Powerful Principles for Growth in the Body of Christ

LISTENING

SEEKING TO HEAR, HEEDING

Listening is "making a conscious effort to hear." It is "paying attention to" another person. Listening is foundational to good communication and a vital part of any close relationship. It involves paying attention to messages that others send – messages that may be sent in a variety of ways. Besides helping a relationship grow, there's another reason listening is so important: *we learn when we listen.*

OTHER WORDS FOR THIS SEED:

- attending
- considering
- heeding
- hearkening

Listening helps fill the human need for:
Attention

Look up the verses below and note what they say about this seed:

I Samuel 3:10

Proverbs 18:13; 19:27

Jeremiah 7:2

Acts 16:25

James 1:19

1 Who should we listen to? Why?

2 Why is listening so important in my relationship with God?

3 A good example of listening is …

4 How is listening related to love?

5 How does listening build the Body of Christ?

6 How well do I listen to others? Explain.

7 What will I do to be a better listener?

WAYS TO LOVE

PRINCIPLES

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Everyone should be quick to listen, slow to speak . . .
- James 1:19b

Write below what the verse above means to you.

*Dear Lord, thank You for **listening** to me. Please help me to listen to You and heed what You say. And please help me to be a better listener to others.*

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