

SIX VOICES:

MASTERING THE ART OF DISCERNMENT

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Welcome

Chuck Whitley combines his extensive experience in pastoral leadership, consulting, and theology to help individuals and businesses thrive. With degrees from Multnomah University, Fuller Seminary, and Bakke Graduate University, Chuck specializes in executive coaching and spiritual formation, guiding clients toward their calling by integrating spiritual practices and leadership development.



Chuck empowers business leaders to align their goals with God's, creating flourishing cities and successful businesses. His unique approach emphasizes social-emotional intelligence, prayer-based tools, and connection with God to break negative cycles and achieve the highest level of personal and professional growth. If you're looking to unlock your full potential and make a lasting impact, reach out to Chuck for a transformative coaching experience.

The Six Voices: A Tool for Discernment

The Six Voices is a tool that helps us discern God's voice or leading in our lives. The Bible teaches us that the Spirit of God leads, teaches, communicates with us, and that we can discern His leading. The following passages from 1 John and John 14-16 illustrate this point:

1. 1 John 2:26-27: *"The anointing you received from Him remains in you, and you do not need anyone to teach you. But as His anointing teaches you about all things, and as that anointing is real, not counterfeit, just as it has been taught you, remain in Him."*

2. John 14:26: *"But the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you all things and will remind you of everything I have said to you."*



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3. John 15:26-27: *“When the Advocate comes, whom I will send to you from the Father—the Spirit of truth who goes out from the Father—He will testify about me. And you also must testify, for you have been with me from the beginning.”*

4. John 16:12-13: *“I have much more to say to you, more than you can now bear. But when He, the Spirit of truth, comes, He will guide you into all truth. He will not speak on His own; He will speak only what He hears, and He will tell you what is yet to come.”*

From these passages, we can conclude that the Spirit teaches us, testifies about Jesus, and guides us into truth. However, discerning the Spirit's voice can be challenging, as we must distinguish it from our own voice and dysfunction.



1 THESSALONIANS 5:19-22



“Do not quench the Spirit. Do not treat prophecies with contempt but test them all; hold on to what is good, reject every kind of evil.”

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The Six Voices is a tool that can help you discern God's voice from their own thoughts and emotions.

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01 The Voice of My Own Agenda:

This voice represents our own will, ideas, and ego. It often makes sense in our heads and can be loud and persuasive. God's voice, however, often challenges our agenda.

To quiet this voice, we need to practice submission and align our agenda with God's agenda.

02 The Voice of My Own Fear:

This voice is driven by fear and can stop us in our tracks. If fear is dominant, it can prevent us from seeing things clearly. God's voice challenges our fear and encourages us to act decisively.

To quiet this voice, we need to grow in our ability to receive love from God, because perfect love drives out fear (1 John 4:18).



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03 The Voice of My Own Theology:

This voice reflects the teachings of our religious tradition, denomination, or movement. While it can provide guidance, it can also limit our understanding of God. God is always in the process of growing us beyond our religious tradition. To do this he must challenge our theological assumptions to expand our understanding.

To quiet this voice, we need to remain teachable and open to God expanding and deepening our theological understanding.



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“Anyone who loves their father or mother more than me is not worthy of me; anyone who loves their son or daughter more than me is not worthy of me.” Matthew 10:37

“Do not conform to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God’s will is—his good, pleasing and perfect will.” Romans 12:2

04 The Voice of the Crowd:

This voice represents the expectations and norms of our family of origin, cultural context, or friend group. God often challenges these norms when we pray.

To quiet this voice, we may need to learn to align ourselves with God over our family of origin or cultural context and grow in our ability to navigate rejection for God's namesake.



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05 The Voice of the Evil One:

This voice represents Satan's attempts to condemn and deceive us. It can reinforce emotional lies, challenge the goodness of God and drive a wedge in our relationship with God.

To quiet this voice, we must engage in spiritual warfare by knowing the truth of God's word, calling out the lies, and rejecting them.



“...for he (Satan) is a liar and the father of lies.” John 8:44

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The Voice of God:

God's voice often whispers, while the other voices may shout. The goal is to quiet the other voices so we can hear the whisper of God.

By following the guidance provided for each voice, we can better discern God's voice and grow in our relationship with Him.

“My sheep listen to my voice; I know them, and they follow me.”
John 10:27



In conclusion

The Six Voices is a valuable tool for discerning God's voice and identifying areas of spiritual growth. By learning to recognize and quiet the other voices, we can better hear and respond to God's leading in our lives.

If you would like to explore this further with the help of a coach or if you would like to get on the wait list for future more in depth trainings, contact Chuck at Chuck@ChuckWhitley.com

