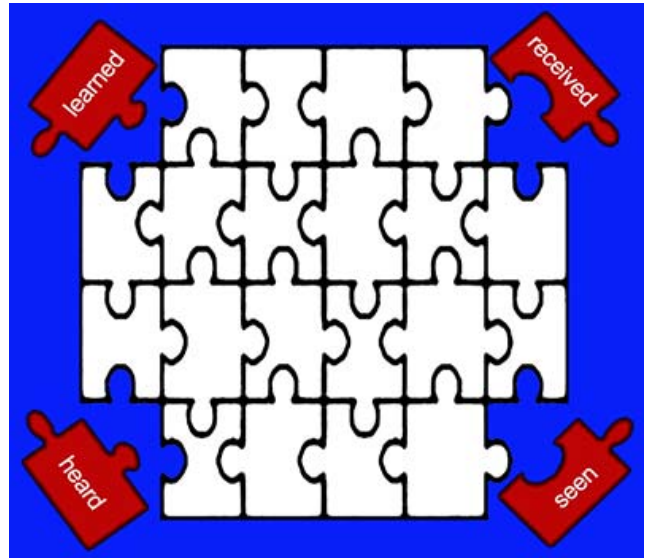


“Those things, which ye have both learned, and received, and heard, and seen in me, DO: and the God of Peace shall be with you.” Philippians 4:9 KJV



Something can be learned, heard, and seen, but not received. We see and hear many things without learning or receiving them. How much of what you were taught in school do you now remember? If we do them, these four criteria help lock Truth in our soul. *“Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the Word of Truth.”* There is little learning without associative proximity, ergo study. We study and learn by where we go, what we do, and to whom we listen. A child’s classmates teach him more in five minutes than he learns all day from the teacher, because there is an interested attention. Without interest, little attention is given. Good teaching requires hard work and artistry. Attention must be caught and held. Men who are seeking forgiveness are interested when they hear God’s Word, because it speaks forgiveness and love to their troubled soul. New believers want to learn, because the God of peace and miracles has caught their attention and will continue to hold it if they truly believe and obey. The deeds of obedient believers are determined by God, *“For it is God (His Word) which worketh in [them] both to will and to do of His good pleasure.”* The desire to do right is a desire *“born of the Spirit”* upon repentance and regeneration by grace through faith. Faith hears and obeys the Voice of God for it knows and loves Him, *“because He first loved us!”* Jesus said, *“My sheep know my voice and they follow me.”* I will not obey God’s Word unless I receive it as Truth. *“He came unto His own, and His own received Him not; but as many as RECEIVED Him, to them gave He power to become the sons of God; even to THEM THAT BELIEVE on His Name.”* If you believe something, it is because you have learned, heard, seen, and received it. I am not afraid to obey God, because I love and trust Him. Those who disobey neither know nor love God. They will not receive Him, because they have not heard Him. *“Seeing they see not; and hearing they hear not, neither do they understand. Faith cometh by hearing...the Word of God.”* Faith is exercised by *“hearing”* minds. The fearful, those afraid of some imagined loss of pleasure, possession, or friendship, do not obey Truth! *“But the fearful, and unbelieving, and the abominable, and murderers, and whoremongers, and sorcerers, and idolaters, and all liars, shall have their part in the lake which burneth with fire and brimstone: which is the second death.”* Notice who is first, before even murderers.

Hear and learn the Truth, God’s Word,
Receive its peace, and trust its LORD,
And you will see the work of God,
And hear His Voice on earthly sod! -CGP

Those who do not hear, learn, receive, and believe Truth are the fearful unbelieving! *“The god of this world (Satan) hath blinded the minds of them which believe not, lest the light of the glorious gospel of Christ, who is the image of God, should shine unto them.”* You may not be able to see the wind, but you know when it’s blowing. You cannot see God, but those who believe and receive Him will know when He is working for they will hear, see, and follow Him!

“If ye know these things, happy are ye IF YE DO THEM.” John 13:17 KJV