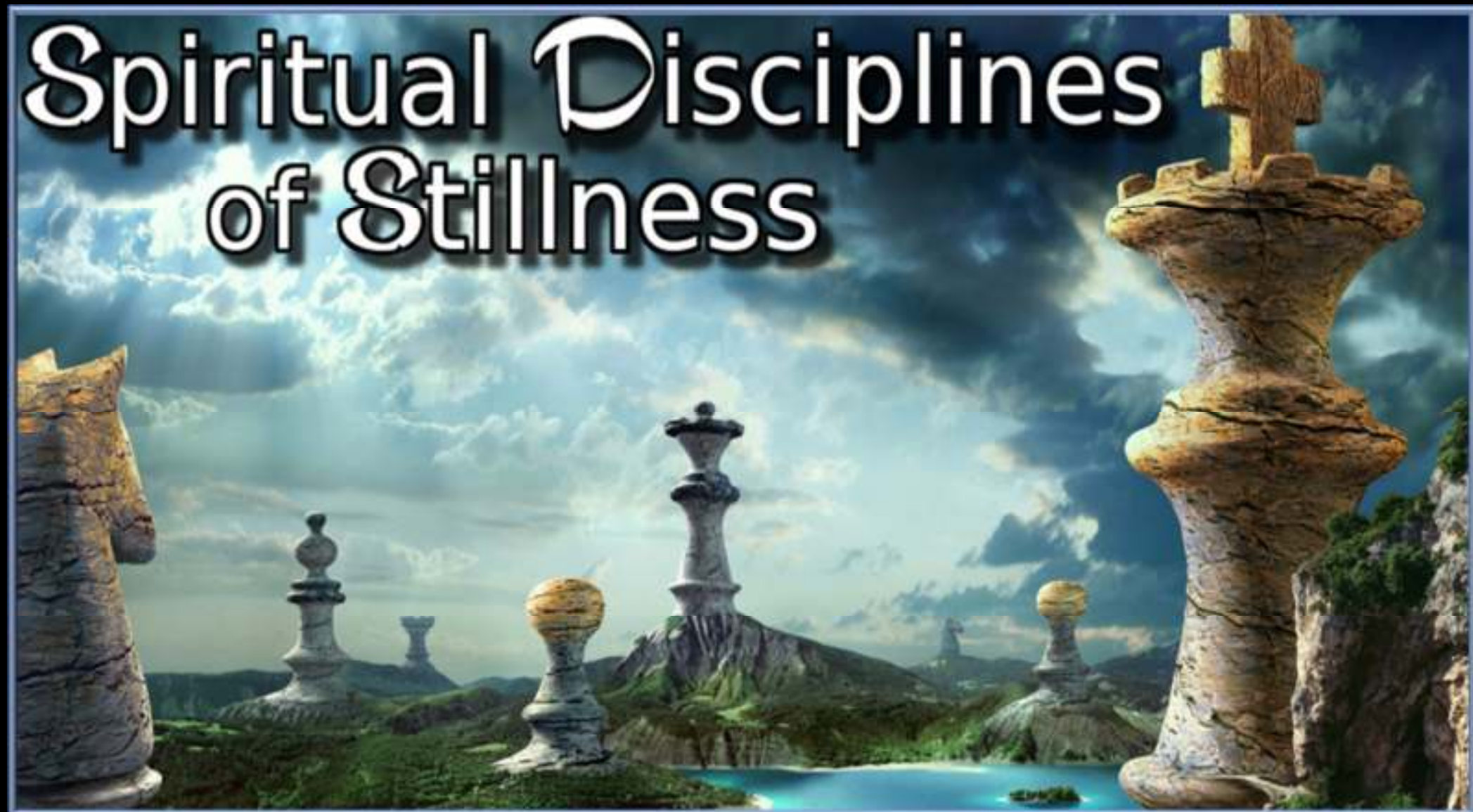




**Why are you
doing this?**



Spiritual Disciplines of Stillness



Be Still
and know that I am God



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Solitude

Fast & Pray

Meditation

Rest



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A fantastical landscape featuring several large, weathered chess pieces (king, queen, rook, knight, and pawns) standing on a grassy hillside. In the background, there are rolling hills, a small body of water, and a dramatic sky with clouds and a bright light source. The pieces are made of a textured, stone-like material.

