

TESTING WHETHER FLOWING THOUGHTS ARE FROM GOD

There are many ways of testing whether the spontaneous flow is coming from your heart, the Holy Spirit who is joined in your heart or an evil spirit who is issuing an attack against you. If you posture your heart properly, the flow within will certainly be the Holy Spirit! John 7:37-39 tells us that we can sense flow within us which is the Holy Spirit. This scripture lays out the prerequisites for positioning our hearts properly to ensure that this flow is coming from God and not self or the enemy. The chart below states the Biblical statement along with our Key Confession;

Biblical Statement (John 7:37-39)	Key Confession
If anyone is thirsty	Lord, I am thirsty for your voice
Let him come to me	Lord, I fix my heart upon you
And drink	I tune to flow , drinking in Your words
He who believes in Me...rivers of living water will flow from his heart	I believe the flow within me is You!

Take time out soon to use this scripture as a way to prepare yourself to receive God's flow of thoughts, ideas and pictures. If you are having trouble connecting with God, ask for wisdom in this area of your walk with him believing he will speak to you. Pray James 1:5 which states *"If anyone lacks wisdom, he should ask God, who gives generously to all without finding fault, and it will be given to him."*

When I want to hear what God is saying to me, I position my heart properly before the Lord and prepare myself to receive his word by quieting myself before Him. Psalm 46:10 states *"Be still and know that I am God..."* and I use this scripture often to prepare to hear God's word. Very often, God gives me a scripture in my mind and once I tune to that scripture and turn off all the other noises in my mind, God's words of instruction, love, correction come into full view of my mind very often in the form of pictures and ideas.

How about you, have you seen God speak to into your life to draw yourself to Him. Do you trust that what the Lord just said to you really is God's voice? You can know for sure that it is REALLY GOD SPEAKING TO YOU. Write your thoughts down below on the lines provided.

TESTING FLOWING THOUGHTS AGAINST THE BIBLE:

Always test what you hear against the Bible and ask God to examine your heart and motives regarding the subject matter that you are addressing. This is one of the greatest gifts to us from God, MEMORIZED SCRIPTURE. To the extent you have memorized scripture, you will be able to see and discern what God's will is in each circumstance as the Holy Spirit bubbles up scripture (logos) that you have memorized to present to you in times of need. This can be turned into rhema when you speak the Word of God to people! I spent several years memorizing scripture when I first became a Christian and I specifically asked God to help strengthen my mind to be able to memorize scripture not only in my head but in my heart. Psalm 119:11 states *"I have hidden your word in my heart that I might not sin against you"*.

Make scripture memorization a priority for many reasons but one the greatest of these is that God will help you recall memorized scripture in your minds so that you will know what is best and perfect in every situation presented to you every day for the days are evil and we must stand now before our fellow men and women and later stand before the Lord to explain how our lives were lived from our point of view!

God longs to speak to me and you through Logos. He wants to give us a spirit of revelation to open the eyes of our heart (Eph. 1:17-18) to cause our hearts to burn within us (Luke 24:13-32). He desires for the Logos to be transformed from simple words to PERSONAL HEART REVELATION and CONVICTION as we pray over the Scriptures, allowing the Spirit to make it alive in our hearts.

TESTING THE SPIRITS:

The Bible warns us in 1 John 4:1 "Dear friends, do not believe every spirit, but test the spirits to see whether or not they are from God, because many false prophets have gone out into the world."

Remember that we are in a spiritual war zone and Satan will try to mislead you in any way possible. The voice of the Holy Spirit will always lead you towards the truth and God's love, the enemy will attempt to mix truth with error and draw you away from God.

Are you ready to test what you perceive as God's spoken words, thoughts, ideas, pictures and visions against the Scriptures? Write your thoughts down below and ask God to open your mind to His various ways of speaking to you so that you will know his good and pleasing will for your life.
