

Communion with God

Course Description:

Have you ever wished you could sit down and have a long talk with the Lord? When you're worried or confused, wouldn't you love to see the situation from His perspective and hear how He wants you to respond? When things don't seem to be going your way and your prayers aren't answered the way you had hoped, wouldn't it be great to hear Him tell you where He is in the midst of it, and what He is working out in your life?

Jesus promised that "My sheep hear My voice" (Jn. 10:27). If you are one of His sheep, then He is speaking to you and you are hearing His voice! The problem is that we have not learned how to recognize His voice and differentiate it from all of the other voices that bombard our hearts and minds. This course will help you discern the voice of the Lord within your heart, clearly and consistently, leading to a deeper intimacy with Him as well as greater faith, hope and joy. Your life will be transformed!

Course Objectives:

Academic

When you complete this course, you will be able to:

- Quote the following Scripture passages:
 - ✓ Habakkuk 2:1, 2
 - ✓ Proverbs 11:14 NASU
 - ✓ John 17:3
 - ✓ Isaiah 55:10, 11
 - ✓ John 7:37b-39a
 - ✓ Psalm 46:10
 - ✓ John 8:38a
 - ✓ I Chronicles 29:18 KJV
 - ✓ John 5:19, 30a
 - ✓ Hebrews 10:22
 - ✓ II Corinthians 10:5

- Define the following terms:
 - ✓ Submission
 - ✓ Mysticism
 - ✓ Two-way journaling
- State the four keys to hearing God's voice.
- List five important safeguards for hearing God's voice.
- Discuss the differences between left- and right-hemisphere brain functions, and how this information relates to your spiritual life.
- List five major differences between the New Age and Christianity, and New Age spirit encounter and Christian Spirit encounter.
- Discuss the qualities of a good counselor or advisor.
- Discuss how the voice and vision of God are experienced and recognized.
- Discuss at least three techniques for bringing one to stillness.
- Define journaling, and discuss its value in recognizing the voice of God.
- List the six pieces of furniture that were found in the tabernacle of Moses and discuss how they relate to your approach to God.
- Discuss the "fine-tuning dial" of Hebrews 10:22.
- List at least four reasons you may make mistakes in your journal, and solutions to them.
- Define praying with an idol in your heart, and give an illustration of doing so.
- State the Hebrew word for true prophecy, and discuss how its meaning clarifies your understanding of the voice of God.
- Discuss the Leader's Paradigm, including the foundation, pillars and over-arching goal.
- Discuss the differences between study and meditation.

- Discuss at least six ways by which we can test our journaling to know for sure that it came from God.
- Discuss the three sources of visions in our minds and how to recognize and respond to each.
- Discuss the difference between questions of personal guidance and predictions of the future, and why we should pursue one and avoid the other.

Attitudinal

As a result of your application of the truths you learn in this course, you may recognize certain changes taking place in your attitudes, adjusting them to the following:

- You will recognize any tendencies toward phariseeism within yourself and seek the grace of the Lord to remove it far from you.
- You will have confidence in God's power to keep you from the snares of the enemy as you seek His face in spiritual encounter.
- You will have no fear of New Age deceptions because of your confidence in the keeping power of God and your knowledge of the errors of New Age teaching and practice.
- You will have a better understanding of the way God made you, either more right-brain or left-brain. With this understanding will come an appreciation of your strengths and a respect for the strengths of those who differ from you.
- You will be grateful for the gift God has provided for you through submission/accountability relationships. You will honor those who "watch over your soul," submitting to them joyfully and with confidence that the Lord is working His perfect will through them.
- You will have an increased awareness of God's overwhelming love for you and His desire to have an intimate relationship with you. This sense of being loved will awaken within you a greater desire to spend time in communion with the Lover of your soul.

Behavioral

If you apply the teaching of this course to your life, you will be changed. Some of these changes will be as follows:

- You will have a regular time of communing with the Lord with the use of journaling at least twice a week.
- You will have approximately three counselors to whom you submit all questionable journaling and any major decisions.

Standards for Grading Assignments

As indicated below, "C" or 2.0 level work is considered average. **Leaders are not average people.** You are therefore expected (required) to put forth the effort necessary to demonstrate at least "B" (3.0) level work or higher on all assignments which you submit. Any which do not will be returned to you with input from your instructor on how you can raise your grade to the expected level. **A course grade will not be given until your assignments demonstrate that you have understood the material presented in the course and allowed your life to be transformed by the Spirit and the Word studied** — the requirements for attaining a "B".

Your individual assignments (notebooks, tests, reports) will be graded according to the following standards. These grades will be averaged together to determine your course grade. Remember, we are training leaders and leaders are above-average people. Your work will reflect that.

- "D"
 - Indicates barely passing work that is inferior to the average both in quantity and in quality.
 - Manifests a lack of initiative or sense of responsibility or both.
- "C"
 - Average work; either steady work of an acceptable quality, or work of a high quality which is uneven, irregular or fragmentary.
 - May be mechanically or outwardly correct but shows little reflection upon or personal assimilation of the material.
- "B"
 - Intelligently has fulfilled the requirements of this course.
 - Understands the subject matter presented and has applied it to his life in a limited manner but has not really made the truths his own.
- "A"
 - Grasped the material with thoroughness, industry and correctness of detail.
 - Made the material his own by thinking about it and integrating it, using originality, natural ability, and insight.

- You will know and use whatever biblical techniques are most effective in bringing you to stillness.
- You will regularly present the eyes of your heart to the Lord to enhance the quality and depth of your encounters with Him.

Course Texts:

4 Keys to Hearing God's Voice by Mark Virkler

Dialogue with God by Mark Virkler

"4 Keys to Hearing God's Voice" CDs or DVDs by Mark Virkler

"LEARN 4 Keys to Hearing God's Voice notebook"

Talking with Jesus by Evelyn Klumpenhauer

Course Requirements:

1. Classroom students must regularly attend and participate in class. Extension students must listen to the CDs or watch the DVDs of the entire course as assigned.
2. Read the complete text *4 Keys to Hearing God's Voice* thoroughly and completely, answering all related questions found here in your Student Notebook, and receiving at least a "B" on your work.
3. Completely read *Dialogue with God* by Mark Virkler as assigned.

IMPORTANT NOTE: You will notice that all of the instructional materials for this course were written by the same authors, and that they all teach essentially the same truths. So be prepared: there will be repetition in your lessons. The chapter from the *4 Keys to Hearing God's Voice* book will talk about the same thing as the chapter in *Dialogue with God* which will be the same teaching as on the CD or DVD.

You are required to read both books and listen to or watch the teaching because each of us learns differently. Some of us love stories and some prefer charts or outlines. Some of us are visual learners who must see in order to comprehend, and some of us are auditory learners who absorb best by hearing. The teaching of this course is foundational to all of the other *lamad* courses, as well as foundational to your spiritual life. All *lamad* courses are built on the ability to recognize God's voice and be taught by Him.

So we are doing our best to be sure that you "get it." For some of you it may seem like overkill. But others will be totally unaffected by two of the sources but will have revelation break forth in the third. If you absorb all of the truth in your first assignment of the lesson, realize that you might learn something in one of the other resources that will be the tool you need to help someone else move into a fuller relationship with the Lord when you share it with them.

