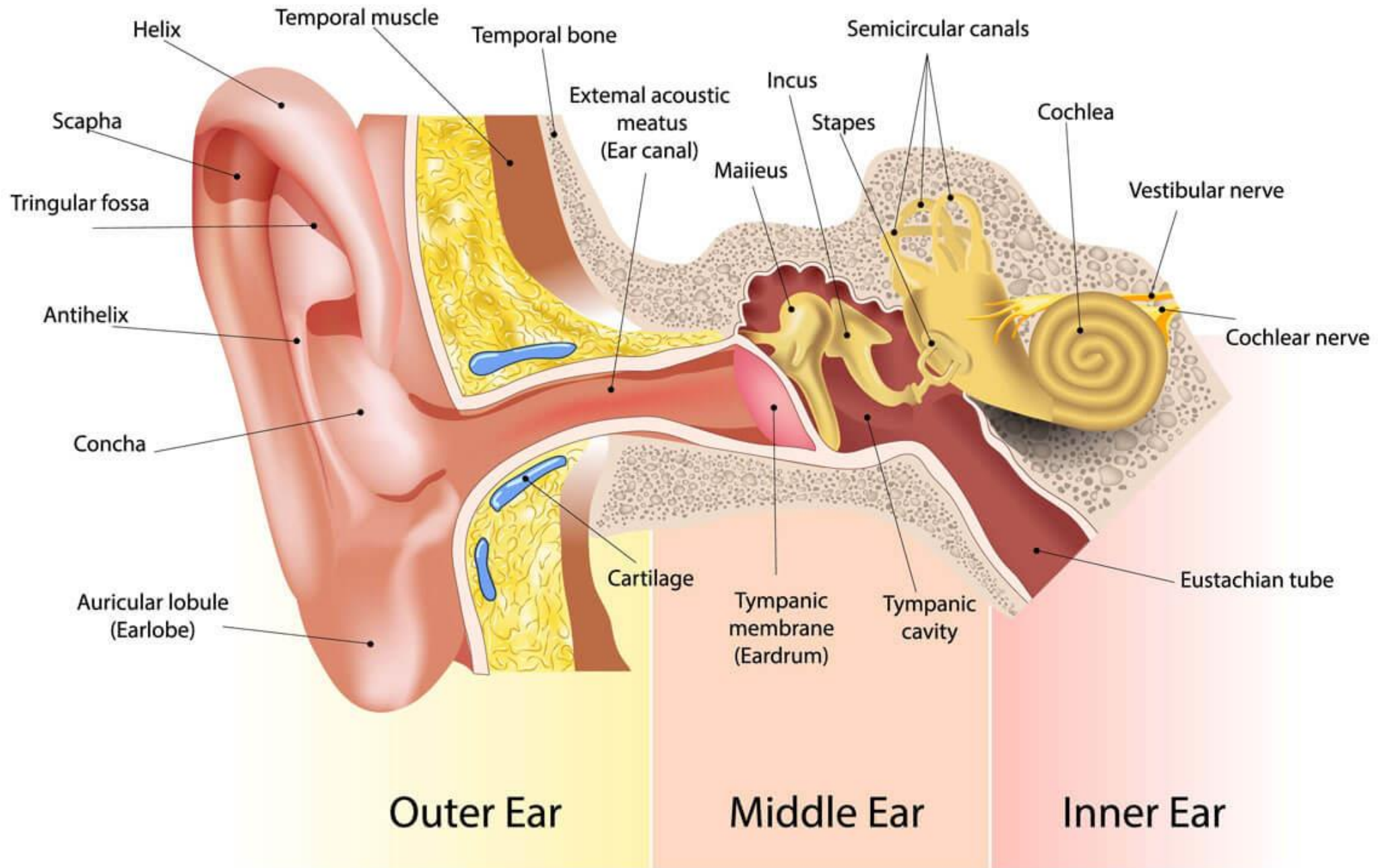


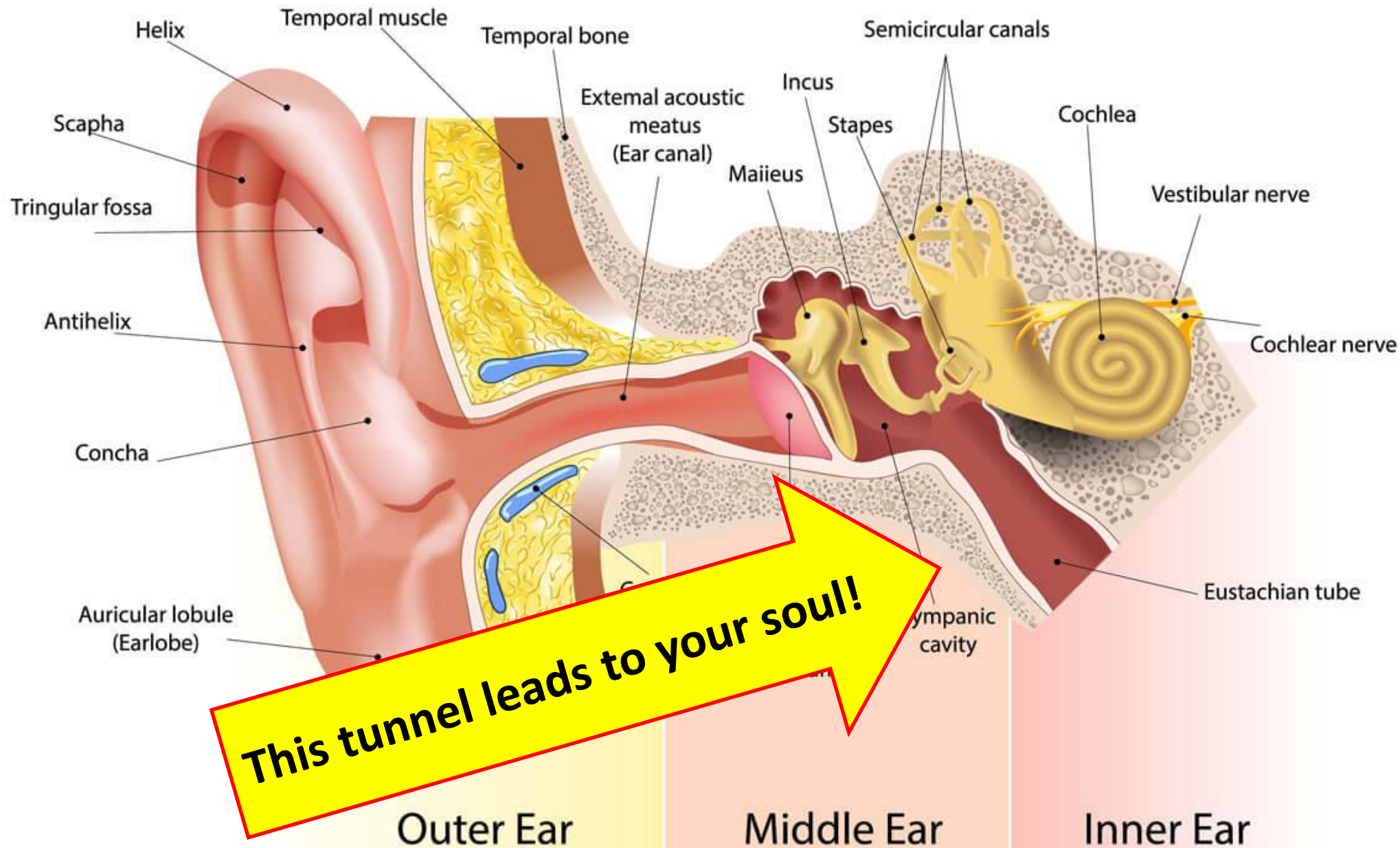
The Sin of Listening

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Guarding Your Ears







You have two ears and only one mouth:

which honors hearing over talking 2x,
but doubles the risk of sinful listening.

