

**I. Why does God Desire to communicate with us?**

God desires to have \_\_\_\_\_ with us.

*Genesis 3:8-10* When the cool evening breezes were blowing, the man and his wife heard the Lord God walking about in the garden. So they hid from the Lord God among the trees. Then the Lord God called to the man, "Where are you?"

*Ephesians 1:5* God decided in advance to adopt us into his own family by bringing us to himself through Jesus Christ. This is what he wanted to do, and it gave him great pleasure.

**II. Three primary ways to hear from God?**

1. The \_\_\_\_\_.

“Logos” is the written word.

*Hebrews 4:12* For the word of God is alive and powerful. It is sharper than the sharpest two-edged sword, cutting between soul and spirit, between joint and marrow. It exposes our innermost thoughts and desires.

“Rhema” is the revealed word.

*Romans 10:17 (NIV)* Consequently, faith comes from hearing the message, and the message is heard through the word of Christ.

2. Mature \_\_\_\_\_.

*Proverbs 11:14 (NKJV)* Where there is no counsel, the people fall; But in the multitude of counselors there is safety.

Prophetic Word

*1 Corinthians 14:3 (NKJ)*

3. Through our \_\_\_\_\_.

*1 Corinthians 2:11-12* No one can know a person’s thoughts except that person’s own spirit, and no one can know God’s thoughts except God’s own Spirit. And we have received God’s Spirit (not the world’s spirit), so we can know the wonderful things God has freely given us.

**III. Things that help us hear from God.**

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