

1) Sharper ears. (v.11)

The old saying goes, "Familiarity breeds contempt." Do you agree or disagree?

What causes dull hearing?

On a scale of 1 to 10, how familiar are you with content of the following portions of Scripture?

- Old Testament
- The book of Proverbs
- The history of Israel
- Jesus' sermon on the mount
- The New Testament Epistles
- The Gospels

On a scale of 1 to 10, how familiar are you with the follow doctrines? How quickly could you find scriptures that address these doctrines?

- Justification
- Sanctification
- The role of the Holy Spirit
- The mission of the Church
- Biblical Marriage
- The exclusivity of Christ as the only way of salvation

2) Bigger vision. (v.12)

To what degree are you prepared to "teach" on the doctrines mentioned above? Could you answer questions on these topics from your children or skeptics?

In what way are you currently a "teacher" of the "oracles" of God?

In what ways are preparing yourself to be a teacher?

3) Stronger appetite. (v.12b-14)

Describe your earliest memory of reading the bible on your own and having God illuminate it in a way that brought the joy of personal discovery.

Do you ever choke on difficult doctrines in scripture?

How well do you digest scriptures, sermons, or books that deal with the deeper truths of scripture?

4) Better skills. (v.13-14)

Describe your skill level in the following area...

- Skilled in the power of discernment
- Skilled by constant practice
- Skilled to distinguish between good and evil

If you want to go deeper, you have to be willing to sit with Jesus as the author of Scripture. How much are you faithfully sitting in the three seats mentioned by pastor Trent?

- The chair?
- The circle?
- The row?

Additional Scripture

- Jeremiah 15:16
- Psalm 1
- Proverbs 2:1-8
- Mark 1:35
- 2Timothy 3:16
- Hebrews 4:12
- 1Corinthians 3:1-2