

# More Than Hearing Worksheet

Episode: COrdinary25x2019

Texts: [Amos 8:4-7](#) • [Psalm 113](#) • [1 Timothy 2:1-7](#) • [Luke 16:1-13](#)

## NATURE Smart - MWD

[Very Well Mind](#) - [Kendra Cherry](#)

**Strengths:** Finding patterns and relationships in nature. According to Gardner, individuals who are high in this type of intelligence are more in tune with nature and are often interested in nurturing, exploring the environment, and learning about other species. These individuals are said to be highly aware of even subtle changes to their environments.

### Characteristics of naturalistic intelligence include:

Interested in subjects such as botany, biology, and zoology  
Good at categorizing and cataloging information easily  
May enjoy camping, gardening, hiking, and exploring the outdoors

If you're strong in naturalistic intelligence, good career choices for you are:

Biologist	Trail/River guide
Conservationist	Outdoor Guide
Gardener	
Farmer	

**Text: Amos 8:4-7**

4 Hear this, you that trample on the needy, and bring to ruin the poor of the land, 5 saying, "When will the new moon be over so that we may sell grain; and the sabbath, so that we may offer [wheat for sale](#)? We will make the ephah small and the shekel great, and practice deceit with false balances, 6 buying the poor for silver and the needy for a pair of sandals, and selling the [sweepings of the wheat](#)." 7 The Lord has sworn by the pride of Jacob: Surely I will never forget any of their deeds.

Smarts	Images in the text/ interesting exegesis	Illustrations	SFX
<b>NATURE</b>	<p>Exploitation of the world's resources for private gain is nothing new, and the poor always suffer for it.</p> <p><a href="#">The Dust Bowl</a> of the 1930's was partially due to overworking fields in the Great Plains states.</p> <p>→ Facts about the Dust Bowl, including that one storm drove dust all the way to the Atlantic Ocean. Wow.</p>	<p>A <a href="#">report</a> on wheat pricing and production in the US, Argentina, and Australia for 2019 from the site <a href="#">InformaPLC</a>.</p> <p>From <a href="#">History.com</a>: "Beginning with World War I, American wheat harvests flowed like gold as demand boomed. Lured by record wheat prices and promises by land developers that "rain follows the plow," farmers powered by new gasoline tractors over-plowed and over-grazed the southern Plains. When the drought and Great Depression hit in the early 1930s, the wheat market collapsed. Once the oceans of wheat, which replaced the sea of prairie grass that anchored the topsoil into place, dried up, the land was defenseless against the winds that buffeted the Plains."</p> <p>Another article about the Dust Bowl from <a href="#">How Stuff Works</a>.</p>	

**Text: Psalm 113**

1 Praise the Lord! Praise, O servants of the Lord; praise the name of the Lord.

2 Blessed be the name of the Lord from this time on and forevermore.

3 From the rising of the sun to its setting the name of the Lord is to be praised.

4 The Lord is high above all nations, and his glory above the heavens.

5 Who is like the Lord our God, [who is seated on high](#),

6 who looks far down on the heavens and the earth?

7 He raises the poor from the dust, and lifts the needy from the ash heap,

8 to make them sit with princes, with the princes of his people.

9 He gives the barren woman a home, making her the joyous mother of children. Praise the Lord!

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<b>NATURE</b>		<p>Vs 5 - seated on high Looking down on <a href="#">earth</a> <a href="#">from space</a>, perhaps?</p> <p>Vs 7 - raising the poor from the dust Genesis records God creating humanity out of the <i>humus</i> - God draws the poor out of the dust in order to create new life for them</p>	<p>Project any of these images as you read the Psalm - bonus <b>EYE</b> smart!</p>

**Text:            1 Timothy 2:1-7**

First of all, then, I urge that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings be made for everyone, 2 for kings and all who are in high positions, so that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and dignity. 3 This is right and is acceptable in the sight of God our Savior, 4 who desires everyone to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth.

5 For there is one God; there is also one mediator between God and humankind, Christ Jesus, himself human, 6 who gave himself a ransom for all—this was attested at the right time. 7 For this I was appointed a herald and an apostle (I am telling the truth, I am not lying), a teacher of the Gentiles in faith and truth.

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**Text: Luke 16:1-13**

Then Jesus said to the disciples, "There was a rich man who had a manager, and charges were brought to him that this man was squandering his property. 2 So he summoned him and said to him, 'What is this that I hear about you? Give me an accounting of your management, because you cannot be my manager any longer.'

3 Then the manager said to himself, 'What will I do, now that my master is taking the position away from me? I am not strong enough to dig, and I am ashamed to beg. 4 I have decided what to do so that, when I am dismissed as manager, people may welcome me into their homes.'

5 So, summoning his master's debtors one by one, he asked the first, 'How much do you owe my master?' 6 He answered, 'A hundred jugs of olive oil.' He said to him, 'Take your bill, sit down quickly, and make it fifty.' 7 Then he asked another, 'And how much do you owe?' He replied, 'A hundred containers of wheat.' He said to him, 'Take your bill and make it eighty.'

8 And his master commended the dishonest manager because he had acted shrewdly; for the children of this age are more shrewd in dealing with their own generation than are the children of light.

9 And I tell you, make friends for yourselves by means of dishonest wealth so that when it is gone, they may welcome you into the eternal homes. 10 "Whoever is faithful in a very little is faithful also in much; and whoever is dishonest in a very little is dishonest also in much. 11 If then you have not been faithful with the dishonest wealth, who will entrust to you the true riches? 12 And if you have not been faithful with what belongs to another, who will give you what is your own? 13 No slave can serve two masters; for a slave will either hate the one and love the other, or be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and wealth."

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<b>NATURE</b>	This passage and the Amos passage include "double dealing" with food - a practice that has not changed much...	Vs 5 - 7 <a href="#">Price fixing</a> for crops - the steward is practicing outright fraud in changing the amounts, but we might presume there was a fixed price for the containers and jugs.  Vs. 9 "eternal homes" "True riches"  Bear with me; the earth is the eternal home and true riches are what it	

		<p>produces. Everything in front of us comes from the earth - wood for tables, furniture, houses, etc. Metals and alloys from ore in the ground. Plastics from petroleum or oil. Everything we “have” is from the earth and even though we may be poisoning it, it will last long beyond us. This is the “true riches” - our earth.</p> <p>(I think in at least some branches of Jewish theology the Age to Come would bring a renewal of the earth, not a new earth or even heaven, so this could be very orthodox!)</p>	
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