

The background is a soft-focus photograph of a modern interior. In the foreground, a shiny, metallic, dome-shaped object, possibly a paperweight or a decorative lamp base, is in sharp focus. It has a reflective surface that catches the light. The background shows a blurred desk with a laptop, some papers, and a small potted plant, creating a sense of a quiet, contemplative space.

HEARING THE VOICE OF GOD

AND MAKING GOOD DECISIONS

Hearing God

- Paul said *“Pursue love, and desire spiritual gifts, **but especially that you may prophesy.**”*
- *“But the anointing which you have received from Him abides in you, and you do not need that anyone teach you; but as **the same anointing teaches you** concerning all things, and is true, and is not a lie, and just as it has taught you, you will abide in Him.” (1 John 2:27)*

When God Speaks

- God only speaks on two different occasions... When you hear Him and when you don't.
- He only arranges circumstances and directs your life under two scenarios... When you know it, and when you have no clue.
- A man's heart plans his way, But the Lord directs his steps. (Proverbs 16:9)

Your conscience

- *“for when Gentiles, who do not have the law, by nature do the things in the law... show the work of the law written in their hearts, **their conscience also bearing witness...**” Romans 2:14-15*
- *“Now the purpose of the commandment is love from a pure heart, from a good conscience...” 1 Timothy 1:5*
- *“Eat whatever is sold in the meat market, asking no questions for conscience’ sake;” 1 Corinthians 10:25*

Dreams and Visions

- *“For God may speak in one way, or in another, Yet man does not perceive it. In a dream, in a vision of the night, when deep sleep falls upon men, while slumbering on their beds, Then He opens the ears of men, and seals their instruction.” Job 33:14-16*
- *“And it shall come to pass in the last days, says God, that I will pour out of My Spirit on all flesh; Your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, Your young men shall see visions, Your old men shall dream dreams.” Acts 2:17*
- I asked God to speak to me in a dream... Do you know why?
- Because I wasn't hearing him during the day. But HE said...

Creation

- *“The heavens **declare** the glory of God; and the firmament shows His handiwork. Day unto day **utters speech**, and night unto night **reveals knowledge**. There is no speech nor language where **their voice** is not heard. Their line (cord or line of sound) has gone out through all the earth, and **their words** to the end of the world.” Psalm 19:1-4*
- *“But now ask the beasts, and **they will teach you**;*
- *and the birds of the air, and **they will tell you**;*
- *Or speak to the earth, and **it will teach you**;*
- *And the fish of the sea **will explain to you**.” Job 12:7-8*

Creation

- George Washington Carver said... "I love to think of nature as an unlimited **broadcasting station**, through which God speaks to us every hour, ***if we will only tune in.***" He added... "All my life I have risen regularly at four o'clock and have gone into the woods and talked with God. There He gives me my orders for the day."
- Carver didn't just study nature—he **listened to it**, believing it to be **one of God's languages**. His reverence for the natural world was both scientific and profoundly spiritual.

Creation

- “Nature will not reveal her secrets to a man who will not listen, nor will she surrender her secrets to the arrogant.”
- He emphasized that nature must be wooed gently, like a friend or a woman, not forced open like a machine.
- “I never have to grope for methods. The method is revealed at the moment I am inspired to create something new. Without God to draw aside the curtain, I would be helpless.” John 15:5 reveals, “I am the vine, you are the branches. He who abides in Me, and I in him, bears much fruit; for without Me you can do nothing.”

Hieroglyphics

- Think of nature (all things created) as a form of language (hieroglyphics) that can be studied and learned. Paul said in Romans 1:20 *“For since the creation of the world His invisible attributes are clearly seen, being understood by the things that are made, even His eternal power and Godhead, so that they are without excuse,”*
- The beasts, birds, fish and even the earth, will teach you; Job 12:7-8
- When I get an impression from nature, the first place I look to interpret it, is the Word of God... What does God compare water to? What does He compare trees to?
- So, God can speak to you through nature, but you still have to interpret the hieroglyphics. The Holy Spirit will give you a sense, which you can use your tuning fork to verify whether you are hearing correctly.

God's word

- *“All Scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for [\[c\]](#)instruction in righteousness,”*
2 Timothy 3:16
- *“The entrance of Your words gives light;”* **Psalm 119:130**
- *“Your word is a lamp to my feet And a light to my path.”* **Psalm 119:105**
- *“This Book of the Law shall not depart from your mouth, but you shall meditate in it day and night, that you may observe to do according to all that is written in it. For then you will make your way prosperous, and then you will have good success.”* **Joshua 1:8**

God's word

- Here's how that works...
- Your mind (soul) reads the Word and evaluates it and makes decisions about what it means and whether it applies to them, etc.
- Simultaneous to that on occasion, your born again spirit will resonate.
- It will quicken you. A light goes off on the inside. *"The entrance of Your words gives light;"* Psalm 119:130 *"Your word is a lamp to my feet And a light to my path."* Psalm 119:105
- The Holy Spirit is resonating, vibrating with the logos and you sense it.
- Now your renewed mind begins to process it.
- Best to ask Him to tell you what's next.

