

Change Your Life by Training Yourself to Hear the Voice of God

Dr. Ray Self believes that, no matter what you do in life, nothing is more crucial than hearing the voice of God every day. But many times, the problem with believers is that they cannot readily recognize when God is speaking to them.

That's why Self, an author, podcaster and president and founder of the International College of Ministry, says it's crucial for believers to train themselves to be able to know when God speaks. He wants his children to be His spokespeople, especially in the gift of prophecy—a gift every child of God can have.

And that's what Self teaches in his book, *Hear His Voice, Be His Voice*, and on his podcast, *Self Talk with Ray Self* on the Charisma Podcast Network.

"First Corinthians 14 says to 'pursue love and earnestly desire spiritual gifts, especially that you would prophesy,' Self said. "Verse 39 of 1 Corinthians says to 'covet to prophesy.' I asked God one day, 'Why, of all of the gifts, do You want us to prophesy? Why is that the most important?' The Lord has very clearly said to me that nothing is more important in our life than hearing what He has to say.

"I believe that God is broadcasting. I believe that God is like the old FM radio. He's broadcasting, and we just have to tune in. He's talking to us, and He wants to be heard; He wants to communicate with us. He's trying to communicate with us in a lot of different ways.

"The problem is, we're just too distracted, too busy to hear His voice. But we must know His voice and respond. And you can

hear Him all day long. But if you don't respond, what you have is faith without works.

"If you read the Bible in context, it's very clear. The gifts of the Spirit are for today. With the prophetic, it is life changing. I could tell you thousands of stories about the voice of God changing people's lives. It edifies us, it encourages us, and it builds our faith. And nothing is more important than that."

For more on how to hear the voice of God, listen to the entire podcast. And, be sure to tune in to *Self Talk with Ray Self* on the Charisma Podcast Network. {eoa}