4. You will be asked to affirm that you have journaled at least twice a week for the last eight weeks of the course.
5. Use the book *Talking with Jesus* as part of your daily devotions for the entire time you are taking this course. Simply use the entry in the book for whatever the date is right now. The words in this devotional are the result of Evelyn using the four keys to hearing God's voice being learned in this course to meditate upon and journal about Scripture. Using this as part of your devotions will facilitate your skill in hearing God's voice in several ways: first, you will become more comfortable with the sound of God's voice speaking directly to you, as the Holy Spirit in you will sound very much like the Holy Spirit in Evelyn. Also, it will familiarize you with the practice of journaling about the Scriptures. This is a very life-giving experience and one you will want to develop.

There will be no questions or exercises to correspond with this text, but you will be asked at the end of the course to affirm that you have faithfully read it.

6. You are required to earn at least 85% on Test One (due week 7) and the Final Test (due week 12). The Course Objectives are the key to success on the tests.
7. Submit a paper (due week 12) discussing how your life has been affected as a result of your encounter with God through this course. What changes has He brought in your understanding, attitudes, and behavior? Who are the people He has placed as counselors in your life? What are the methods which are most effective in bringing you to stillness? How have you used vision and what have the results been? Most importantly, how has your relationship to the Lord been affected as a result of this study? This paper is to be a minimum of five type-written pages and is due at the end of the course. You must receive at least a "B" on this paper.

8. Foundational to *lamad* learning is the meditation upon and memorization of Scripture. You will be required to memorize Bible verses and passages in every one of your *lamad* courses. This is not just busy work! Each verse has been carefully chosen to support and complement the principles of the course and the lesson it is a part of. Memorizing Scripture builds a foundation of truth in your heart that the Spirit will be able to draw from to speak to you and lead you and comfort you and correct you throughout the rest of your life.

Therefore, the following is the expected procedure for your Scripture memory work for this and all future *lamad* courses:

1) *Write out* the Scripture verse at least once. You are required to write out the assigned verse and include

it with your answers to exercises for each lesson. It is also recommended that you write the verse with your own hand (rather than typing it on your computer) on a 3x5 card to carry with you during the week to help you with your memorization.

2) *Meditate* on the verse(s). Think about what it means and why it was chosen for this course and this lesson. Discuss (in your answers that you will be submitting to your instructor) how the verse applies to the principles of the lesson and/or the course.

3) Ask the Spirit to show you what He wants to say to you through it. Once you have learned two-way journaling, *journal* about the verse. Write down what the Lord says to you. Include your journaling in your course work that will be submitted to your instructor.

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Course Schedule

Lesson 1

Assignment to be completed:

Read the Introduction and Chapter One of *4 Keys to Hearing God's Voice* by Virkler.

Read the Introduction and Chapter One of *Dialogue with God*.

Listen to or watch Session 1 of the teaching, following along and taking notes in your LEARN notebook.

Complete the exercises for Lesson 1 found here in your Student Notebook.

Memorize Habakkuk 2:1, 2.

Complete and correct Self-Test One.

Each day this week, read the corresponding devotional for that day from *Talking with Jesus*. Meditate on the words of Jesus, both *Logos* and *rhema*. Take the time to see if there is anything else He wants to say to you specifically from the passages.

Subjects to be explored:

Introduction to the Four Keys to Hearing God's Voice

Related objectives:

- You will quote Habakkuk 2:1, 2. (I will stand on my guard post and station myself on the rampart; And I will keep watch to see what He will speak to me, and how I may reply when I am reproved. Then the Lord answered me and said, "Record the vision and inscribe it on tablets, that the one who reads it may run.")
- You will briefly state the four keys to hearing God's voice.
- You will state the definitions of *logos* and *rhema*.

Lesson 2

Assignment to be completed:

Prayerfully read Chapter 2 of *4 Keys to Hearing God's Voice*.

Listen to or watch Session 2 of the teaching, following along and taking notes in your LEARN notebook.

Answer the questions for Lesson 2 found here in your Student Notebook.

Memorize Proverbs 11:14 from the New American Standard Updated version (NASU).

Complete and correct Self-Test Two.

Each day this week, read the corresponding devotional for that day from *Talking with Jesus*. Meditate on the words of Jesus, both *Logos* and *rhema*. Take the time to see if there is anything else He wants to say to you specifically from the passages.

Subjects to be explored:

A Cultural Backdrop for Hearing God's Voice

Related objectives:

- You will quote Proverbs 11:14 NASU. (Where there is no guidance the people fall, but in the abundance of counselors there is victory.)
- You will discuss at least five differences between the New Age and Christians who enter the Spirit realm.

- You will state five important safeguards for hearing God's voice.
- You will state the qualities of a good counselor.
- You will state Virkler's definition of "submission."
- You will state three categories of journaling that should be submitted to your counselors.
- You will have approximately three counselors or advisors with whom you share all questionable journaling and any major decisions.
- You will be grateful for counselors God has provided for you, and you will honor those who "watch over your soul," submitting to them joyfully and with confidence that the Lord is working His perfect will through them.
- You will state the definition of "mysticism."
- You will discuss the differences between left- and right-hemisphere brain functions, and how this information relates to your spiritual life.
- You will have a better understanding of the way God made you, either more right-brain or left-brain. With this understanding will come an appreciation of your strengths and a respect for the strengths of those who differ from you.

Lesson 3

Assignment to be completed:

Prayerfully read Chapter 3 of *4 Keys to Hearing God's Voice*. Answer the related questions found here in your Student Notebook.

Listen to or watch Session 3 of the teaching, following along and taking notes in your LEARN notebook.

Memorize John 17:3.

Complete and correct Self-Test Three.

Subjects to be explored:

Spiritual Intimacy – The Desire of God's Heart

Related objectives:

- You will quote John 17:3. (And this is eternal life, that they might know Thee, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom Thou hast sent.)
- You will have an increased awareness of God's overwhelming love for you and His desire to have an intimate relationship with you. This sense of being loved will awaken within you a greater desire to spend time in communion with the Lover of your soul.
- You will briefly state the four keys to hearing God's voice.

Lesson 4

Assignment to be completed:

Prayerfully read Chapter 4 and Appendix A of *4 Keys to Hearing God's Voice*.

Prayerfully read Chapter 2 and Appendices A, B and C of *Dialogue with God*.

Complete the related exercises here in your Student Notebook.

Listen to or watch Session 4 of the teaching, following along and taking notes in your LEARN notebook.

Memorize Isaiah 55:10, 11.

Complete and correct Self-Test Four.

Each day this week, read the corresponding devotional for that day from *Talking with Jesus*. Meditate on the words of Jesus, both *Logos* and *rhema*. Take the time to see if there is anything else He wants to say to you specifically from the passages.

Subjects to be explored:

The Spoken Word: Tuning to Spontaneity

Related objectives:

- You will quote Isaiah 55:10, 11. (For as the rain and the snow come down from heaven, and do not return there without watering the earth, and making it bear and sprout, and furnishing seed to the sower and bread to the eater; So shall My word be which goes forth from My mouth; It shall not return to Me empty, without accomplishing what I desire, and without succeeding in the matter for which I sent it.)
- You will state the first key to hearing God's voice.
- You will discuss how the voice of God is experienced and recognized.
- In your own words, discuss the meaning of the two Greek words *logos* and *rhema*, and the importance of each in recognizing the Lord's voice.
- You will state the Hebrew word for true prophecy and discuss how its meaning clarifies your understanding of the voice of God.
- You will discuss the differences between "study" and "meditation," and begin to meditate on God's Word day and night.
- You will state and discuss the five senses of the spirit (heart), and let the Spirit fill your senses.