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Listen

Listening \neq Hearing



Hear

- 1. To have the capacity of perceiving sound: to be able to become aware of sound**
- 2. To gain information**
- 3. To receive communication**



Listen

1. To pay attention to sound
2. To hear something with thoughtful attention: give consideration
3. To be alerted to catch an expected sound



**This is an important
idea because hearing
is all about being in
the presence of sound**



**Listening does
Require I “hear” the
information
but that is just
a small part**



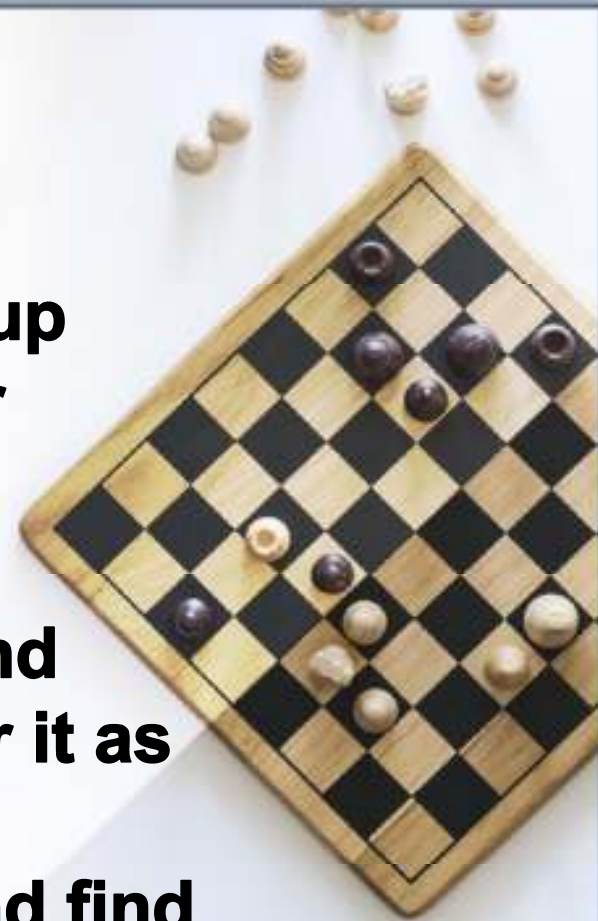
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Requirements for Good Listening (Proverbs 2:1-5)



Good Listening Requires Belief

My son, **if you accept my words** and store up my commands within you, turning your ear to wisdom and applying your heart to understanding— indeed, if you call out for insight and cry aloud for understanding, and if you look for it as for silver and search for it as for hidden treasure, then you will understand the fear of the Lord and find the knowledge of God.



Proverbs 2:1-5

Good Listening Requires Belief

And we also thank God continually because, when you received the word of God, which you heard from us, you accepted it not as a human word, but as it actually is, the word of God, which is indeed at work in you who believe.

1 Thessalonians 2:13



Good Listening Requires Patience

My son, if you accept my words and **store up my commands within you**, turning your ear to wisdom and applying your heart to understanding— indeed, if you call out for insight and cry aloud for understanding, and if you look for it as for silver and search for it as for hidden treasure, then you will understand the fear of the Lord and find the knowledge of God.



Proverbs 2:1-5

Good Listening

Requires a Direction Change

My son, if you accept my words and store up my commands within you, **turning your ear to wisdom** and applying your heart to understanding— indeed, if you call out for insight and cry aloud for understanding, and if you look for it as for silver and search for it as for hidden treasure, then you will understand the fear of the Lord and find the knowledge of God.

