



How would you describe the listening skill of children today...when their parents speak to them? How do you think God would describe your listening skills when He speaks to you?

B.L.U.F. (Bottom Line Up Front): *Take heed how you hear...God!*

Key – v. 18a. Also see v. 8b & 21b. “Hear”, “hearing” & “heard” occur 8 times in this passage. The key is how you hear God. After speaking of 3 types of “hearers” He highlighted the “good ground” hearer.

v. 15 “honest” = visual goodness. “honest & good heart” = good visually because he is good internally (outside & inside). Hungry for God on the inside. If so, it can be seen!

Four words describe the “good ground” hearer:

1. _____ **v. 15**

Do you put yourself in the place where you will hear God's Word?

2. _____ **v. 15**

What effort do you take to insure that you will retain what God says?

- ⇒ Own a Bible...real paper & ink one?
- ⇒ Use it when you are “hearing” God's Word taught/preached?
- ⇒ Keep a written record of what God's Word says?
- ⇒ Ask questions?

3. _____ **v. 15**

Does life's challenging events move you toward or away from God's Word?

4. _____ **v. 16-17**

Who are you influencing with the truth that God has taught you?

Evangelism – light of the gospel
Truth – understanding of right

Who are you influencing?