

## Things that bring about confusion in hearing God's voice

If they are not shut down & managed

- 1. <u>Flesh</u>: The minding of the flesh <u>Rom.8:5-6</u>; <u>Gal.5:17</u> temptation to sin, including sexual things.
- 2. <u>Lack of faith</u>: Unbelief which fosters rebellion and disobedience. Fear, <u>Rom.4:1-17</u>. Not listening to what was spoken <u>Heb.11:1-3</u>
- 3. <u>Dull of Hearing</u>: No desire for the Word. This promotes complacency and indifference in us, we lose interest & lose desire for the word. We lack the power of concentration. <u>Heb.5:11</u>
- 4. Wrong Associations: Bad relationships. 1 Cor.5:7-11; Eph.5:11
- 5. <u>Lack of Knowledge</u>: My people are destroyed for lack of knowledge. <u>Hos.4:6</u> and <u>Prov.29:18</u>
- 6. <u>Wrong input</u>: Other people including some religious people, the enemy & in general the world's influence on our souls.
- 7. Wrong mentors you place yourself under: False teachers, wrong doctrines. 1 Jn.4:1
- 8. <u>Fostering wrong desires</u>: Wrong desires will consume time, cause a loss of time, this can promote wrong timing. <u>Ps.37:4-5</u>
- 9. <u>Afflictions and persecutions</u>: Unfavorable circumstances require us to apply the word of God for correct discernment.
- 10. <u>Lust of things, deceitfulness of riches, cares of this world</u>: -- These foster distraction from the Word of God. The Bible says it chokes the Word. <u>Mark 4</u>
- 11. <u>Jobs that take you out of spiritual consistency</u>: This is one major area where seeing increase as costs rise. This is what <u>1 Cor.7:31</u> is referring to. The labor required to supply the provisions of life.
- 12. <u>Lack of prayer</u>: No bonding in our spirit with the Lord. Number one reason, it's a foundational must. If He never gets to a place of pre-eminence, we will begin to lose sight of His voice, and slide backwards. <u>Eph.5:14-16</u>
- 13. No understanding the inward anointing available to every believer: 1 Jn.2:19-20, 24-29