition in your hearts, do not boast about it or deny the truth. Such “wisdom” does not come down from heaven but is earthly, unspiritual, of the devil. James 3:14–15 (NIV)

“But the wisdom that comes from heaven is first of all pure; then peace-loving, considerate, submissive, full of mercy and good fruit, impartial and sincere. Peacemakers who sow in peace raise a harvest of righteousness. James 3:17–18 (NIV)

## Test #3

Is it \_\_\_\_\_ or  
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“So now there is no condemnation for those who belong to Christ Jesus. Romans 8:1 (NLT)

“I correct and discipline everyone I love... Revelation 3:19 (NLT)

“But if we confess our sins to him, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all wickedness. If we claim we have not sinned, we are calling God a liar and showing that his word has no place in our hearts. 1 John 1:9–10 (NLT)