The Peace of God

- *“And let the peace of God rule (act as an umpire) in your hearts,”* **Colossians 3:15**
- When you have a thought about a decision, or you have a question for God, and you get a thought in response, ask God right then and there if that was Him or not.
- Sometimes for some folks, it’s easier to hear a yes or a no than a longer answer.

The Holy Spirit

- *“However, when He, the Spirit of truth, has come, He will guide you into all truth; for He will not speak on His own authority, but whatever He hears He will speak; and He will tell you things to come.”* **John 16:13**
- *“For as many as are led by the Spirit of God, these are sons of God.”* **Romans 8:14**
- *“Walk by the Spirit... If you are led by the Spirit, you are not under the law.”* **Galatians 5:16, 18**

God is a Spirit, and They That Work With Him Must Work With Him in Spirit and in Truth

- *"God is Spirit, and those who worship Him must worship in spirit and truth."* John 4:24
- *"Present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship."* (Romans 12:1)
- Here, Paul is saying that our daily lives, our work, and our service can all be acts of worship.
- *"Whatever you do, work heartily, as for the Lord and not for men... You are serving the Lord Christ."* (Colossians 3:23-24)
- This implies that work becomes worship when done with a heart toward God.

We Are Body, Soul & Spirit

- *“Now may the God of peace Himself sanctify you completely; and may your whole spirit, soul, and body be preserved blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.” (1 Thessalonians 5:23)*
- Our bodies decipher the physical world.
- We do that through sight, sound, touch, taste and smell.
- Our mind (part of our soul) processes that information and categorizes it (i.e. cold or hot, big or small, bright or dim, red or green, etc.)
- Our mind is like a processor that takes in information, then uses reason, past experiences and acquired knowledge to make decisions.

Your Spiritual Advantage

- Our spirit contacts and receives information from the spiritual realm.
- We have always been spiritual beings.
- *“The natural man does not receive (accept with intentionality) the things of the Spirit of God for they are foolishness to him; **nor can he know them**, because they are spiritually discerned.”* (1 Corinthians 2:14)
- Our born again spirit is uniquely equipped to contact and receive information from God.
- We have this piece of equipment, superior to our physical features and even our brain, but not separate from them.

Renew Your Mind For Better Translation

- The spirit picks up impressions that we translate into words using our mind.
- Based on that interpretation and mind renewal, we are moved to action.
- This is not a refurbishment... It is a **complete overhaul** of how a person thinks, leading to a new way of living aligned with God's will.
- As we renew our mind, our desires align with His

When God's Direction Doesn't Seem Logical

- God is never illogical. Logic is not arbitrary. It reflects the way God thinks and speaks. (“Come now, let us reason together... Isaiah 1:19)
- Jesus is the word (logos) that became flesh and dwelt among us.
- Logos also means “logic” or “divine rationale”
- God's thoughts are coherent, consistent, and without contradiction.
- We are made in God's image and possess the capacity for logical thought.
- When we think logically, we are thinking correctly.
- When God's leading seems illogical, it's because we don't have all the information that He has. (How does an iron ship float or a plane fly?)

The Renewed Mind

(Proverbs 2:1)

- **If you receive my words and treasure my commands within you.**
- (If you seize and take in, willingly lay hold of my words, not filtered through pride or resisted, but rather treasured, hidden within, stored up and kept secure for future use...)

The Renewed Mind

(Proverbs 2:2)

- ***So that you incline your ear to wisdom.***
- (Deliberately position yourself to attentively receive, respect, and obey godly instruction that you may gain the ability to skillfully navigate life with mastery and expertise.)
- ***And apply your heart to understanding.***
- (This is an intentional act of directing your inner self – your thoughts, desires, focus, and will – toward gaining deep insight and discernment.)