You have two ears and only one mouth:

and your dual ear holes take audible matter right to your mind and heart.

The Sin of Listening

**Guarding Your Ears
and Mind and Heart**

You have two ears and only one mouth:

so God convicted me in the past and
now in the present about our listening.

Remember?

1. What music do you let in your temple?
2. Do you test the spirits of all prophets?
3. Do you measure all by spiritual fruit?
4. Do you resist backbiting & tattling?
5. Do you resist political meddling?
6. MSM? Woke? DEI? RNC? DNC?
7. ILA? UAW? CNN? NEA? UN?

The Sin of Listening

Guarding Your Ears and Mind and Heart

Proverbs 25:23 Was Fun How Modern Bibles Corrupt It.
Talebearing Ends Quickly If Hearers Will Cut Off Tattlers.
Corinth Questioned the Resurrection By Their Listening.
Paul Feared Listening to Another Jesus as Eve Did Satan.
Never Before Has So Much Error Enticed Believers' Ears.

Proverbs 25:23 - KJV

**The north wind driveth away rain:
so doth an angry countenance a backbiting tongue.**

The Lesson:

1. Good weather comes out of the north (Job 37:22).
2. Wind from the north gets rid of rainy weather.
3. In the same way, an angry look stops backbiters.

http://www.letgodbettrue.com/proverbs/commentaries/25_23.php

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New King James

The north wind brings forth rain,
And a backbiting tongue an angry countenance.

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New International (#1)

Like a north wind that brings unexpected rain is a sly tongue – which provokes a horrified look.

Proverbs 25:23 - KJV

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so doth an angry countenance a backbiting tongue.**

New International (#2)

As a north wind brings rain,
so a sly tongue brings angry looks.

Proverbs 25:23 - KJV

**The north wind driveth away rain:
so doth an angry countenance a backbiting tongue.**

Contemporary English

As surely as rain blows in from the north,
anger is caused by cruel words.

Proverbs 25:23 - KJV

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Darby Bible Translation

The north wind bringeth forth rain,
and the angry countenance a backbiting tongue.

The lesson of Proverbs 25:23 is to ...
reject backbiting or talebearing ...
by silencing the sinful talker.

Now we exhort you, brethren,
warn them that are unruly,
comfort the feebleminded,
support the weak,
be patient toward all men.

I Thessalonians 5:14

Telling secrets – talebearing – is a sin,
but so is listening to those secrets.

**If ears were guarded like mouths
should be, whispering would end.**

A talebearer revealeth secrets:
but he that is of a faithful spirit concealeth the matter.

Proverbs 11:13

Debate thy cause with thy neighbour himself;
and discover not a secret to another:

Proverbs 25:9

When anyone tells you they have a
problem with another person ...

THERE IS ONLY ONE GODLY RESPONSE

***“Stop telling me about it. Go to that other
person and fix your problem right now.”***

If anyone with a problem with
someone else says they have tried ...

THERE IS ONLY ONE GODLY RESPONSE

*“Stop telling me about it, unless you are
asking me to go with you as a witness.”*

When listeners do not respond right, allowing talkers to sin, all kinds of sinful destruction can result, and bring God's just judgment on both.

Where no wood is, there the fire goeth out:
so where there is no talebearer, the strife ceaseth.

As coals are to burning coals, and wood to fire;
so is a contentious man to kindle strife.

The words of a talebearer are as wounds,
and they go down into the innermost parts of the belly.

Proverbs 26:20-22

The sin of listening is often missed, since you are passive, and the other person(s) is active with sinful talking.

Never before has the sin of listening
been more important, for there is
now more audio input than ever.

Talking and listening used to require
personal presence (ignoring writing),
but no longer ... consider and fear!











Never before has the sin of listening
been more important, for there is
now more audio input than ever.
Do you grasp this great danger?



How could Corinth, taught by the apostle Paul, an eyewitness of Jesus, question the resurrection of the dead?

