

Happy New Year

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As we launch another trip around the sun, I don't plan to make any resolutions except to eat more, spend more and laugh more. Fun, huh? :)

Actually, when we come to this time again next year, I want to say I know the Lord more. I crave a passion like Paul to "count all things to be loss in view of the surpassing value of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord..." (Phil.3).

So, how do I know Him more? In any relationship, you get to know someone by spending time with them and by listening to them. Prayer is good, but I do the talking.

When was the last time I listened to God and actually *heard* Him??

If God wanted to say something to me, would I hear Him?

Here are a few questions to consider:

If God wanted to say something to me through a glorious sunset, would I notice?

If God wanted to say something to me through my radio station, would I hear Him?

If God wanted to say something to me through my friends, would they be good channels of his voice?

If God wanted to say something to me in my wakefulness at night, would my mind be free to hear Him?

If God wanted to say something to me through His written Word, do I sit still long enough to hear?

If God wanted to say something to me from His Word by memory, would there be enough there to hear?

If God wanted to have me all to Himself at some point in my busy day, would He find me with a listening heart?

My guess is that He is talking to you now. What do you hear?

Be Still and Know That I AM GOD.