

Prayer is not just speaking your piece, but most of all letting God speak His.



IF WE'RE TRULY TRYING TO FOLLOW AND PLEASE GOD, we have to play it by ear—and it better be *our* ear and God's music! To some Christians, playing it by ear means getting God's ear and trying to put their program across on God. Prayer for them is a one-way street; they do all the talking. They are more concerned with having God hear what they have to say than they are with hearing what God has to say. They're trying to get Him to sign His name to their program. They'd get a lot farther by signing their name to God's program—or better yet, signing a blank sheet of paper and letting God add His program to it.

We need to learn to listen to the Lord most of all. Instead of praying, "Hear, Lord, Your servant speaks," we should be like dear little Samuel, the child prophet, who said, "Speak, for Your servant hears" (1 Samuel 3:10).

God always knows what's best and chooses only what's best for you—the unbeatable choice. So don't make the mistake of telling Him what to do or how to do it. Learn to get His answers, and you will find that His program is best.