

More Than Hearing Worksheet

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Text: 1 Peter 1:17-23

17 If you invoke as Father the **one who judges all people impartially** according to their deeds, live **in reverent fear** during the time of your exile. 18 You know that you were ransomed from the futile ways **inherited from your ancestors**, not with perishable things like **silver or gold**, 19 but with **the precious blood** of Christ, like that of a **lamb** without defect or blemish. 20 He was destined before the foundation of the world, but was **revealed** at the end of the ages for your sake. 21 Through him **you have come to trust in God**, who **raised him from the dead** and gave him glory, so that your faith and hope are set on God.

22 Now that **you have purified your souls by your obedience** to the truth **so that you have genuine mutual love**, **love one another deeply from the heart**. 23 You have been **born anew**, not of perishable but of imperishable seed, **through the living and enduring word of God**.

Eye - I/S, Body - I/S, Nature - I/S, Self - I

Smarts	Images in the text/ interesting exegesis	Illustrations	SFX
Word - Verbal/Linguistic	Vs. 17 - exile = paroikos, literally "beside or outside the house"	V. 18 - Bad inheritance	
Eye - Visual/Spatial MWD	V. 17 - the one who judges all people impartially God shows no partiality - Peter in Acts 10 VS. 18 - the futile ways inherited from your ancestors	Alexander Maclaren - "Mountains are elevated, valleys are depressed and sunken, but I fancy that the difference between the top of Mount Everest and the gorge through which the Jordan runs would scarcely be perceptible if you were standing on the sun." See also Nature	V. 18 - Illusion: My Lousy Inheritance
Math - Logical/Mathematical	Vs. 20 - "destined before the foundation of the world"	In the Greco-Roman world, antiquity was the fundamental criterion for authenticity. The older something was, the more weight and legitimacy it carried. So, Peter (or the author) is trumping all	Jesus pre-dates even a thousand year old bowl bought in a garage sale for 3 bucks!

		claims that can be made by asserting Jesus' existence before the foundation of the world - the <i>logos</i> of creation.	
Body - Kinesthetic D2	Vs. 21 - come to trust in God... faith and hope are set on God.	Vs. 21 - like a balance board Or balancing nails on a point Or balancing a glass on knives on bottles	⇨ Try one of these balancing tricks, or try balancing some blocks or other objects on an unstable surface, like an upside down cone or pyramid. Then stack them on something more stable. This is a demonstration of the soundness of God as a foundation for your faith and hope. (Body for balance, also Math for science, and Eye for visual FX)
Musical			
Natural MWD	Vs. 17 - the time of your exile. Sojourners, in other words; just like the Hebrews in Egypt	V. 22 - purifying souls by obedience is, perhaps, like purifying metals through electrolysis Vs. 17 - transplanted or exotic plants need the extra care of a greenhouse	⇨ Do some electrolytic plating!
People - Interpersonal	Vs. 22 - so that you have genuine mutual love, love one another deeply from the heart	“Conduct comes from character, but conduct works back upon character, and character is largely the deposit from the vanished seas of action.” - A. Maclaren See also Nature	“New people do new things.” ~Richard Jensen, WP What experience have you seen in your congregation of new things being done?
Self - Intrapersonal D2	*Extensive illustration re: obedience out of deep love (see below)	V. 18 - Our inheritance - Maya Angelou - “During bad circumstances, which is the human inheritance, you must decide not to be reduced. You have your humanity, and you must not allow anything to reduce that. We are obliged to know we are global citizens. Disasters remind	

		<p>us we are world citizens, whether we like it or not.”</p> <p>Vs. 22 - Suggestions to detox your soul</p>	
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In his book, *Reaching for the Invisible God*, Philip Yancey tells a poignant story that illustrates this pretty well. The story was told by Arun Gandhi, the grandson of the famed Indian leader, Mahatma Gandhi. When he was a teenager, Arun Gandhi lived in South Africa. One day, not long after Arun first got his driver’s license, his father asked him to drop him off at a meeting in the city and then to take the family car in for some repairs at a nearby garage. “Once you drop the car off,” Arun’s father said, “you can spend time downtown doing whatever you like. But be sure to pick the car up when it’s finished and then pick me back up here not later than 6:00pm sharp.” Arun jumped at this chance to spend some time in the big city. But he lost track of the time and next thing you knew he was late getting the car back from the garage and a half-hour late picking up his father. “Sorry I’m late, father,” Arun said, “but the car took longer than they thought and I had to wait a whole hour at the garage. That’s why I couldn’t get here at six like you asked.”

What Arun didn’t know was that his father had checked in with the garage already at 5pm that day and found out that the car was ready to be picked up then already. So not long after they drove out of the city, Arun Gandhi’s father asked him to pull over to the side of the road and he then explained to his son that he knew the truth. “I am deeply troubled,” the father said. “What would cause my son to lie to me? How have I failed as a father that my son would not trust me with the truth? I must reflect on this.”

The father walked the rest of the way home, but told his son to follow him slowly in the car so that he could see by the car’s headlights. It took six hours to get home with Arun driving the car at a snail’s pace, all the while seeing his father’s hunched back as he pondered his failure as a father. But Arun knew this was not some stunt meant to induce a guilt trip within his teenager’s heart. He knew his father was a man of utter integrity and if he said he was going to reflect on his own failures, he meant it. Arun was stricken to the core and hence, he later testified, “I never told a lie again.”

In the end, Arun changed his outward behavior, but not so as to obey an external rule. His father’s loving reaction caused him to re-orient his mind. He no longer told lies not because he wanted to avoid getting punished but because he loved his father and the change in his behavior stemmed from this love. He stopped lying not because he knew he mustn’t but because he no longer even *wanted* to do so. So also for us: our holiness must stem from love. And our love comes because, as Peter says in the end, we have now tasted that the Lord is *good*.

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