# HOW TO IMPROVE YOUR HEARING

### RELATIONSHIPS "**Я**" US: PART 4

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Take note of this:Everyone should be quick to listen, slow tospeak, and slow to become angry.James 1:19

Definition: Listening is \_\_\_\_\_

## What blocks my hearing?

Blockage #1: \_\_\_\_\_

*To answer before listening - that is folly and shame.* Proverbs 18:13

#### **Four Common Wrong Assumptions**

1. There is only one way to see things.

- 2. Everybody thinks like I do.
- 3. People never change.
- 4. I can figure out your motives.

Blockage #2 \_\_\_\_\_

#### How can I tell when I'm being impatient?

I interrupt
 I jump to conclusions

Do you see someone who speaks in haste? There is more hope for a fool than for them. Proverbs 29:20

A person's wisdom yields patience. Proverbs 19:11

*The way of fools seems right to them, but the wise listen to advice.* Proverbs 12:15

If you listen to constructive criticism, you will be at home among the wise. Proverbs 15:31

Ask "Is the criticism \_\_\_\_\_\_"

## Three "hearing aids"

**1. Listen with your** 

 Jesus looked at him and loved him.

 Mark 10:21

 **2. Listen with your**

Jesus with the woman at the well, John 4:16-19

3. \_\_\_\_\_ to listen

## How well do you listen to God?

(God) "This is my Son ... listen to Him!" Matthew 17:5

For there is nothing hidden that will not be disclosed, and nothing concealed that will not be known or brought out into the open. Therefore consider carefully how you listen. Whoever has will be given more; whoever does not have, even what they think they have will be taken from them."

3. Blockage #3 \_\_\_\_\_