A little boy runs up to his daddy in the congregational meeting of the saints and asked his dad “Dad, are you listening? “And his dad smiled at him and replied “Son, I am.” It is important to realize that this little boy knew how important it was for his dad to pay rapt attention to what was said in the congregation. Listening is an important skill each person need to poses.

In the family setting, children listen to their parents with rapt attention. We listen and believe in whatever they tell us. Children always listen to their parents better than any other person because they trust and believe in what their parents tell them. Though sometimes parents tell lies to them. Especially the inquisitive kids who would like to know everything about the things they see in their environment or during an exploration tour.

In the school as well children easily recollect whatever they have been told better than adults. This all boils down to the fact that they have good listening skills though they easily lose concentration. On the average, a child can pay rapt attention to a teacher for at most forty-five minutes.

In the church, growing up, in our Sunday schools, we were taught that “children honor your father and mother.” an extract from Ephesians 6:1-2. The Sunday school teacher further explained listen to them at home. Folks, we cannot discredit the fact that listening is so important.

In His kingdom, there is the need to listen with rapt attention to His written word. Psalm 34:11 – “Come, you children, listen to me; I will teach you the fear of the Lord. “. There is a craving desire for our generation to listen to the very words of the Psalmist today. What a message for this generation! We are leaving in a time of human history, where people do not want to listen anymore. People want to do things to fulfill their worldly lust. Satan has taken over the air waves, the internet he has polluted our minds and thoughts. The practice of the Christian faith is limited only to the church building. The young men and women of our generation are servants of the evil one. They continually quench the spirit by their fornication, materialistic pleasures, gambling and disobedience to parents and subjects of
There is a mess everywhere! Married people do not glorify God anymore in their marriages. No one wants to be a godly husband or wife. Confusion upon confusion in this world. Fearing God goes beyond knowing his will but obeying Him and fearing sin is the most important thing. Oh! Jesus has this message for our generation if only we will listen to Him. Matthew 11:28-“Come to Me, all [a]who are weary and heavy-laden, and I will give you rest. 29 Take My yoke upon you and learn from Me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and YOU WILL FIND REST FOR YOUR SOULS. 30 For My yoke is [b]easy and My burden is light.” Are you listening to these words today? Come to God today. Come to Him and he will direct your footsteps. Friend, surrender your life to Christ. Hear the gospel call today (Romans 10:17). Believe in saving power of Christ (John 8:24, Hebrews 11:6) and confess your sins (Romans 10:9) and don’t wait on, hurray up and be baptized for the remission of your sins (Acts 22:16, Mark 16:15-16, Acts 8:36-38, Romans 6:2-3, 1Peter 3:21-22, Acts 10:48). Totally submit your life, energy and resources to God and live faithfully till you die and You will eternal life for your soul. (Revelation 2:10).

To the backsliding Christian, God wants you back to Him as well. God wants you to love Him with all your heart, with all your mind and all your soul (Matthew22:9). Friend, if you love God, you will give heed to his commandments. 1John 5:3. The Peter expounds on this point of falling away from the faith in 2 Peter 2:20-21- “For if, after they have escaped the defilements of the world by the knowledge of the Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, they are again entangled in them and are overcome, the last state has become worse for them than the first. 21 For it would be better for them not to have known the way of righteousness, than having known it, to turn away from the holy commandment handed on to them”. May be the pain and suffering you mind be going through as a Christian is making you to lose faith, I want you to take a minute and think about these words from the Apostle Paul- “If we have hoped in Christ in this life only, we are of all men most to be pitied.” We have a better hope friend, be reconciled make to God. We are passersby and we should not be moved by all these things (Philippians 3: 20)

Coming into Christ and been entangle again by the alliances of the devil to fall away from the faith we were called in is sad, having nailed the fleshy lust to the cross of Christ, we ought to be more like Jesus. Reconsider your ways today, and return to Christ as well.

In conclusion, folks can we listen a bit more, shall we never be far up of listening to one another? Shall we continue to accept to be corrected and admonish. Shall we continue to listen to Christ

It is my prayer you listen with rapt attention to the words of Christ. He is ready to accept you into his Church. (Acts 2:42). I submit to you (the reader) to more like a child and listen
with rapt attention to the word of God in the midst of a perverse generation. Can we totally devote our lives to loving and pleasing the Lord as the learned, noble and wealthy man who ever walked this earth, Solomon gave his final meaning to life (Ecclesiastes 12: 13-14). How shall we escape His judgment? Can we listen to His words that He will judge us one day and reconsider our ways today? (Hebrews 9:27, 2Corinthians 5:10). Friend, I entreat listen more and more. We are ready to help you if we can to live a sound Christian life to please our God.

I love you but God loves you so much.

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