Moreover, brethren, I declare unto you the gospel
which I preached unto you,
which also ye have received,
and wherein ye stand;
By which also ye are saved,
if ye keep in memory
what I preached unto you,
unless ye have believed in vain.

I Corinthians 15:1-2

Now if Christ be preached that he rose from the dead,
how say some among you that there is no
resurrection of the dead?

I Corinthians 15:12

Be not deceived:
evil communications corrupt good manners.

I Corinthians 15:33

We often use this verse and its warning,
but now you know its context –
listening to heresies.

How could Corinth, taught by the
apostle Paul, an eyewitness of Jesus,
question the resurrection of the dead?

BY LISTENING TO QUESTIONS & LIES!

Before we leave I Corinthians 15:33 ...
what are the first three words,
and why are they there?

Because the average foolish and weak
Christian thinks there is no harm
listening to false doctrine,
especially if friends.

This brings us to Paul's jealousy for Corinth, fearing they would **LISTEN** to teachers of Satan about another Jesus.

For if he that cometh preacheth another Jesus,
whom we have not preached,
or if ye receive another spirit,
which ye have not received,
or another gospel,
which ye have not accepted,
ye might well bear with him.

II Corinthians 11:4

How fearful should you and I be, if
the apostle of the Gentiles was
fearfully jealous like this?

What did Paul mean by the words ...

Ye might well bear with him?

THEY MIGHT LISTEN TO A HERETIC !!!

Sincere pastors are jealous and fearful
about devilish lies that foolish, weak
church members might listen to.
Is their jealous fear justified?

Think soberly about the greatest threat
to you and yours and how it happened.

**WHY WILL YOU DIE AND SPEND
ETERNITY IN THE LAKE OF FIRE
(unless God intervenes)?**

But I fear,
lest by any means,
as the serpent beguiled Eve through his subtilty,
so your minds should be corrupted from
the simplicity that is in Christ.

II Corinthians 11:3

Now the serpent was more subtil than any beast of the field
which the LORD God had made.

And he said unto the woman,

Yea, hath God said,

Ye shall not eat of every tree of the garden?

Genesis 3:1

**WHY WILL YOU DIE AND SPEND
ETERNITY IN THE LAKE OF FIRE
(unless God intervenes)?**

Because Eve ... LISTENED ...

to a ... QUESTION !!!

God and Paul could not have been
plainer or simpler ... listening to
questions against truth is folly.

Here is a Rule for your Safety:

Snakes use questions to sell lies.







Sincere pastors are jealous and fearful
about devilish lies that foolish, weak
church members might listen to.
Because of Paul's warning!

What happened to some by listening to questions, suggestions, contradictions?

Their faith was overthrown!

But shun profane and vain babblings:
for they will increase unto more ungodliness.
And their word will eat as doth a canker:
of whom is Hymenaeus and Philetus;
Who concerning the truth have erred,
saying that the resurrection is past already;
and overthrow the faith of some.

II Timothy 2:16-18

Three Lessons from the Text:

1. Shun anything against the truth.
2. Words against truth will corrupt.
3. Faith can be ruined by listening.

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II Timothy 2:16-18

Pastor, let's be reasonable, is hearing a
new idea for a verse that dangerous?

Preterists say the resurrection is past by
spiritualizing it and other prophecies
away, and they stole a family, after
subverting even John Owen.

Jonah recently taught John 4:20-24:

1. The Samaritans traded truth for a lie.
2. God demands worshippers in truth.
3. Truth is from the Bible, not talking.

Here is how it works ... after you
learned the lesson about Satan asking
Eve a question that will send you and
all yours to the lake of fire for eternity.

Here is how it works ... pay attention to
the methods and content, or the way
they do it and what things they say.

For when they speak great swelling words of vanity,
they allure through the lusts of the flesh,
through much wantonness, those
that that were clean escaped
from them who live in error.

While they promise them liberty,
they themselves are the servants of corruption:
for of whom a man is overcome,
of the same is he brought in bondage.