Lesson 5

Assignment to be completed:

Prayerfully read Chapter 5 of *4 Keys to Hearing God's Voice* and complete the related exercises here in your Student Notebook.

Listen to or watch Session 5 of the teaching, following along and taking notes in your LEARN notebook.

Memorize John 7:37b-39a.

Complete and correct Self-Test Five.

Subjects to be explored:

Remove All Idols from Your Heart

Related objectives:

- You will quote John 7:37b-39a. ("If any man is thirsty, let him come to Me and drink. He who believes in Me, as the Scripture said, 'From his innermost being shall flow rivers of living water.'" But this He spoke of the Spirit, whom those who believed in Him were to receive....)
- You will define "praying with an idol in your heart" and give an illustration of doing so.
- You will discuss what it means to pray in the Spirit.

Lesson 6

Assignment to be completed:

Prayerfully read Chapter 6 of *4 Keys to Hearing God's Voice*.

Prayerfully read Chapter 3 of *Dialogue with God*.

Answer the related questions found here in your Student Notebook.

Listen to or watch Session 6 of the teaching, following along and taking notes in your LEARN notebook.

Memorize the expanded version of Psalm 46:10.

Prepare for Test One to be taken at the beginning of the next lesson.

Subjects to be explored:

Key #2: Become Still

Related objectives:

- You will quote the expanded version of Psalm 46:10. (Be still, let go, cease striving, relax, and know that I am God.)
- You will discuss how the voice of God is experienced and recognized.
- You will know and use whatever biblical techniques are most effective in bringing you to stillness.
- You will state the first and second keys to hearing God's voice.

Lesson 7

Assignment to be completed:

Complete Test One. Submit it to your instructor along with **a copy** of the exercises you have completed so far.

Prayerfully read Chapter 7 of *4 Keys to Hearing God's Voice*.

Prayerfully read Chapter 4 of *Dialogue with God*.

Listen to or watch Session 7 of the teaching, following along and taking notes in your LEARN notebook.

Complete the related exercises found here in your Student Notebook.

Memorize John 8:38a.

Complete and correct Self-Test Seven.

Each day this week, read the corresponding devotional for that day from *Talking with Jesus*. Meditate on the words of Jesus, both *Logos* and *rhema*. Take the time to see if there is anything else He wants to say to you specifically from the passages.

Subjects to be explored:

Key #3: Look for Vision as You Pray

Related objectives:

- You will quote John 8:38a. (I speak the things which I have seen with My Father.)
- You will state the first three keys to hearing God's voice.
- You will state and defend your personal theology concerning the place of dreams and visions in our relationship and communication with the Lord.
- You will list five types of visions.

Lesson 8

Assignment to be completed:

Prayerfully read Chapter 8 of *4 Keys to Hearing God's Voice*.

Read Appendices E and F of *Dialogue with God*.

Listen to or watch Session 8 of the teaching, following along and taking notes in your LEARN notebook.

Complete the exercises for this lesson found here in your Student Notebook.

Memorize I Chronicles 29:18 KJV.

Complete and correct Self-Test Eight.

Subjects to be explored:

How to Restore Your Visionary Capacity

Dreams and Visions in Scripture

Dreams and Visions throughout Church History

Related objectives:

- You will quote I Chronicles 29:18 KJV. (O Lord, the God of Abraham, Isaac, and of Israel, our fathers, keep this forever in the imagination of the thoughts of the heart of thy people, and prepare their heart unto thee.)
- You will discuss at least three ways you can strengthen the eyes of your heart.
- You will discuss how the eyes of your heart can be used for both good and evil.
- You will live as Jesus did, doing only what He saw the Father doing and saying only what He heard the Father saying.

Lesson 9

Assignment to be completed:

Prayerfully read Chapter 9 of *4 Keys to Hearing God's Voice*.

Prayerfully read Chapter 5 of *Dialogue with God*.

Listen to or watch Session 9 of the teaching, following along and taking notes in your LEARN notebook.

Complete the related exercises found here in your Student Notebook.

Memorize John 5:19, 30a.

Complete and correct Self-Test Nine.

Subjects to be explored:

Key #4: Two-way Journaling

Related objectives:

- You will quote John 5:19, 30a. (Jesus therefore answered and was saying to them, "Truly, truly I say to you, the Son can do nothing of Himself, unless it is something He sees the Father doing; for whatever the Father does, these things the Son also does in like manner...I can do nothing on My own initiative.")
- You will state the four keys to hearing God's voice.
- You will define "two-way journaling" as used by the authors.
- You will discuss three benefits of journaling.
- You will discuss the difference between questions of personal guidance and predictions of the future, and be careful to ask the right questions in your journal.
- You will discuss at least four reasons why you might make a mistake in your journal and solutions to them.
- You will discuss at least five ways by which we can test our journaling to know for sure that it came from God.
- You will discuss the six pillars and the foundation of the Leader's Paradigm.

Lesson 10

Assignment to be completed:

Prayerfully read Chapter 10 of *4 Keys to Hearing God's Voice*.

Prayerfully read Chapter 6 of *Dialogue with God*.

Listen to or watch Session 10 of the teaching, following along and taking notes in your LEARN notebook.

Complete the related exercises found here in your Student Notebook.

Memorize Hebrews 10:22.

Complete and correct Self-Test 10.

Subjects to be explored:

Biblical Patterns for Approaching God

Related objectives:

- You will quote Hebrews 10:22, and discuss its meaning as a “fine-tuning dial” to hearing God’s voice. (Let us draw near with a sincere heart in full assurance of faith, having our hearts sprinkled clean from an evil conscience and our bodies washed with pure water.)
- You will list the six pieces of furniture that were found in the tabernacle of Moses, and discuss their use in your approach to God.
- You will have a regular time of communing with the Lord with the use of journaling at least twice a week.

Lesson 11

Assignment to be completed:

Prayerfully read Chapters 7 and 8 of *Dialogue with God*.

Complete the related exercises found here in your Student Notebook.

Memorize II Corinthians 10:5.

Complete and correct Self-Test 11.

Begin working on your final paper (Course Requirement #7).

Each day this week, read the corresponding devotional for that day from *Talking with Jesus*. Meditate on the words of Jesus, both *Logos* and *rhema*. Take the time to see if there is anything else He wants to say to you specifically from the passages.

Subjects to be explored:

How Can I Know for Sure It Is God’s Voice?

More Thoughts on Prayer

Related objectives:

- You will quote II Corinthians 10:5. (We are destroying speculations and every lofty thing raised up against the knowledge of God, and we are taking every thought captive to the obedience of Christ.)
- You will discuss your theology concerning the biblical principle of authority and how it relates to hearing God’s voice.
- You will have approximately three counselors or advisors with whom you share all questionable journaling and any major decisions.
- You will be grateful for the counselors God has provided for you, and you will honor those who “watch over your soul,” submitting to them joyfully and with confidence that the Lord is working His perfect will through them.
- You will discuss at least three important ways to test your journaling to see if it is really from God.

Lesson 12

Assignment to be completed:

Prayerfully read Chapters 9 and 10 of *Dialogue with God*, completing the related exercises found here in your Student Notebook. (Note: Some of the journal entries in Chapter 9 were also used in various chapters of *4 Keys to Hearing God's Voice*. They are worth reading again, both because of the depth of love and wisdom they contain, and to encourage you when you see how similar they sound to your own journaling.)

