

THE OUT OF TUNE WOMAN

Isaiah 30:21 – *“Your ears shall hear a word behind you, saying, “This is the way, walk in it,” whenever you turn to the right hand or whenever you turn to the left”.*

The Parable of the Sower

- **Luke 8:4-18** – The Parable of the Sower

This parable tells us that there are many whose lives are unproductive and unfruitful because they do not allow the word of God to produce the desired effect in their lives. The reason given by Jesus for the unfruitfulness is not the word, but rather, the type of soil (heart) the word falls on and what happens to the word.

1. Wayside heart
2. Stoney heart
3. Thorny heart
4. Good heart

Three of the types of hearts do not yield fruit, only one type yields fruit. This means that many of us are unproductive and unfruitful in our walk with God and the things of God. This is because many of us are out of tune with the word of God and God Himself.

Exercise: Prayerfully check your heart. What state is your heart in, concerning the word of God? What areas are

What Does It Mean To Be Out Of Tune?

Definition:

To be out of tune is to be in...

- Disagreement
 - Disorder
 - Discord (grating, harsh, displeasing to the ear); Disharmony
 - Dissonance or disunity
 - Confusion, chaos
1. In musical terminology, to be out of tune means to be in disagreement with musical note “A”, the authority by which all music is judged to be in or out of tune. To be out of tune means to be in discord or disharmony with musical note “A”
 2. *As believers, our note “A” is the word of God. To be out of tune means to be in discord or disagreement with the word of God.*

Characteristics of An Out of Tune Woman

Spiritual Lessons from Mentally Out of Tune Women

- **Read:** *Hebrews 5:12-14; 1 Corinthians 13:11*

These are lessons I learnt, many years ago, from interacting with women with learning disabilities who have been abused. They were so out of tune with reality and these are the characteristics they displayed. We can learn lessons from them.

1. They had no sexual inhibitions – gratification by any means. Thus, the out of tune woman is unfaithful to the Lord. This is known as spiritual harlotry. She seeks gratification and solutions from anywhere and anyone, but the Lord. – *Judges 2:16,17; Hosea 5:4*
2. Out of touch with reality and what is socially acceptable – Rom 12:2
3. Immaturity - Childishness – very needs and wants oriented
4. Selfish
5. Very vulnerable and easily deceived
6. Easily manipulated
7. Manipulative

Factors That Cause A Person/Something To Be Out Of Tune

1. **Hearing:** To be in tune requires hearing, listening and adjusting.

- Read: Job 34:2,3 (12:11)
- Interferences: The single most important factor in providing good hearing conditions is the absence of interfering noise. What noises interfere with our hearing
 - The devil takes the word out of the heart – leads to unbelief
 - Cares of the world
 - Unbelief
 - Lack of focus and concentration
 - Other voices
- The purity and quality of the sound. What is the authority by which you are tuning in?
- Waxed or blocked ears. Hardness of hearing
- Distance
- Lack of knowledge & understanding/ignorance
- Itching Ears - 2 *Timothy 4:3*

- Fear

2. Dysfunction: (Natural)

- Proverb 4:20-27

Dysfunctional hearts – will, emotion, thought etc. leading to

1. Deafness
2. Tone deafness

3. Unwillingness to adjust:

1. Disobedience
2. Hardness and dullness of ears
3. Indifference – Isaiah 32:9; 47:8

Jeremiah 6:10 – (The ears of God's people were closed, literally uncircumcised. This denotes wilful rebellion and refusal to hear. No longer delight in God's word).

- Ezekiel 12:2; Zechariah 7:11
- Eccl. 5:1 "Draw near to hear rather than to give the sacrifice of fools"

A REVERSAL

How can you reverse this and get in tune?

- **Revelation 2: 7** – *"He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches. To him who overcomes I will give to eat from the tree of life, which is in the midst of the Paradise of God".*

Genesis 2:8-9, 15-17 – The tree of life & the tree of the knowledge of good & evil

Tree of Life – represents the experience of the life of God (including immortality) available to us if we would live in obedience to Him

Tree of the knowledge of good & evil – represents human autonomy, i.e., self-rule and assumed independence from God in every area of life.

As WOMEN, our renewal, revival and restoration rest solely on us learning to hear and God and live in obedience to His word. We need to tune and fine-tune our ears to God's word and be obedient to it. This is the catalyst that will ignite and trigger our renewal, revival and restoration.