# More Than Hearing Worksheet

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**Texts:** Isaiah 1:10-18 • Psalm 32:1-7 • 2 Thessalonians 1:1-4, 11-12 • Luke 19:1-10

# **WORD Smart - MWD**

Strengths: Words, language, and writing

People who are strong in linguistic-verbal intelligence are able to use words well, both when writing and speaking. These individuals are typically very good at writing stories, memorizing information, and reading.

Characteristics of linguistic-verbal intelligence include:

- Good at remembering written and spoken information
- Enjoys reading and writing
- Good at debating or giving persuasive speeches
- Able to explain things well
- Often uses humor when telling stories

If you're strong in linguistic-verbal intelligence, good career choices for you are:

Writer/journalist - curriculum writer Lawyer Teacher Preacher

Kendra Cherry - Very Well Mind

## Text: Isaiah 1:10-18

10 Hear the word of the LORD, you rulers of Sodom! Listen to the teaching of our God, you people of Gomorrah! 11 What to me is the multitude of your sacrifices? says the LORD; I have had enough of burnt offerings of rams and the fat of fed beasts; I do not delight in the blood of bulls, or of lambs, or of goats. 12 When you come to appear before me, who asked this from your hand? Trample my courts no more; 13 bringing offerings is futile; incense is an abomination to me. New moon and sabbath and calling of convocation-- I cannot endure solemn assemblies with iniquity. 14 Your new moons and your appointed festivals my soul hates; they have become a burden to me, I am weary of bearing them. 15 When you stretch out your hands, I will hide my eyes from you; even though you make many prayers, I will not listen; your hands are full of blood. 16 Wash yourselves; make yourselves clean; remove the evil of your doings from before my eyes; cease to do evil, 17 learn to do good; seek justice, rescue the oppressed, defend the orphan, plead for the widow. 18 Come now, let us argue it out, says the LORD: though your sins are like scarlet, they shall be like snow; though they are red like crimson, they shall become like wool.

Smarts	Images in the text/ interesting exegesis	Illustrations	SFX
		I was poking around on Twitter this afternoon, and saw that Whoppi Goldberg was trending. Apparently, she was taking a co-host of The View to task and alot of people had impressions about it.  Scholarly Mama said: "Folks, when a Black woman starts a sentence with "Let me tell you about," that's the time to be quiet because you're about to get all the smoke you don't want if you keep talking."  God is giving the people all the smoke.	Do you have a letter or any other type of correspondence where someone did not hold back about your behavior or performance?  Do you remember a conversation of a similar nature?

#### Text: Psalm 32:1-7

- 1 Happy are those whose transgression is forgiven, whose sin is covered.
- 2 Happy are those to whom the LORD imputes no iniquity, and in whose spirit there is no deceit.
- 3 While I kept silence, my body wasted away through my groaning all day long.
- 4 For day and night your hand was heavy upon me; my strength was dried up as by the heat of summer. Selah
- 5 Then I acknowledged my sin to you, and I did not hide my iniquity;
  I said, "I will confess my transgressions to the LORD,"
  and you forgave the guilt of my sin.

  Selah
- 6 Therefore let all who are faithful offer prayer to you; at a time of distress, the rush of mighty waters shall not reach them.
- 7 You are a hiding place for me; you preserve me from trouble; you surround me with glad cries of deliverance. Selah

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		Verse 5 - confession is good for the soul	
		The <u>fifth step of AA</u> - "Admitting to God, to ourselves, and to another human being the exact nature of our wrongs."	

## Text: 2 Thessalonians 1:1-4, 11-12

1:1 Paul, Silvanus, and Timothy, To the church of the Thessalonians in God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ: 2 Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. 3 We must always give thanks to God for you, brothers and sisters, as is right, because your faith is growing abundantly, and the love of everyone of you for one another is increasing. 4 Therefore we ourselves boast of you among the churches of God for your steadfastness and faith during all your persecutions and the afflictions that you are enduring.

5 This is evidence of the righteous judgment of God, and is intended to make you worthy of the kingdom of God, for which you are also suffering. 6 For it is indeed just of God to repay with affliction those who afflict you, 7 and to give relief to the afflicted as well as to us, when the Lord Jesus is revealed from heaven with his mighty angels 8 in flaming fire, inflicting vengeance on those who do not know God and on those who do not obey the gospel of our Lord Jesus. 9 These will suffer the punishment of eternal destruction, separated from the presence of the Lord and from the glory of his might, 10 when he comes to be glorified by his saints and to be marveled at on that day among all who have believed, because our testimony to you was believed.

11 To this end we always pray for you, asking that our God will make you worthy of his call and will fulfill by his power every good resolve and work of faith, 12 so that the name of our Lord Jesus may be glorified in you, and you in him, according to the grace of our God and the Lord Jesus Christ.

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		Ben Witherington III describes the particular prayer practice that Paul uses in the thanksgiving section as a form of a teaching prayer. He says it's the kind of prayer a parent prays within their children's earshot so that the kid will hear what his or her parents wants him/her to do. One can recall these same sorts of prayers we heard at the dinner table: for good grades for successful careers as doctors and engineers for well-behaved dates with young men or women	

	for clean rooms or for more studious habits! If nothing else, when the Thessalonians heard Paul's prayer read out loud to them, you can be sure that it was a moment of remembering the standard that their spiritual father wanted to see in their midst!	
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#### Text: Luke 19:1-10

1 He entered Jericho and was passing through it.

2 A man was there named Zacchaeus; he was a chief tax collector and was rich. 3 He was trying to see who Jesus was, but on account of the crowd he could not, because he was short in stature. 4 So he ran ahead and climbed a sycamore tree to see him, because he was going to pass that way.

5 When Jesus came to the place, he looked up and said to him, "Zacchaeus, hurry and come down; for I must stay at your house today."

6 So he hurried down and was happy to welcome him.

7 All who saw it began to grumble and said, "He has gone to be the guest of one who is a sinner."

8 Zacchaeus stood there and said to the Lord, "Look, half of my possessions, Lord, I will give to the poor; and if I have defrauded anyone of anything, I will pay back four times as much."

9 Then Jesus said to him, "Today salvation has come to this house, because he too is a son of Abraham. 10 For the Son of Man came to seek out and to save the lost."

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	interesting exegesis	Zacchaeus → from Hebrew: zakak = pure  The name is ironic because the way the people responded to him and his profession would lead one to think he was as far from pure as the east is from the west.  However, by the time the story ends, Jesus shows the crowd that he is justified - and restored.	Do this as reader's theater
		What other surprising elements are "hidden in plain sight" in this story? What other stories use	

	names as symbols for the character? What other stories have a character presented in one manner who is later revealed to be entirely different? (Mr. Darcy - Pride and Prejudice)	
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