

:: a person I will not forgive;
:: a wrong relationship in my life I will not give up;
:: a restitution I will not make;
:: something God has already told me to do that I will not obey.

Check these points and be honest. Then try listening again.

10. Mistakes

Supposing I make a mistake and do something in the name of God that isn't right? Of course we make mistakes? We are humans with many faults. However, **God will always honor our sincerity.**

He will work around and through every honest mistake we make. He will help us make it right. **But remember this!** Sometimes when we do obey God, someone else may not like it or agree with it. So when there is opposition, it doesn't always mean you have made a mistake. It can mean that the other person doesn't want to know or do what is right.

Supposing I fail to do something that I have been told and the opportunity to do it passes? There is only one thing to do. Put is right with God. Tell Him you're sorry. Ask Him to forgive you, then accept his forgiveness and begin again. God is our Father - He is not an Impersonal computer. He understand us far better than we do.

11. Results

We never know what swimming is like until we get down into the water and try. We will never know what this is like until we sincerely try it.

Every person who has tried this honestly finds that a wisdom, not their own, comes into their minds and that a Power greater than human power begins to operate in their lives. It is an endless adventure.

There is a way of life, for everyone, everywhere. Anyone can be in touch with the living God, anywhere, anytime, **if we fulfill His conditions:**

When man listens, God speaks.

When man obeys, God acts.

This is the law of prayer.

God's plan for this world goes forward through the lives of ordinary people who are willing to be governed by Him.

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How to Listen to God

These are a few simple suggestions for people who are willing to make an experiment. You can discover for yourself the most important and practical thing any human being can ever learn - how to be in touch with God.

All that is needed is the *willingness to try it honestly*. Every person who has done this consistently and sincerely has found that it really works.

Before you begin, look over these fundamental points. They are true and are based on the experience of thousands of people.

1. God is alive. He always has been and He always will be.
2. God knows everything.
3. God can do anything.
4. God can be everywhere - all at the same time. (These are the important differences between God and us human beings)
5. God is invisible - we can't see Him or touch Him - **But God is here.** He is with you now. He is beside you. He surrounds you. He fills the room of the whole place where you are right now. **He is in you now. He is in your heart.**
6. God cares very much for you. He is interested in you. He has a plan for your life. He has an answer for every need and problem you face.
7. God will tell you all that you need to know. He will not always tell you all that you want to know.
8. God will help you do anything that He asks you to do.
9. Anyone can be in touch with God, anywhere and at any time, **if the conditions are obeyed.**

These are the conditions:

:: To be quiet and still

:: To listen

:: To be honest about every thought that comes

:: To test the thoughts to be sure that they come from God

:: To obey