Finish writing your final paper.

Complete the Final Test, and submit it to your instructor along with your final paper and the answers to your exercises for Lessons 7 – 12.

Subjects to be explored:

The Lord Speaks Back

Yadah – Sharing Love

Related objectives:

- You will state the four keys to hearing God's voice.
- You will have spiritual advisors with whom you can and do share all questionable journaling.
- You will regularly commune with your Lord through the powerful tool of journaling.

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Questions and Exercises

Lesson 1

1. State the four keys to hearing God's voice as found in Habakkuk 2:1, 2.
2. State and learn the definitions of *logos* and *rhema*.
3. Briefly summarize four safeguards to exploring the world of the Spirit.
4. a) Write out Habakkuk 2:1, 2.

b) Discuss why this verse was chosen for you to memorize in this lesson.
5. Memorize the four word summary of the four keys to hearing God's voice (stillness, vision, spontaneity, journaling).
6. Memorize the following statement: "Hearing God's voice is as simple as quieting yourself down, fixing your eyes on Jesus, tuning to spontaneity, and writing!"
7. **Journaling:** Do some two-way journaling using all four of these keys at the same time. Picture yourself as an 8-year-old child coming to Jesus. If you can't write easily then draw a picture. Put a smile on your face as you are together with Jesus and thank Him for being there. Ask the following questions (one per day): "Lord, do You want to speak to me? Lord, do You love me? Lord, what do You want to say to me?" Share your journaling with someone you respect in the Lord, and ask if their spirit bears witness it came from the Lord.

Lesson 2

1. Complete the journaling exercise found at the end of Chapter 2 of *4 Keys to Hearing God's Voice*.
2. Contrast the beliefs of the New Age with the beliefs of orthodox Christianity.
3. a) State five important safeguards or "guardrails" for hearing God's voice and all aspects of the spiritual realm.

- b) Evaluate your life in light of these guidelines. Are you ready to explore the world of the Spirit?
4. a) Write out Proverbs 11:14 NASU.

b) Discuss why this verse was chosen for you to memorize in this lesson, at the beginning of your course on hearing God's voice.
5. State the six qualities of a good spiritual advisor.
6. a) Memorize the definition of submission given by the author on page 44: "Submission is an openness to the Spirit-led counsel and correction of several others, while keeping a sense of personal responsibility for our own discernment of God's voice within us."

b) Does this definition adjust your thinking concerning submission? Do you disagree with it in any way? If so, support your position. If you disagree with Virkler's definition, state the meaning of submission that you would be willing to apply both to those to whom you submit and to those who submit to you.

c) Would embracing this definition change the dynamics of any of your personal relationships? How?
7. Other than your spouse, why would it be wise for your advisors to be of the same gender you are?
8. What might prevent us from recognizing or embracing the counselors God has given us?
9. During your journaling times this week, ask the Lord who He has given to you as your three spiritual advisors. Write them down. Approach them and ask if you can share your journaling with them. Get their agreement to this. Begin sharing (reading or emailing) your journaling with them. (Don't paraphrase it; read it or email it.) Share your journaling with them at least 3-5 times over the next three weeks. Get confirmation that you are on the right track! Grow in faith! If you skip doing this, this course will not work for you! You must learn to use spiritual advisors!

10. a) State the author's definition of "mysticism." (p. 59)
 - b) Look up the word in a dictionary. Which definitions of "mysticism" would be an acceptable part of Christian theology?
11. Discuss how your worldview up to this time has been either more of "Rationalism" or "Rationalism/Mysticism Combined" (p. 58, 59), and your Christianity more "Rational" or "Spiritual". Discuss both your belief and your experience.
12. Prayerfully read and meditate on I Corinthians 1:18 – 2:16, asking God to grant you understanding and revelation concerning the verses. Write out your thoughts.
13. In your own words, discuss the significance of left- and right-brain preferences in spiritual pursuits.
14. a) Complete the Brain Preference Indicator Test at www.CWGMministries.org/brain or another one of your choosing. Record your score here.
 - b) What does your score say about you? Would you say this is an accurate indicator of the way you think and process life?
 - c) Based on what you learned in this lesson about brain preference, what does your score indicate that you will need to work on in bringing balance into your spiritual walk?

Lesson 3

1. Complete the Personal Application: A Two-way Love Letter on page 84 of *4 Keys to Hearing God's Voice*.
2. On another day this week, for your journaling time complete the Personal Application at the end of Chapter 2 on page 92 of *4 Keys to Hearing God's Voice*.
3. State five aspects of the wholeheartedness that God requires in our approach to Him, and *discuss what they would require in your personal life*.
4. a) Write out John 17:3.
 - b) Discuss what it means and ask the Lord through journaling how He wants to apply it to your life.

5. a) Discuss Virkler's assertion that if one does not hear God's voice, then their primary recourse is to live according to biblical laws (Gal. 5:18).
 - b) Have you tried living according to biblical laws? What has been the fruit in your life (Rom. 8:1, 2)?

Lesson 4

1. a) Write out Isaiah 55:10, 11.
 - b) Using what you have learned about the four keys so far, journal about these verses. What does the Lord want to say to you personally, right now, about His promises? Quiet yourself down, see Jesus right there with you and ask Him what He wants to say to you from Isaiah 55:10, 11. Write down the spontaneous thoughts that come into your mind. Do not judge or analyze them as you receive – simply write in faith. After the flow has stopped, you can go back and test them against the Word and the Spirit of God.
2. Memorize Key #1 as stated on page 96 of *4 Keys to Hearing God's Voice*: "Recognize God's voice as spontaneous thoughts that light upon your mind."
3. In your own words, discuss the meaning of the two Greek words *logos* and *rhema*, and the importance of each in recognizing the Lord's voice.
4. In your own words, discuss the meaning of the Hebrew words *naba* and *zyd*, and how they relate to recognizing the voice of God within your heart.
5. a) In your own words, discuss the ways you can recognize God's thoughts and separate them from your own.
 - b) During the next few weeks, deliberately be aware of occasions when you spontaneously receive thoughts which you now recognize as being from the Lord which in the past you would have accepted as being from your own mind or abilities. Keep a record of them.
6. In your own words, discuss the differences between "study" and "meditation."
7. State, learn and begin to use the seven steps (prayers) of biblical meditation (4KTHGV p. 116).
8. a) Discuss and learn the five senses of the spirit (heart).

b) Can you recognize times in your life when you have actively used these heart senses? Describe the occasion and experience.

9. As instructed at the top of page 122 of *4 Keys to Hearing God's Voice*, **meditate** on each of the uses of *rhema* listed. Record the results of your meditations.

10. Complete the Personal Application – Bible Meditation Exercise on page 132 at the end of Chapter 4 of *4 Keys to Hearing God's Voice*.

Lesson 5

1. a) Write out John 7:37b-39a.

b) Journal about this verse. Ask the Lord what He wants to say to you specifically about coming to Him.

2. a) In your own words, discuss the teaching concerning praying with an idol in your heart.

b) In light of this teaching, can you identify an occasion when you prayed with an idol in your heart? Talk about it. How would the Lord have had you pray instead?

c) Journal about praying with an idol in your heart. Ask the Lord if there is anything you are currently praying about concerning which you have not totally let go of your own desires and submitted completely to His will.