II Peter 2:18-19

Can you see method and content?

1. Great swelling words of vanity.
2. Promises of easier Christianity.

Let us compare Paul to Peter about the
method and content of false talkers
that Christians should avoid.

Now I beseech you, brethren,
mark them which cause divisions and offences
contrary to the doctrine which ye have learned;
and avoid them.

For they that are such serve not our Lord Jesus Christ,
but their own belly;
and by good words and fair speeches
deceive the hearts of the simple.

Romans 16:17-18

Can you see method and content?

1. Fair speeches.
2. Good words.

The consequences of listening to the popular sermons and promises of easy Christianity are terrible.

For if after they have escaped the pollutions of the world through the knowledge of the Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, they are again entangled therein, and overcome, the latter end is worse with them than the beginning.

For it had been better for them not to have known the way of righteousness, than, after they have known it, to turn from the holy commandment delivered unto them. But it is happened unto them according to the true proverb, The dog is turned to his own vomit again; and the sow that was washed to her wallowing in the mire.

II Peter 2:20-22

What is the measure and response?

1. Ideas contrary to apostolic doctrine.
2. Mark and avoid any such offenders.

Why is it important to do so?

1. Heretics serve themselves, not Christ.
2. Hearts of the simple can be deceived.

What things are irrelevant to truth?

1. Nice people.
2. Sweet smiles.
3. Good delivery.
4. Creative ideas.
5. Kind questions.

And his soul clave unto Dinah the daughter of Jacob,
and he loved the damsel, and spake kindly unto the damsel.

Genesis 34:3

Girls or women should not listen to a man they have not married say romantic things to them, for its great risk.

Girls or women are most easily seduced by words, so they must with strictness reject kind and flattering words from men, for that is how they can and will be humbled.

And this vulnerability, first seen in Eden,
applies to doctrine as well, for Paul
warned of false teachers preying
on silly, sinful, lustful women
unable to discern truth.

For of this sort are they which creep into houses,
and lead captive silly women laden with sins,
led away with divers lusts,
Ever learning,
and never able to come to the knowledge of the truth.

II Timothy 3:6-7

Moses warned clearly against hearsay
and against friends like your own soul.

If thou shalt hear say in one of thy cities,
which the LORD thy God hath given thee to dwell there, saying,

Deuteronomy 13:12-16

If thy brother, the son of thy mother,
or thy son, or thy daughter, or the wife of thy bosom,
or thy friend, which is as thine own soul, entice thee secretly,
saying, Let us go and serve other gods, which thou hast not
known, thou, nor thy fathers;

Deuteronomy 13:6

Both of these sources of false ideas and
heretical doctrines were to be killed.
That is how serious this is to God.

Keep thinking with me.

What are the three bad inputs?



***Friends! ... And all the things they
can say to you to corrupt your
good manners in Christ.***

*Birds of a feather flock together ... you
will become like those you hang around
... whether wise or foolish ... it is certain.*

He that walketh with wise men shall be wise:
but a companion of fools shall be destroyed.

Proverbs 13:20

Blessed is the man that
walketh not in the counsel of the ungodly,
nor standeth in the way of sinners,
nor sitteth in the seat of the scornful.
But his delight is in the law of the LORD;
and in his law doth he meditate day and night.
And he shall be like a tree planted by the rivers of water,
that bringeth forth his fruit in his season; his leaf also shall
not wither; and whatsoever he doeth shall prosper.

Psalm 1:1-3



If music is the language of the soul,
what do you let in the ear holes
of your Holy Spirit temple?

You will be as reverent with godly fear
as your music is reverent and fearful.

What music do you listen to?

Does it please God to build fear?

**Are its performers and listeners
great Christians or pagan
reprobates?**

**No others had music on demand,
so fathers must avoid it and
protect children from it.**



If the audio/visual presentation of a movie is the strongest entertainment influence, how well should you rule it?

If David wrote,

*I will set no wicked thing before mine eyes:
I hate the work of them that turn aside;
It shall not cleave to me.*

How much worldly entertainment?

