

Active Listening

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1 Kings 8:22-30

I was privileged to grow up in a parsonage with very devout and loving parents. I say a parsonage but in reality it was seven parsonages. What made each parsonage a home was of course the presence of our family, but also there was the presence of a few choice items that went with us from house to house. One of the items was a small wood plaque with the picture of an owl and the words, "There was an old owl who sat in an oak the more he saw the less he spoke. The less he spoke, the more he heard. Why can't we be like that wise old bird?" I don't know which of my parents bought it and they never clearly told us why. All I know is that it was always present, reminding us of the value of active listening.

Scripture reveals that we have a God who actively listens to us and responds to our prayers. He is not passive or uninterested in our needs. To the contrary He actively watches over us, knowing what we need even before we ask.

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