3. a) Discuss what it means to pray in the Spirit according to Virkler.

b) Journal, asking the Lord what that means to you personally. How does He want *you* to pray at all times in the Spirit?

Lesson 6

1. a) Write out the expanded version of Psalm 46:10.

b) Discuss what it means and journal about how the Lord wants to apply it to your life.

2. Write out and memorize Key #2 as stated on page 149 of *4 Keys to Hearing God's Voice*.

3. a) When is your optimal time of day? Are you a morning person or don't you really wake up until lunch is served? If you wanted to give the Lord your best, most focused and awake time, when would that be?

b) Where can you go to get away from the distractions of your life? Do you need to create a quiet place? Do you need to ask for the help and or respect of your family in establishing a place?

c) Ask the Lord through journaling where and when He wants to meet with you. Then purpose in your spirit to keep this appointment with the Lover of your soul at least three days each week at least until you complete this course (i.e. for at least six weeks).

4. Discuss several ways by which you can quiet your thoughts and your mind.

5. Complete the Personal Application exercise at the end of Chapter 6 of *4 Keys to Hearing God's Voice*.

6. Experiment with the various tools for coming to inner stillness presented in the texts. Describe what you do, and the results that you have. Don't just give up after one attempt if a particular tool doesn't seem to help you become centered. Try it at least a half-dozen times before abandoning something that you might find very beneficial with practice.

Lesson 7

1. a) Write out John 8:38a.

b) Journal about what this means to you personally and how the Lord wants to apply it to your life.

2. Write out and memorize Key #3 as stated on page 167 of *4 Keys to Hearing God's Voice*.

3. The author lists 18 references to dream or vision on page 170 of *4 Keys to Hearing God's Voice*.

a) Look up each of these verses. Write a summary of the context of the verse and what it says about dreams and visions.

b) Ask the Lord through journaling if there is anything He wants to say to you specifically through each verse. (He may not have anything to say about some of them, but at least ask and give Him the opportunity to speak to you personally about His Word.)

c) Once you have prayerfully looked at all of the verses, write a summary of what you believe about the place of dream and vision in our communication with the Lord based on these and any other Scriptures you want to include. Write as Luke did, who

examined all the facts carefully then wrote in dependence upon the Holy Spirit to breathe truth through him.

4. a) List the five kinds of visions given by the author.

b) Have you ever experienced any of these kinds of visions? Describe one example from each type you have experienced, giving the context and results as well as the visionary encounter.
5. a) In your own words, discuss the contrast the author makes between setting a scene in your mind and worshipping an image.

b) Do you agree that the author's position is legitimate and an accurate presentation of truth? Why or why not?
6. Carefully read the Summary So Far Concerning Dreams and Visions beginning on page 183 of *4 Keys to Hearing God's Voice* and A Biblical Foundation beginning on page 68 of *Dialogue with God*. Which of the points do you find most compelling? Which would you use to defend your position on vision or to reassure an honest seeker of the truth as you know it?
7. Complete the Personal Application exercise at the end of Chapter 7 of *4 Keys to Hearing God's Voice*.

Lesson 8

1. a) Write out I Chronicles 29:18 KJV.

b) What is the context of this verse?

c) Journal about this verse, asking the Lord what it means to you and how He wants to apply it in your life.
2. a) Discuss at least six specific things you can do to strengthen the eyes of your heart.

b) Use one of these exercises each day during the next week to stimulate your ability to see in the Spirit. Record what you do and what you see.
3. a) Discuss the three projectors that can fill the screen of the eyes of your heart, how you can recognize the source of a vision, and how you are to respond to each.

b) During the next few weeks, become more aware of the pictures you see in your mind and heart. Test them by their spirit, their ideas and their fruit. Begin to actively reject satan's pictures, embrace the Holy Spirit's visions, and present your own "projector" to the Lord to fill and use. You will be asked to discuss your experience and what you learn in the next two lessons.

4. After reading through Appendix E of *Dialogue with God*, summarize what you learned. Then ask the Lord through journaling what He wants to say to you specifically through these Scriptures.
5. After reading through Appendix F of *Dialogue with God*, summarize what you learned about dreams and visions in Church history.
6. Complete the Personal Application at the end of Chapter 8 of *4 Keys to Hearing God's Voice*.

Lesson 9

1. a) Write out John 5:19, 30a.

b) Ask the Lord through journaling what He wants to say to you through these verses and how He wants to apply them to your life.
2. Write out and memorize Key #4 as stated on page 213 of *4 Keys to Hearing God's Voice*.
3. Discuss three benefits of journaling.
4. a) Discuss the difference between questions of personal guidance and predictions of the future.

b) Based on this discussion, do you now recognize any times when you strayed into seeking God for forbidden information?
5. Give at least six ways by which we can test our journaling to know for sure that it came from God.
6. In your own words, discuss the six pillars and the foundation of the Leader's Paradigm.
7. a) In your own words, discuss the three stages of journaling suggested by the author.

b) Hopefully by this point you are operating in the intermediate stage, in the gift of prophecy, able to come hear from the Lord whenever you quiet yourself, fix your eyes on Jesus and tune to spontane-

ity. Do so now, and ask the Lord if He wants you to aspire to the office of prophet. What does He want you to be doing now to prepare yourself in whatever call He has placed upon you?

8. Meditate on Ezekiel 33:13-16 and journal about this passage, asking God what He wants to speak to you concerning the verses and their application to your life.
9. a) In your own words, summarize the common reasons for journaling mistakes and their solutions.

b) Do you believe there have been mistakes in your journaling so far? Are you able to recognize the source of these mistakes in any of the reasons given in the text?

c) If you find you have made a mistake in your journaling in the future, how are you going to respond?
10. In Lesson 8 you were asked to become more aware of the pictures you see in your mind and heart, testing them by their spirit, their ideas and their fruit. (See exercise #3 in Lesson 8.) Discuss your experience and what you have learned.
11. Do the Personal Application at the end of Chapter 9 of *4 Keys to Hearing God's Voice*.

Lesson 10

1. a) Write out Hebrews 10:22.

b) In your own words, discuss its meaning as a “fine-tuning dial” to hearing God’s voice.

c) Journal about this verse, asking the Lord what He wants to say to you personally from it, and how He wants to apply it to your life.
2. Meditate on Hebrews 8:5 and journal about it, asking God what He wants to speak to you concerning the verse and its application to your life.
3. In your own words, discuss the six pieces of furniture in the tabernacle of Moses and their place in your approach to God.
4. Complete the Personal Application on page 262 of *4 Keys to Hearing God's Voice*. See also page 133 of *Dialogue with God* for more detailed ideas for your journaling.

5. a) What does the author mean by “your promised land”?

b) Discuss some of the things that may keep you from entering your promised land.
6. In Lesson 8 you were asked to become more aware of the pictures you see in your mind and heart, testing them by their spirit, their ideas and their fruit. (See exercise #3 in Lesson 8.) Discuss your experience and what you have learned.
7. Complete the Personal Application on page 280 of *4 Keys to Hearing God's Voice*. (Note, this application is to be completed over a six day period.)

