

# Sermons: How to Be a Good Listener

2 Timothy 3:16 – 4:5

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# Listening to a Good Sermon



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- **God** Has Spoken – Listen with awe that GOD has sent His herald with His Word
- God ***Has Spoken*** – Listen with awe to the Word God has sent
- Other's Would Lead You Astray – Stay away from distractions
- Your Servant is God's Servant First – Pray for Him

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2 Timothy 4:3-5

# **AVOIDING DISTRACTIONS AND PRAYING FOR YOUR LEADERS**

# Avoid Distractions, 4:3f.

- From the beginning, Satan has always tried to put a *selfish spin* on God's Word.
  - We would prefer to have spiritual dessert rather than spiritual meat, potatoes & vegetables
  - “The contemporary mind is committed to the *latest and newest* as opposed to the ***tried, true and proven.***
    - cf., 2 Pe 1:14-15 and J. Vernon Magee

# Pray for God's Messenger, 4:5

- Spiritually & Mentally Alert, *sober-minded*
- Willing to Suffer for the sake of the Gospel
- Effective in Evangelism
- Faithful in Ministry

# Take Heed How You Hear

## Lk 8:18

- Do not despise the local pastor/elders
  - The Elders must give an account for you and about you to the King of the Universe, Heb 13:17
  - Your pastor carries a burden for you that no other person is able to share
    - Desires for your growth – Eph 1:15*ff.*; Php 1:1-20; Col 1:9-12; 1 Thes 1 – 2:12; 2 Pe 1:13-15; 1 Jn 1:1-4
    - Concerns for your well-being – 2 Co 12:19-21; Ro 15:1; 1 Co 2:1-5; 2 Co 11:28*f.*; 13:5-14; Jude 1-4