The Renewed Mind

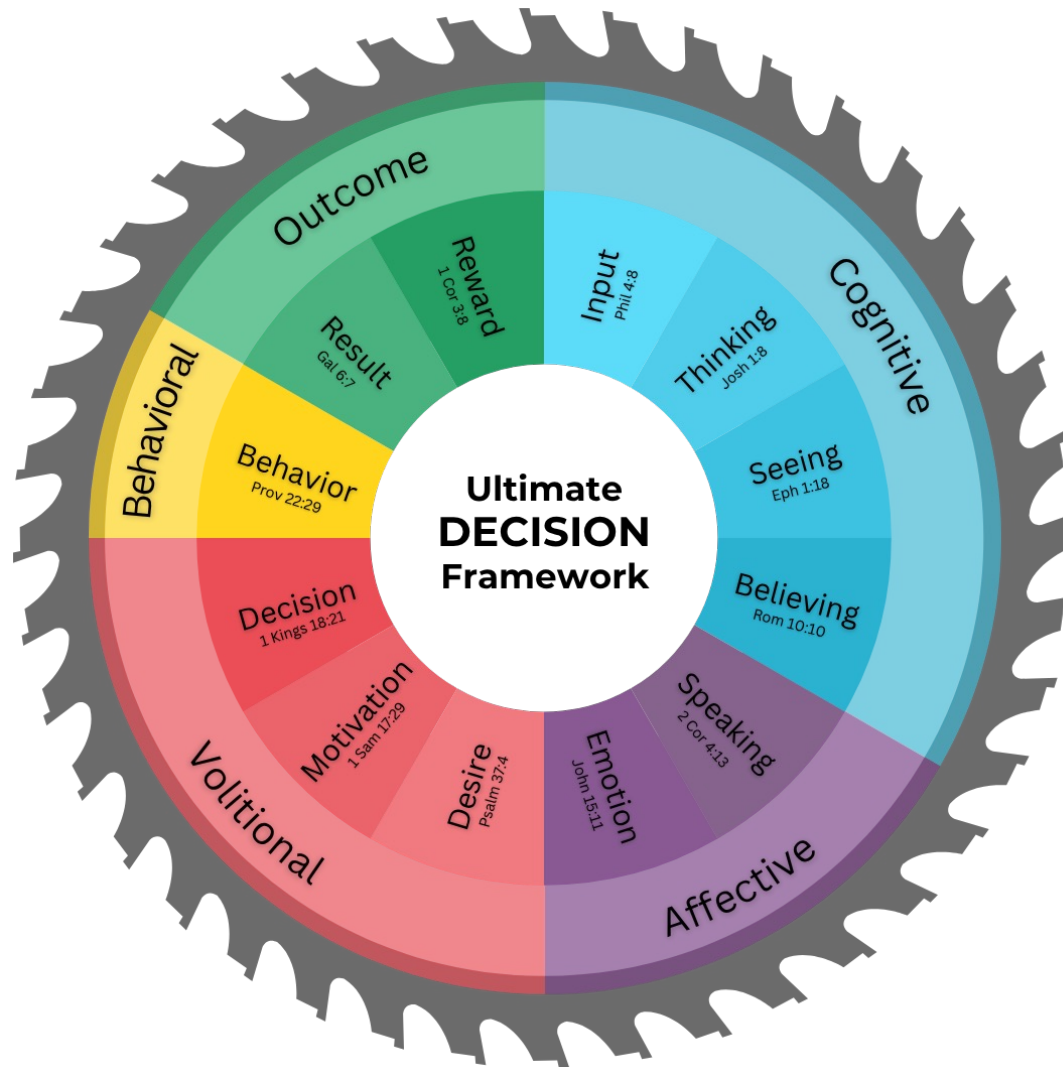
(Proverbs 2:3)

- *“Yes, if you cry out after knowledge*
- (the ability to think strategically and analytically with the capacity to see the WHY behind things, so you can discern between options or nuances...)
- *And if you lift up your voice for understanding,*
- (the ability to analyze and reason with a mind skilled at processing complex or layered issues)

The Renewed Mind

(Proverbs 2:4-5)

- *If you seek her as you would silver, and search for her as for hidden treasures; Then you will understand*
- (be able to perceive, separate mentally, and distinguish between things, and grasp the meaning of)
- *The fear of the Lord*
- (the reverential awe of God)
- *Which is the beginning of wisdom* Psalm 111:10
- (the ability to skillfully navigate life with mastery and expertise)
- *and find the knowledge of God*
- the intimate, experiential knowing of God."
- "In all your ways acknowledge Him, And He shall direct your paths." (Proverbs 3:6)
- That is the secret - WALK WITH HIM CLOSELY



DEEP WATER

- I want to thank you for investing your time in learning how to hear and recognize God's VOICE.
- For those of you who want to go deeper—who want more than just inspiration, but a path to transformation—I'd love to share a few minutes about *The Jesus School of Business*. It's just one more slide.
- It's something I built to help believers grow and truly excel in business *without losing their soul or their calling*.
- I'll share what it is, who it's for, and how you can be part of it if it's a fit for you. Totally optional. If you need to go, I bless you!
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