Lesson 11

1. a) Write out II Corinthians 10:5.

b) Journal about this verse, asking the Lord what He wants to say to you personally about it and how He wants to apply it in your life.
2. The subjects of submission and authority have been explored several times during this course. Discuss your theology concerning the biblical principle of authority and how it relates to hearing God’s voice. Support your position with Scripture.
3. Ask the Lord through journaling if there is anyone you have not completely forgiven for everything. Allow Him to show you the situation from His perspective and draw upon His grace to forgive.
4. Ask the Lord through journaling if there are any issues that you are not approaching with the fervent wholeheartedness that is necessary to bring about His purposes, and if there are, how He wants you to pray about them.
5. Ask the Lord through journaling if there are issues you are praying for God to move when instead, He is waiting for you to speak to the situation and command His will to be done. Purpose in your spirit that you will seek the Lord’s guidance, even in how to pray.
6. a) Discuss the roles of the Father, Son, Holy Spirit and you as a believer in prayer.

b) Ask the Lord through journaling how He wants to work out this truth in your prayer life.

7. Begin meditating on Appendix C of *4 Keys to Hearing God's Voice* – Working Definitions Concerning Spiritual Realities. Read slowly, asking the Lord to speak to you through these definitions. Record your thoughts, questions and journaling about these truths. You will complete the rest of the Appendix in the next lesson.

Lesson 12

1. Continue meditating on Appendix C of *4 Keys to Hearing God's Voice* – Working Definitions Concerning Spiritual Realities. Read slowly, asking the Lord to speak to you through these definitions. Record your thoughts, questions and journaling about these truths.

2. Complete the application at the end of Chapter 10 of *Dialogue with God*. Enter into the guided imagery exercise with your whole heart, using your imagination to picture the scene. Then ask the Holy Spirit to take over and fill the eyes of your heart with His vision, taking it wherever He will. Record what you see and hear.

3. Continue journaling frequently. Use the suggested questions from Appendix B of *4 Keys to Hearing God's Voice* as starting places.

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Self-Tests

NOTE: These Self-Tests are designed to clarify and reinforce the lesson objectives. Attempt to answer them from memory if possible, referring to your books only if necessary. Correct answers are found after the last Self-Test.

Self-Test One

1. The Greek word which refers to the written Word of God is _____.
2. The Greek word which refers to the spoken word of God or the voice of God in our hearts is _____.
3. Four safeguards to exploring the world of the Spirit are:
 - a) knowledge of the _____;
 - b) relationship with the _____ _____ _____;
 - c) a spirit of _____;
 - d) _____ the contents of the words received.
4. Quote Habakkuk 2:1, 2.
5. Simply stated in just four words, the four keys to hearing God's voice are:
6. Complete the following statement: "Hearing God's voice is as simple as:

Self-Test Two

1. Some important safeguards for hearing God's voice are: (underline all that apply)
 - a) You are a born-again Christian;
 - b) You believe the Bible is the inerrant word of God;
 - c) You have been a Christian for at least five years;
 - d) You have an attitude of submission to what God has shown you from the Bible;
 - e) You are involved in a significant ministry;
 - f) You have spiritual advisors to whom you go for input on a regular basis;
 - g) You follow a plan for reading through the entire Bible regularly.

2. Some qualities of a good advisor or counselor are: (underline all that apply)
 - a) He has a significant ministry of his own;
 - b) He has a solid biblical orientation;
 - c) He can sense the voice of God in his own heart;
 - d) He can be objective because he doesn't know you very well;
 - e) He is secure enough in his own ability to hear from God that he does not need to be submitted to anyone else;
 - f) He is willing to commit his time and energy to you.

3. For each of the following qualities, write "left" if it characterizes the more left-brained individual, and "right" if it characterizes the more right-brained individual.
 - _____ a. art awareness
 - _____ b. language strengths
 - _____ c. reasoning
 - _____ d. intuition
 - _____ e. imagination
 - _____ f. number skills
 - _____ g. left body control
 - _____ h. logic

4. Quote Proverbs 11:14 NASU.

5. _____ may be defined as "a belief in direct spirit encounter."

6. Quote Habakkuk 2:1, 2.

7. In four words, the four keys to hearing God's voice are:
8. Three categories of journaling you should submit to your spiritual advisor are:
- a)
 - b)
 - c)
9. State at least three differences between New Agers/cultists and Christians who enter the Spirit realm.
10. The center of the relationship between you and your spiritual advisors should be _____, not authority.
11. Submission may be defined as an _____ to the Spirit-led _____ and correction of _____ others, while keeping a sense of _____ for our own _____ of God's voice within us.
12. Hearing God's voice is as simple as _____
_____.

Self-Test Three

1. Quote Proverbs 11:14 NASU.

2. Quote John 17:3.

3. Five aspects of the wholeheartedness that God requires in our approach to Him are:
 - a) Make Him your greatest _____ so He can give Himself to you;
 - b) _____ for Him with your whole heart so He can reveal Himself to you;
 - c) _____ Him with your whole heart so He can guide your steps;
 - d) _____ Him with your whole heart so He can gift you with His Presence;
 - e) _____ to Him with your whole heart so He can be compassionate and bless you.

4. Hearing God's voice is as simple as _____
_____.

5. State the definition of submission.

Self-Test Four

1. Quote Isaiah 55:10, 11.

2. Key #1 to hearing God's voice is: "Recognize God's voice as _____ that light upon your mind."

3. Write *logos* or *rhema* to indicate which word is best described by the phrase below:
 - a) a spoken word - _____
 - b) the written Word of God - _____
 - c) emphasizes the content of the message - _____
 - d) emphasizes the way the message is received - _____
 - e) produces faith in the hearer - _____
 - f) all _____ is tested against the _____

4. The Hebrew word _____ is translated "to prophesy" and literally means "to bubble up".

5. The five senses of the spirit (heart) are:
 - a)
 - b)
 - c)
 - d)
 - e)

Self-Test Five

1. Write out John 7:37b-39a.
2. When anything is larger than _____ in the _____, that thing has become an idol, and it will distort the answer you hear “from the Lord” making your journaling impure.
3. Praying in the Spirit means that your prayers are _____, guided, energized and _____ by the Holy Spirit. You are tuned to _____ and allowing the _____ to pray through you.
4. Key # 1 to hearing God’s voice is: “Recognize God’s voice as _____.”

Self-Test Six

1. Write out the expanded version of Psalm 46:10.

2. Key #1 to hearing God's voice is:

3. Key #2 is _____ yourself so you can hear God's voice.

4. The first step to removing external distractions is to find a place where we can be _____ and _____.

5. To help quiet your mind, you should:
 - a) _____ thoughts of things you should be doing.
 - b) _____ any sins that come into your mind.
 - c) _____ Jesus with the eyes of your heart.

6. Times when you are doing _____ activities are ideal times for hearing from God.

7. Doing a right-brain activity such as _____ or listening to _____ can help poise you to hear from God.

Self-Test Seven

1. Quote John 8:38a.

2. The first three keys to hearing God's voice are:

3. Four words that summarize the four keys to hearing God's voice are:

4. Five kinds of visions are:
 - a) _____ vision on the screen within your mind;
 - b) _____ vision while in _____ ;
 - c) Seeing a vision _____ yourself;
 - d) Vision while in a _____ ;
 - e) The visionary encounter of _____.

Self-Test Eight

1. Quote I Chronicles 29:18 KJV.

2. Some specific things you can do to strengthen the eyes of your heart include:
 - a) Enter a _____ by picturing as you read;
 - b) Open the eyes of your heart during your quiet times, _____ on Jesus;
 - c) In _____, see the person for whom you are praying and then see Christ _____ that person;
 - d) Listen to your _____;
 - e) _____ in the Spirit;
 - f) Open the eyes of your heart to see what you are singing during _____ and _____.

