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The below thoughts are strictly my own. After many years of learning to recognize when God is speaking to me (and after many mistakes, as well, believe me) I have learned some things about recognizing the voice of God that might be helpful. Surely others have their own list. But this is mine.

- An opening of my spirit (our spirit is in the midst of our body, not our head) as I read and ponder Scripture.
- Inarticulate groaning within can be both my prayer AND God's voice.
- Yearning and tears of compassion to help others.
- An image in my mind's eye.
- A sudden inner drawing and pause that moves me to stop and listen.
- An idea that comes vividly and with certainty.
- A quickening within. Something just jumps on the inside.
- An inner check or hesitation or lack of peace.
- Ideas that come up repeatedly over days, weeks, or longer.
- Eager and loving desire to do something good and helpful.
- The inner voice rises first in my spirit, then moves to my mind.

CHARACTERISTICS OF THE INNER VOICE OF GOD:

- Brief, steady, calm, strong, measured, verbal content with authority.
- This is NOT "voices in your head." There are all kinds of crazy voices some people hear in their head. But the counterfeit does not nullify the genuine.
- Not panicked, rushed, silly, contemptuous, or contrary to Scripture principles.
- I find God often responds to questions asked.