

- Is there a problem with coming to a church service as a concert goer instead of a congregant?

**Ezekiel 33:30-33 (ESV)**

<sup>30</sup>“As for you, son of man, your people who talk together about you by the walls and at the doors of the houses, say to one another, each to his brother, ‘Come, and hear what the word is that comes from the Lord.’ <sup>31</sup>And they come to you as people come, and they sit before you as my people, and they hear what you say but they will not do it; for with lustful talk in their mouths they act; their heart is set on their gain. <sup>32</sup>And behold, you are to them like one who sings lustful songs with a beautiful voice and plays well on an instrument, for they hear what you say, but they will not do it. <sup>33</sup>When this comes—and come it will!—then they will know that a prophet has been among them.”

- **The exiles hear the Lord’s words (through Ezekiel) but they do not do what they say.**
- **Those who hear God’s word and don’t act on it, risk life devastation and self-deception.**
  - Matthew 7:26-27; James 1:22 – “But be doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving yourselves.”
- **Since God’s Word brings life and hope, we must move from just hearing it to acting on it.**
  - Matthew 7:24-25; Deuteronomy 4:1; Mark 4:20; Romans 2:13; 1st John 3:18

**So, how can we move from just hearing to doing God’s Word?**

- 1) **Establish a daily 15 minutes alone with God.**
  - **Pause before the Lord and calm your heart.**
  - **Thank the Lord for His presence and ask Him to speak to you.**
  - **Read a Bible passage. 10-15 verses max.**
  - **Write down or note something from the passage.**
    - What does this say about God? About Life? About my life?
  - **Pray in response to what you read or heard.**
- 2) **Focus on one area for 90 days.**
  - **Pray and ask the Lord to change you in this one area.**
  - **Write some verses or key points about it on an index card or on your phone.**
  - **Set a reminder to review the card or note every two days.**
  - **Ask/tell others about this focus so they can pray and hold to account.**
  - **At the end of 90 days – then evaluate.**

Example – I sense God saying I need to clean up my speech.

- Pray and ask the Lord to change you in this one area.
- Do an online Bible search of “Words and mouth.”
- Write some verses or key points about it on an index card or on your phone.
  - Psalm 19:14 – Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be pleasing in your sight O Lord my rock and my redeemer.
  - Psalm 141:3 – Set a guard, O Lord, over my mouth. Keep watch over the door of my lips.”
  - Proverbs 12:18 – Reckless words pierce like a sword but the words of the wise bring healing.
  - Proverbs 16:24 – Gracious words are like a honeycomb, sweetness to the soul and health to the body.
  - Matthew 12:36-37 – Jesus said, “I tell you on the day of judgment, people will give account for every careless word they speak, for by your words you will be justified and by your words you will be condemned.
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3) **Make an appointment to do what it says.**

4) **Even in the storm, we need to not only hear God’s Word but act on it. Psalm 46:1; Psalm 23:1; Psalm 23:6; Philipians 4:5-7; John 3:16.**