3. Indicate which “projector” is most likely being described by the phrases below:
 - a) _____ painted stroke by stroke
 - b) _____ intrusive, demanding, negative, destructive, pushy
 - c) _____ I was focused on Jesus
 - d) _____ appeals to my ego
 - e) _____ might be good or bad depending on what I have filled my heart with
 - f) _____ meek, humble
 - g) _____ leads to the fruit of the Spirit
 - h) _____ leads to bondage, fear, anxiety, confusion, pride
 - i) _____ can be used for good or evil
 - j) _____ fears testing
 - k) _____ eager for testing
 - l) _____ reflects the character of Christ

4. Quote Habakkuk 2:1, 2.

5. The first three keys to hearing God’s voice are:
 - a)
 - b)
 - c)

Self-Test Nine

1. Quote John 5:19, 30a.

2. Two-way journaling may be defined as recording your _____ and what you sense to be God's _____.

3. Three benefits of journaling are:
 - a) It allows you to write in _____ knowing you can _____ it later;
 - b) It keeps your _____ occupied as a facilitator rather than a critic;
 - c) It becomes an accurate _____ of revelation God has given you that has not yet come to pass.

4. Some tests by which we can know for sure that our journaling came from God include:
 - a) My _____ have confirmation in their spirits.
 - b) My heart _____ was pure.
 - c) The _____ confirms the *rhema*.
 - d) My spiritual eyes were fixed on _____ with no _____ in my heart.
 - e) The content reflects the _____ of God as revealed by His _____.
 - f) The content is instructive, upbuilding, _____.
 - g) It embraces _____.
 - h) My _____ is quickened by the word.
 - i) It bears good _____ in my life.

5. The six pillars of the Leader's Paradigm are:
 - a) Illumined _____
 - b) Illumined _____ in your mind
 - c) Illumined _____ in your heart
 - d) Illumined _____ of others
 - e) Illumined _____ of life's experiences
 - f) Illumined _____ through dreams, visions, prophecy and journaling

6. The foundation of the Leader's Paradigm is a working knowledge of _____.

7. The four keys to hearing God's voice are:
 - a)
 - b)
 - c)
 - d)

Self-Test Ten

1. Quote Hebrews 10:22.

2. As I approach God through the Tabernacle Experience, the _____ reminds me to ask if I have presented myself as a living sacrifice, denying the desire of my flesh and presenting myself to God as an instrument of righteousness.

3. The _____ reminds me to ask if I have been regularly meditating upon the Bible and obeying the clear commands I have found.

4. The _____ reminds me to ask if I have been continuing in fellowship with the Body of Christ, and if my will has been ground fine through close relationships with others.

5. The _____ reminds me to ask if I have presented my mind to the Lord to be illumined by the Holy Spirit.

6. The _____ reminds me to ask if I am continually offering a sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to the Lord so that my emotions and reactions are under His control.

7. The _____ reminds me of my goal to live in His presence and hear His words spoken into my heart.

8. Two things that might keep you from entering your promised land are:
 - a) not honoring and absolutely _____ the voice of God;
 - b) failing God's tests by not standing in _____

9. Hearing God's voice is as simple as _____
_____.

Self-Test 11

1. Quote II Corinthians 10:5.

2. The four keys to hearing God's voice are:
 - Key #1
 - Key #2
 - Key #3
 - Key #4

3. Hearing God's voice is as simple as:

4. Two-way journaling may be defined as:

5. Submission may be defined as:

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Answers to Self-Tests

Self-Test One

1. *Logos* (4KTHGV p. 29)
2. *rhema* (4KTHGV p. 29)
3. (DWG p. 10ff)
 - a) Scriptures;
 - b) body of Christ;
 - c) humility;
 - d) testing.
4. Habakkuk 2:1, 2
I will stand on my guard post and station myself on the rampart; And I will keep watch to see what He will speak to me, and how I may reply when I am reproved. Then the Lord answered me and said, "Record the vision and inscribe it on tablets, that the one who reads it may run."
5. Simply stated, the four keys to hearing God's voice are:
stillness, vision, spontaneity, journaling.
6. "Hearing God's voice is as simple as: quieting yourself down, fixing your eyes on Jesus, tuning to spontaneity, and writing!"

Self-Test Two

1. Some important safeguards for hearing God's voice are: (underline all that apply)
 - a) You are a born-again Christian;
 - b) You believe the Bible is the inerrant word of God;
 - c) You have been a Christian for at least five years;
 - d) You have an attitude of submission to what God has shown you from the Bible;
 - e) You are involved in a significant ministry;
 - f) You have spiritual advisors to whom you go for input on a regular basis;
 - g) You follow a plan for reading through the entire Bible regularly. (4KTHGV p. 42)

2. Some qualities of a good advisor or counselor are: (underline all that apply)
 - a) He has a significant ministry of his own;
 - b) He has a solid biblical orientation;
 - c) He can sense the voice of God in his own heart;
 - d) He can be objective because he doesn't know you very well;
 - e) He is secure enough in his own ability to hear from God that he does not need to be submitted to anyone else;
 - f) He is willing to commit his time and energy to you.

3. For each of the following qualities, write "left" if it characterizes the more left-brained individual, and "right" if it characterizes the more right-brained individual.

<u>right</u>	a. art awareness
<u>left</u>	b. language strengths
<u>left</u>	c. reasoning
<u>right</u>	d. intuition
<u>right</u>	e. imagination
<u>left</u>	f. number skills
<u>right</u>	g. left body control
<u>left</u>	h. logic

4. Proverbs 11:14 NASU
Where there is no guidance the people fall, but in the abundance of counselors there is victory.

5. Mysticism (4KTHGV p. 59)

6. Habakkuk 2:1, 2
I will stand on my guard post and station myself on the rampart; And I will keep watch to see what He will speak to me, and how I may reply when I am reprov'd. Then the Lord answered me and said, "Record the vision and inscribe it on tablets, that the one who reads it may run."

7. Simply stated, the four keys to hearing God's voice are:
stillness, vision, spontaneity, journaling

8. Three categories of journaling you should submit to your spiritual advisor are:
 - a) all your journaling during the first few days & weeks
 - b) any you are uncertain about whether it came from God
 - c) big decisions – especially involving a large investment of time or money or a new theology
(4KTHGV p. 51)

9. State at least three differences between New Agers/cultists and Christians who enter the Spirit realm.
(see page 40 of 4KTHGV)
10. The center of the relationship between you and your spiritual advisors should be friendship, not authority.
11. Submission may be defined as an openness to the Spirit-led counsel and correction of several others, while keeping a sense of personal responsibility for our own discernment of God's voice within us. (4KTHGV p. 44)
12. Hearing God's voice is as simple as quieting yourself down, fixing your eyes on Jesus, tuning to spontaneity, and writing.