If David wrote,

*I will set no wicked thing before mine eyes:
I hate the work of them that turn aside;
It shall not cleave to me.*

What will you allow in your ears?

But fornication, and all uncleanness, or covetousness,
let it not be once named among you, as becometh saints;

Neither filthiness,
nor foolish talking,
nor jesting,
which are not convenient:
but rather giving of thanks.

For this ye know, that no whoremonger, nor unclean person,
nor covetous man, who is an idolater, hath any inheritance
in the kingdom of Christ and of God.

Ephesians 5:3-5

What should pastors do?

If any man teach otherwise,
and consent not to wholesome words,
even the words of our Lord Jesus Christ,
and to the doctrine which is according to godliness ...
from such withdraw thyself.

I Timothy 6:3-5

Traitors, heady, highminded,
lovers of pleasures more than lovers of God;
Having a form of godliness, but denying the power thereof:
from such turn away.

II Timothy 3:4-5

But avoid foolish questions, and genealogies,
and contentions, and strivings about the law;
for they are unprofitable and vain.

A man that is an heretick
after the first and second admonition reject;
Knowing that he that is such is subverted,
and sinneth, being condemned of himself.

Titus 3:9-11

And that because of false brethren unawares brought in,
who came in privily to spy out our liberty which we have
in Christ Jesus, that they might bring us into bondage:
To whom we gave place by subjection, no, not for an hour;
that the truth of the gospel might continue with you.

Galatians 2:3-5

But foolish and unlearned questions avoid,
knowing that they do gender strifes.

II Timothy 2:23

Neither give heed to fables and endless genealogies,
which minister questions, rather than godly edifying
which is in faith: so do.

1 Timothy 1:4

But refuse profane and old wives' fables,
and exercise thyself rather unto godliness.

I Timothy 4:7

What should members do?

Beloved, when I gave all diligence
to write unto you of the common salvation,
it was needful for me to write unto you, and exhort you
that ye should earnestly contend for the faith
which was once delivered unto the saints.

Jude 1:3

If there come any unto you, and bring not this doctrine,
receive him not into your house,
neither bid him God speed:
For he that biddeth him God speed
is partaker of his evil deeds.

II John 1:10-11

Prove all things; hold fast that which is good.

I Thessalonians 5:21

Members must even prove preachers.

By their **Fruits** (Matt 7:15-20; Lessons #78-91)

By their **Spirit** (I John 4:1-6; apostolic doctrine)

By the **Scriptures** (Acts 17:11; noble Bereans)

Only fools believe everything they hear,
so become a contrarian listener to the
noises that come from others' throats.

The simple believeth every word:
but the prudent man looketh well to his going.

Proverbs 14:15

God forbid:

yea, let God be true, but every man a liar;
as it is written, That thou mightest be justified in thy sayings,
and mightest overcome when thou art judged.

Romans 3:4

Even if you drive away a backbiting tongue by an angry face, you must flush and forget what you heard, for on what basis is it truth, coming from a person already morally compromised?

Like the game of telephone on steroids, talebearing spreads like wildfire due to man's depraved lust for sensational or salacious news ... so stop listening to such gossip and flush all you heard and help others flush it as well.

The situation is not going to get better,
but rather worse, before our Lord
returns to enforce all truth.

But evil men and seducers shall wax worse and worse,
deceiving, and being deceived.

II Timothy 3:13

There are more **LISTENING** inputs to corrupt you than ever before, but truth is much rarer than before.

How does peer pressure work?

Vulnerable persons ... children, youth, women, weak men ... listen or watch and then agree with others' errors.

Be not deceived:
evil communications corrupt good manners.

I Corinthians 15:33

The perilous times are Christians with
listening issues – ear problems –
against truth and for fables.

For the time will come
when they will not endure sound doctrine;
but after their own lusts shall they heap
to themselves teachers, having itching ears;
And they shall turn away their ears from the truth,
and shall be turned unto fables.