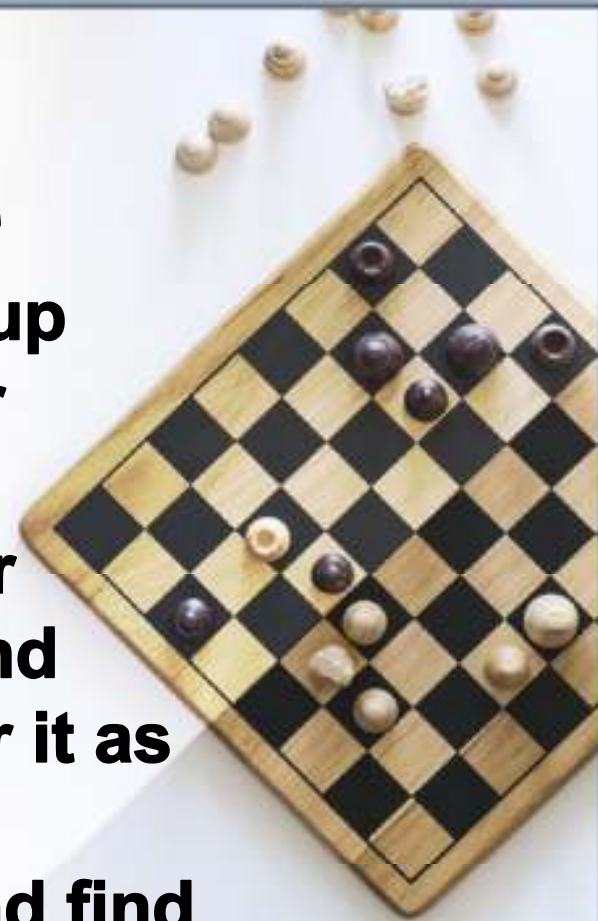


Proverbs 2:1-5

Good Listening

Requires an Action Change

My son, if you accept my words and store up my commands within you, turning your ear to wisdom and **applying your heart to understanding** — indeed, if you call out for insight and cry aloud for understanding, and if you look for it as for silver and search for it as for hidden treasure, then you will understand the fear of the Lord and find the knowledge of God.



Proverbs 2:1-5

Good Listening Requires a Hunger and Thirst for More

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Proverbs 2:1-5

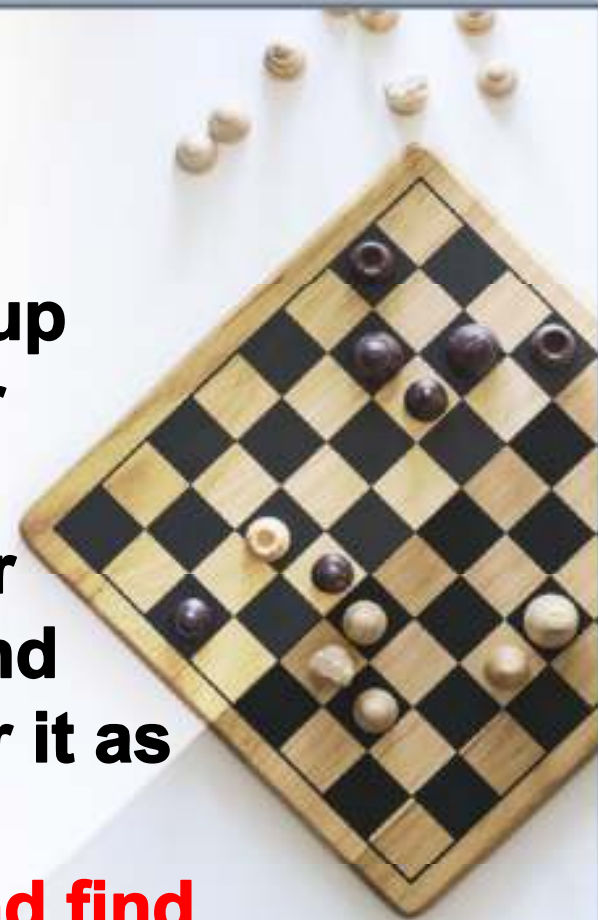
The Verbs

1. Call Out
2. Cry Aloud
3. Look for it
4. Search for it



Good Listening Requires us to go Deeper with God

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Proverbs 2:1-5

Becoming a Good Listener

But be doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving yourselves. For if anyone is a hearer of the word and not a doer, he is like a man observing his natural face in a mirror; for he observes himself, goes away, and immediately forgets what kind of man he was. But he who investigates the perfect law of liberty and continues in it and is not a forgetful hearer but a doer of the work, this one will be blessed in what he does.



James 1:22-25 NKJV





It's Gotten Harder

The world no longer sees the value in
the certificate



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**The world has gotten louder so now
they can't even hear us**



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We have begun shouting louder



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It's not working -- instead it is having the opposite effect



**Listening =
Hearing + Doing**





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