Self-Test Three

1. Proverbs 11:14 NASU
Where there is no guidance the people fall, but in the abundance of counselors there is victory.
2. John 17:3
And this is eternal life, that they might know Thee, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom Thou hast sent.
3. (4KTHGV p. 84)
 - a) treasure
 - b) Search
 - c) Trust
 - d) Praise
 - e) Return
4. Hearing God's voice is as simple as quieting yourself down, fixing your eyes on Jesus, tuning to spontaneity, and writing.
5. Submission: "an openness to the Spirit-led counsel and correction of several others, while keeping a sense of personal responsibility for our own discernment of God's voice within us." (4KTHGV p. 44)

Self-Test Four

1. Isaiah 55:10, 11
For as the rain and the snow come down from heaven, and do not return there without watering the earth, and making it bear and sprout, and furnishing seed to the sower and bread to the eater; So shall My word be which goes forth from My mouth; It shall not return to Me empty, without accomplishing what I desire, and without succeeding in the matter for which I sent it.
2. spontaneous thoughts (4KTHGV p. 95)
3.
 - a) a spoken word - *rhema*
 - b) the written Word of God - *Logos*
 - c) emphasizes the content of the message - *logos*
 - d) emphasizes the way the message is received - *rhema*
 - e) produces faith in the hearer - *rhema* (see Romans 10:17 - "word" is *rhema*)
 - f) all *rhema* is tested against the *Logos*
4. (4KTHGV p. 100) *Naba*
5. The five senses of the spirit (heart) are: (4KTHGV p. 119)
 - a) Ears of the heart
 - b) Eyes of the heart
 - c) Mind of the heart
 - d) Will of the heart
 - e) Emotions of the heart

Self-Test Five

1. John 7:37b-39a
"If any man is thirsty, let him come to Me and drink. He who believes in Me, as the Scripture said, 'From his innermost being shall flow rivers of living water.'" But this He spoke of the Spirit, whom those who believed in Him were to receive....
2. Jesus; eyes of your heart (4KTHGV p. 138)
3. Inspired; sustained; flow; Holy Spirit (4KTHGV p. 140)
4. spontaneous thoughts that light upon your mind. (4KTHGV p. 95)

Self-Test Six

1. Expanded version of Psalm 46:10
Be still, let go, cease striving, relax, and know that I am God.
2. "Recognize God's voice as spontaneous thoughts that light upon your mind." (4KTHGV p. 149)
3. Key #2 is Quiet yourself so you can hear God's voice. (4KTHGV p. 149)
4. Alone; undisturbed. (4KTHGV p. 150)
5. a) write down
b) confess
c) focus on / visualize / see (4KTHGV p. 153)
6. automatic (4KTHGV p. 153)
7. singing; music (4KTHGV p. 153)

Self-Test Seven

1. John 8:38a
I speak the things which I have seen with My Father.
2. The first three keys to hearing God's voice are:
Key #1 Recognize God's voice as spontaneous thoughts that light upon your mind.
Key #2 Quiet yourself so you can hear God's voice.
Key #3 Look for vision as you pray.
(4KTHGV p. 167)
3. Stillness, vision, spontaneity, journaling (order is not important)
4. Five kinds of visions are:
 - a) Spontaneous
 - b) Spontaneous; prayer
 - c) outside
 - d) trance
 - e) dreams

Self-Test Eight

1. I Chronicles 29:18 KJV
O Lord, the God of Abraham, Isaac, and of Israel, our fathers, keep this forever in the imagination of the thoughts of the heart of thy people, and prepare their heart unto thee.
2. Some specific things you can do to strengthen the eyes of your heart include:
 - a) Bible story
 - b) focusing intently
 - c) intercession; meeting/touching
 - d) dreams
 - e) Pray
 - f) Praise; worship
3. Indicate which “projector” is most likely being described by the phrases below:
 - a) Self painted stroke by stroke
 - b) Satan intrusive, demanding, negative, destructive, pushy
 - c) Holy Spirit I was focused on Jesus
 - d) Satan appeals to my ego
 - e) Self might be good or bad depending on what I have filled the my heart with
 - f) Holy Spirit meek, humble
 - g) Holy Spirit leads to the fruit of the Spirit
 - h) Satan leads to bondage, fear, anxiety, confusion, pride
 - i) Self can be used for good or evil
 - j) Satan fears testing
 - k) Holy Spirit eager for testing
 - l) Holy Spirit reflects the character of Christ
(4KTHGV p. 202ff; DWG p. 82ff)
4. Habakkuk 2:1, 2
I will stand on my guard post and station myself on the rampart; And I will keep watch to see what He will speak to me, and how I may reply when I am reproved. Then the Lord answered me and said, “Record the vision and inscribe it on tablets, that the one who reads it may run.”
5. The first three keys to hearing God’s voice are:
 - a) Key #1 Recognize God’s voice as spontaneous thoughts that light upon your mind.
 - b) Key #2 Quiet yourself so you can hear God’s voice.
 - c) Key #3 Look for vision as you pray.
(4KTHGV p. 167)

Self-Test Nine

1. John 5:19, 30a
Jesus therefore answered and was saying to them, “Truly, truly I say to you, the Son can do nothing of Himself, unless it is something He sees the Father doing; for whatever the Father does, these things the Son also does in like manner...I can do nothing on My own initiative.”
2. Prayers; answers. (4KTHGV p. 213)
3. Three benefits of journaling are:
 - a) faith; test
 - b) mind;
 - c) reminder / record (4KTHGV p. 214, 215)
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 - a) spiritual advisors
 - b) attitude
 - c) *Logos*/Scripture/Bible
 - d) Jesus; idols
 - e) character; names.
 - f) comforting.
 - g) testing.
 - h) faith
 - i) fruit (4KTHGV p. 226f)
5. The six pillars of the Leader’s Paradigm are:
 - a) Scriptures
 - b) Thoughts
 - c) Witness
 - d) Counsel
 - e) Understanding
 - f) Revelation (4KTHGV p. 233)
6. the Bible
7. Key #1 Recognize God’s voice as spontaneous thoughts that light upon your mind.
Key #2 Quiet yourself so you can hear God’s voice.
Key #3 Look for vision as you pray.
Key #4 Write down the flow of thoughts and pictures that come to you (two-way journaling).
(4KTHGV p. 213)

Self-Test Ten

1. Hebrews 10:22
Let us draw near with a sincere heart in full assurance of faith, having our hearts sprinkled clean from an evil conscience and our bodies washed with pure water.
2. brazen altar (DWG p. 157)
3. laver (DWG p. 157)
4. table of showbread (DWG p. 157)
5. lampstand (DWG p. 157)
6. altar of incense (DWG p. 157)
7. Ark of the Covenant (DWG p. 157)
8. Two things that might keep you from entering your promised land are:
 - a) obeying
 - b) faith (4KTHGV p. 267ff)
9. Hearing God's voice is as simple as quieting yourself down, fixing your eyes on Jesus, tuning to spontaneity, and writing.

Self-Test 11

1. II Corinthians 10:5
We are destroying speculations and every lofty thing raised up against the knowledge of God, and we are taking every thought captive to the obedience of Christ.
2. The four keys to hearing God's voice are:
Key #1 Recognize God's voice as spontaneous thoughts that light upon your mind.
Key #2 Quiet yourself so you can hear God's voice.
Key #3 Look for vision as you pray.
Key #4 Write down the flow of thoughts and pictures that come to you (two-way journaling).
(4KTHGV p. 213)
3. Hearing God's voice is as easy as quieting yourself down, fixing your eyes on Jesus, tuning to spontaneity, and writing.
4. Two-way journaling may be defined as: recording your prayers and what you sense to be God's answers.
(4KTHGV p. 213)
5. Submission may be defined as: "an openness to the Spirit-led counsel and correction of several others, while keeping a sense of personal responsibility for our own discernment of God's voice within us." (4KTHGV p. 44)