**How to get the most out of preaching**

* Do you highly esteem, respect, and reverence the Word of God ([Neh. 8:5](https://biblia.com/bible/esv/Neh.%208.5); [Ps. 138:2](https://biblia.com/bible/esv/Ps.%20138.2))?
* Do you prepare your heart to hear the Word of God ([Ps. 119:18](https://biblia.com/bible/esv/Ps.%20119.18))?
* Do you find delight in hearing the Word proclaimed?
* Do you listen attentively when the Word is being read or preached ([Neh. 8:3](https://biblia.com/bible/esv/Neh.%208.3); [Ps. 85:8](https://biblia.com/bible/esv/Ps.%2085.8))?
* Do you expect God to speak to you every time you hear His Word proclaimed?
* Do you have a teachable spirit ([Ps. 25:9](https://biblia.com/bible/esv/Ps.%2025.9))?
* Do you tremble at the Word of the Lord ([Isa. 66:2](https://biblia.com/bible/esv/Isa.%2066.2); [Ezra 9:4](https://biblia.com/bible/esv/Ezra%209.4))?
* Do you pray for those who proclaim the Word to you, that they might be pure, anointed vessels of God ([1 Thess. 5:25](https://biblia.com/bible/esv/1%20Thess.%205.25))?
* When the Word is preached, are you conscious that you are not listening to the words of men but to the Word of God ([1 Thess. 2:13](https://biblia.com/bible/esv/1%20Thess.%202.13))?
* Do you have a commitment to obey anything God shows you from His Word ([Matt. 7:24](https://biblia.com/bible/esv/Matt.%207.24); [James 1:22–25](https://biblia.com/bible/esv/James%201.22%E2%80%9325))?
* Do you respond in faith, that is, acting on the Word you have heard ([Heb. 4:2](https://biblia.com/bible/esv/Heb.%204.2))?
* Is your heart good soil that receives the Word and produces fruit ([Luke 8:15](https://biblia.com/bible/esv/Luke%208.15))?
* Are you willing to let the message sit in judgment of you rather than you sitting in judgment of the message?
* Do you take the message personally ([James 1:22](https://biblia.com/bible/esv/James%201.22))? Or are you more focused on how it applies to the people sitting near you?
* Do you pass on to others what you’ve learned from the Word of God ([2 Tim. 2:2](https://biblia.com/bible/esv/2%20Tim.%202.2))?
* Do you express appreciation and gratitude for those who minister the Word of God to you ([Gal. 6:6](https://biblia.com/bible/esv/Gal.%206.6); [1 Thess. 5:12-13](https://biblia.com/bible/esv/1%20Thess.%205.12-13))?