II Timothy 4:3-4

These carnal, lazy Christians get tired of
correct doctrine and then choose
liars to entertain them.

A wonderful and horrible thing is committed in the land;
The prophets prophesy falsely,
and the priests bear rule by their means;
and my people love to have it so:
and what will ye do in the end thereof?

Jeremiah 5:30-31

What did Solomon, the wisest man,
with much to say about speech,
have to say about listening?

The north wind driveth away rain:
so doth an angry countenance a backbiting tongue.

Proverbs 25:23

Cease, my son, to hear the instruction
that causeth to err from the words of knowledge.

Proverbs 19:27

A wicked doer giveth heed to false lips;
and a liar giveth ear to a naughty tongue.

Proverbs 17:4

Go from the presence of a foolish man,
when thou perceivest not in him the lips of knowledge.

Proverbs 14:7

What did Solomon say about politics?

My son, fear thou the LORD and the king:
and meddle not with them that are given to change:

For their calamity shall rise suddenly;
and who knoweth the ruin of them both?

Proverbs 24:21-22

Pastor, do you believe in free speech?

Of course not, you do not have a right to say anything you wish. You have a duty to say what is right and true.

Do you believe in free listening?

Of course not, unless you are listening to truth or justified, wise research, as limited by God's revelation.

Americans, rebellious people they are, believe the best way to truth is to allow expression of all ideas.

But God says His ideas are absolute and all other ideas should be hated.

Therefore I esteem all thy precepts
concerning all things to be right;
and I hate every false way.

Psalm 119:128

It is popular to say,

But I need to keep an open mind,

which is the opposite of the truth.

Given man's deceitful and desperately wicked heart, he defaults to lies, so he should not expose himself to optional views but limit listening to truth only.

The heart is deceitful above all things,
and desperately wicked:
who can know it?

Jeremiah 17:9

We earnestly contend for the faith
once delivered by being resistant
listeners and warn loose talkers.

The following examples could be multiplied many times with proper responses added.

Questions of Child Rebellion

Sis, don't you think dad was wrong tonight about rock-n-roll music?

If we do everything mom says, don't we sacrifice our own intelligence?

Bro, do you really think getting my ears pierced makes me effeminate?

How can our parents be right, when 99% of other parents disagree?

Dad, why can't you let us make decisions? Do you think we're stupid?

Questions of Employee Rebellion

Why should I have to do that job? Didn't they hire me for better things?

Do you think he should get twice what we get, since we work so hard?

Why should we have to obey our boss, since he got divorced last year?

What do you think the results would be if we surveyed the employees?

A job is a right, isn't it? We should be able to express our ideas about it.

Questions of Church Rebellion

Why does pastor think he knows so much? We are holy, too, aren't we?

He has made mistakes before. Don't you think he could be wrong now?

15 minutes of Bible reading on weekends is worth something, isn't it?

I think this verse means infant sprinkling is a liberty; what do you think?

Church music with instruments sounds much better, don't you agree?

Listeners that hear such questions
should stop the foolish talker and
get away from the sinful danger.

How is sowing discord ...

in the home, business, or church ...

sown?

With questions, suggestions, or contradictions like the examples to the authority of the parents, management, or pastor.

Our Lord, when tempted by the
greatest liar, had the perfect
response for you to learn.

But he answered and said,
It is written,
Man shall not live by bread alone,
but by every word that proceedeth out of the mouth of God.

Matthew 4:4

Then saith Jesus unto him,
Get thee hence, Satan:
for it is written,
Thou shalt worship the Lord thy God,
and him only shalt thou serve.

Matthew 4:10

But he answered and said,
It is written,
Man shall not live by bread alone,
but by every word that proceedeth out of the mouth of God.

Matthew 4:4

Here is the perfect response ...

IT IS WRITTEN

and avoid the person or input.



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For Further Study

Inputs ... PPT Sermon (2014) ... <https://letgodbettrue.com/sermons/index/year-2014/inputs/>

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