

# **What Do You Say When Confronted by the Truth?**

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## **Introduction**

What do you say when confronted by the truth? It is important that we respond to the gospel message with the hearing of faith (Rom. 10:12-17). Note the repeated admonitions of Sacred Scripture: “He who has ears to hear, let him hear” (Matt. 11:15; Mark 4:9; Luke 8:8; 14:35). “He who has ears, let him hear” (Matt. 13:9, 43). “If anyone has an ear, let him hear” (Rev. 13:9). “If anyone has ears to hear, let him hear” (Mark 4:23). “He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches” (Rev. 2:7, 11, 17, 29; 3:6, 13; 22).

## **Some Evidence a Spirit of Obedience**

After hearing Peter’s sermon on the day of Pentecost, three thousand men demonstrated a spirit of obedience (Acts 2:32-42).

## **Some Evidence a Spirit of Defiance**

After hearing Stephen’s sermon before the Jewish Council, the audience demonstrated a spirit of defiance (Acts 7:51-60).

## **Some Evidence a Spirit of Eagerness**

After hearing Philip’s sermon on the prophecy of Isaiah, the Ethiopian nobleman demonstrated a spirit of eagerness (Acts 8:26-40).

## **Some Evidence a Spirit of Apathy**

After hearing Paul’s sermon on personal accountability, Felix the Governor demonstrated a spirit of apathy (Acts 24:24-27).

## **Conclusion**

What do you say when confronted by the truth? Do you evidence a spirit of obedience, a spirit of defiance, a spirit of eagerness, or a spirit of apathy? Scriptural emphasis for action is always on the present moment: “Now is the acceptable time.” Lest we receive the grace of God in vain, we must view today as the day of salvation (2 Cor. 6:1-2; Heb. 3:5-11; 4:1-7).