

Thrive in '25, Part 2: Hear

Romans 12:2

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Main Point: It can be a great year if we are willing to hear.

1. God speaks to us through His Word

¹ I appeal to you therefore, brothers, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship. ² Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that by testing you may discern what is the will of God, what is good and acceptable and perfect.

-Romans 12:1-2

¹⁰ The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life and have it abundantly.

-John 10:10

³³ Do not be deceived: "Bad company ruins good morals."

-1 Corinthians 15:33

² Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewal of your mind...

-Romans 12:2

¹ *Blessed is the man
who walks not in the counsel of the wicked,
nor stands in the way of sinners,
nor sits in the seat of scoffers;*
² *but his delight is in the law of the LORD,
and on his law he meditates day and night.*

³ *He is like a tree
planted by streams of water
that yields its fruit in its season,
and its leaf does not wither.
In all that he does, he prospers.*

-Psalm 1:1-3

2. God speaks to us through His Spirit

³⁴ *A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another: just as I have loved you, you also are to love one another.*

-John 13:34

Forgive as the Lord forgave you.

-Colossians 3:13 (NIV)

Go and sin no more.

-John 8:11 (NLT)

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-Romans 12:2

²⁷ *My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow me.*

-John 10:27

⁵ *A stranger they will not follow, but they will flee from him, for they do not know the voice of strangers.*

-John 10:5

²⁷ *My sheep hear my voice...*

-John 10:27

²⁷ *My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow me.*

-John 10:27

3. God speaks to us through His people

² *Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that by testing you may discern what is the will of God, what is good and acceptable and perfect.*

-Romans 12:2

¹⁶ *All Scripture is breathed out by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, ¹⁷ that the man of God may be complete, equipped for every good work.*

-2 Timothy 3:16-17

²⁰ *knowing this first of all, that no prophecy of Scripture comes from someone's own interpretation. ²¹ For no prophecy was ever produced by the will of man, but men spoke from God as they were carried along by the Holy Spirit.*

-2 Peter 1:20-21

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who walks not in the counsel of the wicked,
nor stands in the way of sinners,
nor sits in the seat of scoffers*

-Psalm 1:1

³³ Do not be misled: “*Bad company corrupts good character.*”

-1 Corinthians 15:33 (NIV)

¹⁷ As iron sharpens iron,
so *a friend sharpens a friend.*

-Proverbs 27:17 (NLT)

Conclusion:

God wants us to Thrive in '25!

- We must listen to what He says to us through:
 - His Word
 - His Spirit
 - The godly/mature believers He has placed in our lives

Application:

- How can we Thrive?
 - Get into His Word
 - Listen to His Spirit
 - Surround yourself with godly people who can speak truth into your life