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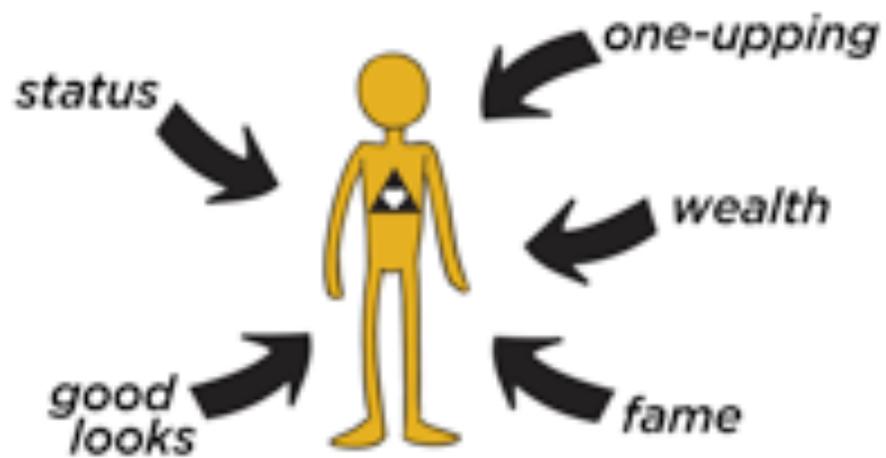
"I think pastors are the worst listeners. We're so used to speaking, teaching, and giving answers. We must learn to be quiet, quit being so verbal, learn to pay attention to what's going on, and listen."

– Eugene H. Peterson

5. VERSE-BG

PROVERBS 18:13 (THE MESSAGE)
Answering before listening is both stupid and rude.

6. VERSE-BG

JAMES 1:19
My dear brothers and sisters, take note of this:
Everyone should be quick to listen, slow to speak,
and slow to become angry.

7. VERSE-BG

Challenges to Effective Listening

I. Severed Connection with God

8. VERSE-BG

PSALM 81:8-13
Hear me, my people, and I will warn you—
   if you would only listen to me, Israel!
You shall have no foreign god among you;
   you shall not worship any god other than me.
I am the LORD your God,
   who brought you up out of Egypt.
Open wide your mouth and I will fill it.

9. VERSE-BG

But my people would not listen to me;
   Israel would not submit to me.
So I gave them over to their stubborn hearts
   to follow their own devices.

If my people would only listen to me,
   if Israel would only follow my ways . . .

10. VERSE-BG

"He who can no longer listen to his brother will soon be no longer listening to God either; he will be doing nothing but prattle in the presence of God too. This is the beginning of the death of the spiritual life. . . . Anyone who thinks that his time is too valuable to spend keeping quiet will eventually have no time for God and his brother, but only for himself and for his own follies."

– Dietrich Bonhoeffer

11. VERSE-BG

Challenges to Effective Listening

I. Severed Connection with God

II. Assumptions

12. VERSE-BG

JOB 16:2
"I have heard all this before. What miserable comforters you are! Won't you ever stop your flow of foolish words (*ruach*)? What have I said that makes you speak so endlessly?"

13. VERSE-BG

Challenges to Effective Listening

I. Severed Connection with God

II. Assumptions

III. Cultural Validation

14. VERSE-BG

1 KINGS 3:5-9
At Gibeon the Lord appeared to Solomon during the night in a dream, and God said, "Ask for whatever you want me to give you."

Solomon answered, "You have shown great kindness to your servant, my father David, because he was faithful to you and righteous and upright in heart. You have continued this great kindness to him and have given him a son to sit on his throne this very day.

"Now, Lord my God, you have made your servant king in place of my father David. But I am only a little child and do not know how to carry out my duties. Your servant is here among the people you have chosen, a great people, too numerous to count or number. So give your servant a discerning heart *(lev shema)* to govern your people and to distinguish between right and wrong. For who is able to govern this great people of yours?"
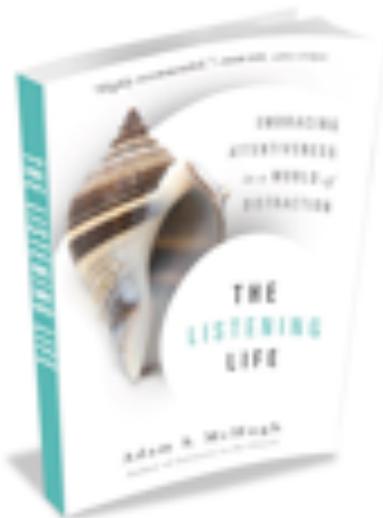
"Good listening starts with this scandalous premise that this conversation is not about you."

– Adam S. McHugh

17. VERSE-BG

THE LISTENING LIFE

EMBRACING ATTENTIVENESS
in a WORLD *of* DISTRACTION

Adam S. McHugh

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1 KINGS 11:9-10
The Lord was very angry with Solomon, for his heart had turned away from the Lord, the God of Israel, who had appeared to him twice. He had warned Solomon specifically about worshiping gods, but Solomon did not listen to the Lord's command.

19. [Group] VERSE-BG

LESSONS FOR EFFECTIVE LISTENING

I. Get all your life from Christ

20. [Group] VERSE-BG

LESSONS FOR EFFECTIVE LISTENING

I. Get all your life from Christ

II. Listening with your whole self

21. VERSE-BG

LESSONS FOR EFFECTIVE LISTENING

I. Get all your life from Christ

II. Listening with your whole self

III. Listening skills

22. VERSE-BG

GO IN PEACE

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