

# More Than Hearing Worksheet

Episode: COrdinary30x2019

Texts: Sirach 35:12-17 • Psalm 84:1-7 • 2 Timothy 4:6-8, 16-18 • Luke 18:9-14

## SELF Smart - D2

Intrapersonal = Self Smart

This person likes to be [alone], have time to think things through, and reflect. This learner learns best by reflecting and making connections to self. When asking questions or having discussion, make sure pauses and silence are used in order to allow these people the time to process their thoughts. Ask those who are always the first to answer to try to wait a few moments before jumping with a raised hand. Self-reflective exercises of prayer, meditation, silent imagination benefit these learners.

~[Sharon Ely Pearson](#), *Building Faith*

**Text: Sirach 35:12-17**

- 12 Give to the Most High **as** he has given to you,  
and **as generously as you can afford**.  
13 For the Lord is the one who repays,  
and he will repay you **sevenfold**.

*Divine Justice*

- 14 Do not offer him a bribe, for he will not accept it;  
15 and do not rely on a dishonest sacrifice;  
for the Lord is the judge,  
and **with him there is no partiality**.  
16 **He will not show partiality** to the poor;  
but **he will listen** to the prayer of **one who is wronged**.  
17 **He will not ignore the supplication** of the orphan,  
or the widow **when she pours out her complaint**.

Smarts	Images in the text/ interesting exegesis	Illustrations	SFX
<b>SELF</b>		This is an interesting passage for stewardship season! It opens some opportunities to consider people's motivations for giving to the work of the church. Vss. 12-13 offer advice to give as we have received, although not to repay,	

		<p>because God will always out-repay us. Reverse loan shark!</p> <p>Vss. 14-17 point toward those who give as a way to influence God or earn God's favor, but again, God won't have it.</p> <p>So imagine the internal dialogue of various folks as they work out their motivations for giving. Do it as monologue vignettes. (<i>This bleeds over into SFX and PEOPLE, but so what?</i>)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Bribe</li><li>• Tax</li><li>• Membership dues</li><li>• Duty/Obligation</li><li>• One option among many</li><li>• Influence</li><li>• Flexing/Showing off</li><li>• Gratitude</li><li>• Mirroring God</li></ul>	
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**Text: Psalm 84:1-7**

1 How lovely is your dwelling place, O Lord of hosts!

2 My soul longs, indeed it faints for the courts of the Lord; my heart and my flesh sing for joy to the living God.

3 Even the sparrow finds a home, and the swallow a nest for herself, where she may lay her young, at your altars, O Lord of hosts, my King and my God.

4 Happy are those who live in your house, ever singing your praise. Selah

5 Happy are those whose strength is in you, in whose heart are the highways to Zion.

6 As they go through the valley of Baca they make it a place of springs; the early rain also covers it with pools.

7 They go from strength to strength; the God of gods will be seen in Zion.

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SELF		<p>Describe one or more of your favorite places where you have experienced inspiration and renewal; perhaps:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• A cathedral</li><li>• A mansion</li><li>• A monastery</li><li>• A retreat center</li><li>• A beach</li><li>• A mountain top</li><li>• A forest</li><li>• A desert</li><li>• A friend's house</li></ul> <p>Describe what is it about that place that made it a sacred space for you. (See also <i>EYE</i> for space)</p> <p>Next, help people imagine your own sanctuary as such a place.</p>	<p>← Invite people to take some time for their own similar reflection and identification.</p>

**Text: 2 Timothy 4:6-8, 16-18**

6 As for me, I am already being poured out as a libation, and the time of my departure has come. 7 I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith. 8 From now on there is reserved for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, will give me on that day, and not only to me but also to all who have longed for his appearing.

16 At my first defense no one came to my support, but all deserted me. May it not be counted against them! 17 But the Lord stood by me and gave me strength, so that through me the message might be fully proclaimed and all the Gentiles might hear it. So I was rescued from the lion's mouth. 18 The Lord will rescue me from every evil attack and save me for his heavenly kingdom. To him be the glory forever and ever. Amen.

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SELF		Vs. 16 - <a href="#">Amnesty International</a> works to assure that imprisoned people have received fair due process and humane treatment. This includes opposing secret detentions, torture or mistreatment, denial of access to family, lawyers, or medical help, and detention for reasons of conscience or identity. One of their responses is <a href="#">letter writing campaigns</a> on behalf of the detained (advocating for them) and to the detained (assuring them they are not forgotten).	← Invite people to imagine being alone, cut off, and abandoned as a prisoner of conscience. What fears would arise? How might it affect your sense of self-worth? What would keep you going?  Then invite them to get involved in Amnesty's work or some other organization doing similar work to support isolated prisoners.

**Text: Luke 18:9-14**

9 He also told this parable to some who trusted in themselves that they were righteous and regarded others with contempt:

10 "Two men went up to the temple to pray, one a Pharisee and the other a tax collector.

11 The Pharisee, **standing by himself**, was praying thus, 'God, **I thank you that I am not like other people**: thieves, rogues, adulterers, or even like this tax collector. 12I fast twice a week; I give a tenth of all my income.'

13 But the tax collector, **standing far off**, **would not even look up to heaven**, but **was beating his breast** and saying, 'God, **be merciful to me, a sinner!**' 14 I tell you, this man went down to his home **justified** rather than the other; for **all who exalt themselves** will be humbled, but **all who humble themselves** will be exalted."

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<b>SELF</b>		<p>Do you really need me to give you illustrations of those who exalt themselves? Yes? Alright.</p> <p>Fictional (classic):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Archie Bunker</li><li>• Ralph Kramden</li><li>• Gaston (B&amp;tB)</li><li>• Scarlet O'Hara</li></ul> <p>Nonfictional:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Cats</li><li>• Real estate moguls who go into politics</li></ul> <p>Here are some <a href="#">tvtropes</a> on the subject:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <a href="#">It's All About Me</a></li><li>• <a href="#">Lack of Empathy</a></li><li>• <a href="#">Narcissist</a></li><li>• <a href="#">Break the Haughty</a></li></ul>	<p>We all feel it sometimes, so...</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• To whom are you morally superior?</li><li>• A particular person or persons?</li><li>• A class of people?</li><li>• What makes you so sure?</li><li>• On a scale of 1-10, how much empathy do you feel for them?</li><li>• Is moral superiority an excuse for not loving someone?</li></ul>