

HOW TO DEVELOP ATTENTIVENESS

OUTLINE

I. WHAT IS ATTENTIVENESS?

II. HOW DOES GOD COMMAND ATTENTIVENESS?

1. Be attentive to God.
2. Be attentive to your parents.
3. Be attentive to your conscience.
4. Be attentive to your elders.
5. Be attentive to your civil authorities.
6. Be attentive to your employer.

III. HOW DID JESUS DEMONSTRATE ATTENTIVENESS?

1. He listened to God.
2. He listened to His parents.
3. He listened to conscience.
4. He listened to elders.
5. He listened to rulers.
6. He listened to employers.

IV. HOW DOES GOD DEMONSTRATE THE IMPORTANCE OF ATTENTIVENESS?

V. HOW DOES THE WOOD DUCK ILLUSTRATE ATTENTIVENESS?

VI. HOW ATTENTIVENESS SAVES A WOOD DUCK'S LIFE

VII. HOW DID ATTENTIVENESS PREPARE A BOY TO BE PRESIDENT?

1. He recorded what he saw and heard.
2. He saw life through the Bible.

VIII. WHAT IS THE KEY TO ATTENTIVENESS? HAVING „SPIRITUAL EARS”

1. Scripture teaches that there are two types of hearing—spiritual and natural.
2. How to get „Spiritual Ears”

IX. HOW TO BE ATTENTIVE

1. How to Be Attentive to God

Spend time with God.

Seek the face of God.

Remove thoughts that distract from God.

Listen to the Word of God.

Develop a hunger for the Word of God.

Meet early in the morning with God.

Use fasting to concentrate on God.

2. How to Be Attentive to Your Parents

Honor the presence of your parents.

Look at the faces of your parents.

Look into the eyes of your parents.

Affirm the words of your parents.

Clarify the instruction of your parents.

Remember the words of your parents.

Be within hearing distance of your parents.

3. How to Be Attentive to Your Conscience

Understand your conscience.

Make a friend of your conscience.

Clear your conscience.

Strengthen a weaker conscience.

Listen to your conscience.

Agree with your conscience.

Reject rationalizations of your conscience.

Check up on your conscience.

4. How to Be Attentive to Your Elders

Know your elders.

Share needs with your elders.

Practical Ways to Demonstrate Attentiveness in a Group Meeting

5. How to Be Attentive to Your Civil Authorities

Know your civil authorities.

Learn how God uses civil authorities.

Pray for civil authorities.

Know the law of civil authorities.

Study decisions of civil authorities.

Encourage civil authorities.

Look for ways to meet civil authorities.

6. How to Be Attentive to Your Employer

Learn the priorities of your employer.

Protect the name of your employer.

Know the policies of your employer.

Understand pressures on your employer.

Deflect praise to your employer.

Be an „energy-giver” to your employer.

Know what is vital to your employer.

X. HOW TO BALANCE ATTENTIVENESS WITH ALERTNESS

1. With Discretion

2. With Love

PRACTICAL ASSIGNMENT