

Characteristics Of A Good Audiencer- Acts 10:33

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Introduction:

Every person regardless of age or rank is saved the same way. In this lesson we want to pay attention to the "audience". Often preaching is done but its effectiveness is often related to the audience. I have heard great lessons with great responses and great lessons with no response, why?

I) The Importance of the Audience

A) Audience is the most essential to the effectiveness of a preaching service.

1. Just as there are different "types" of preachers there are "types" of audiences.
 - a. Indifferent, *Acts 24.25*
 - b. Rebellious, *Acts 7.51-54*
 - c. The wayside soil, *Luke 8.4-15*
2. Preaching to those audiences is essential but often the results is not what we would hope for.
3. Those who are receptive, of the good soil in *Luke 8*.
 - a. Pentecost, 3,000 obeyed in *Acts 2.41*.
 - b. Bereans, they were not gullible but they searched the scriptures daily to see whether those things we so, *Acts 17.11-12*.
 - c. Cornelius and his household, *Acts 10*.

II) Cornelius and His Household

A) "We are all present"

1. Who was included? *Acts 10.24, 27,33*
 - a. There was a promptness which showed a genuine interest in the subject. Often tardiness shows a lack of interest or indifference.
 - b. There was completeness. "We are all here."
 - c. Inclusive: Not "they" or "those people" but "we."

B) "Before God"

1. An ideal audience is cognizant of God's presence. (*Matthew 18.20*)
2. There is no outward sign of God presence but He is here with us today!
3. Should cause us to want to be present and show reverence, *Psalms 89.7*
4. I have been places where people were talking, passing notes, members falling asleep, just plain old dis-interest.
5. We should always remember who we are before while assembled together.

C) "To hear"

1. To hear what? The word of God, *James 1.22-25*
2. Some people come out of courtesy, they were invited and they came. Some to appease others,

their mom and dad, their date, etc. Some come to feel something.

3. The N.T. always records the failure to listen with tragic results, *Acts 7.57*
 - a. Number one problem in marriage is money but the second problem is the failure to communicate (listen).
 - b. People want to talk but few listens. Ever had someone ask a question and then ignore the answer?
4. There are two areas - one is man listening to God.
 - a. Possible by reading the Bible. That is the purpose of the Bible.
 - b. How can a teacher effectively teach when the students never open their Bibles?
5. The second area is man listening to others.
 - a. Elders (*Hebrews 13.17*), teachers (*2 Timothy 2.2*). Even the best coach cannot coach a player who will not listen.

D) "All things commanded by God"

1. Some will hear out of prejudice- denominational doctrine, some faith only, worldliness
2. They will want a partial gospel, *1 Timothy 4.1*.
3. The preacher is to preach the whole counsel of God, *Acts 20.20, 27*

Conclusion:

A good audience comes, they are in the presence of God, they listen, and they do the commandments of God.