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*Four essential aspects of following Jesus
(+an election special!)*

#1: Bible – Listening to God

#2: Prayer – Talking to God

*#3: Church – Meeting with God's people
(How should I vote?)*

#4: Evangelism – Telling others about God

CHRISTIAN ESSENTIALS #1: BIBLE

Does God still speak?

I grew up hearing testimonies about it, but until October 2005, I couldn't say it had ever happened to me.

I'm a middle-aged professor of theology at a well-known Christian university. I've written award winning books. My name is on Christianity Today's masthead. For years I've taught that God still speaks.

But I couldn't testify to it personally. I can only do so now anonymously, for reasons I hope will be clear.

<http://www.christianitytoday.com/ct/2007/march/2.44.html>



CHRISTIAN ESSENTIALS #1: BIBLE

1. What is the Bible?
2. Why should we 'listen' to it?
3. How should we 'listen'?



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1. What is the Bible?

- 66 Books (OT=39, NT=27)
- 1,600yrs / @40 authors / 3 languages
- 2 Tim 3:16

*“God’s word, written down by
divinely inspired humans”*

- Mat 22:31 / 2 Pet 1:21 / Heb 1:1-2



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2. Why 'listen' to it?

- Commmanded (e.g. Luke 9:35)
- Nothing more reliable (e.g. 2 Pet 1:19)
- Equipped for life! (e.g. 2 Tim 3:16-17)
- Relevant (e.g. 2 Pet 1:3)



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3. How should we 'listen'?

- Luke 10:38-42

Q: What's the most difficult thing about reading the Bible?

- Plan!
- Pray! ...more of which next time



CHRISTIAN ESSENTIALS #1: BIBLE

The great need of our time is for people to experience the living reality of God by hearing his word personally and transformingly in Scripture.

Something is incredibly wrong when the words we hear outside Scripture are more powerful and more affecting to us than the inspired word of God.

Let us cry with the psalmist, “Incline my heart to your word Lord - Open my eyes, that I may behold wondrous things out of your law” (Psalm 119).

John Piper

<http://www.desiringgod.org/articles/the-morning-i-heard-the-voice-of-god>

