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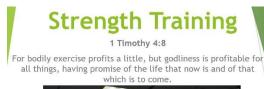
Speaker-AM: Brad Bunyard Title: Maturing In God Recording:





**Speaker-PM**: Robbie Moreland **Title**: Strength Training **Recording**:







# **Articles**

#### Relationships with God, 05/09/2025 by Grady Huggins

Our relationship with God is not just an important part of a well-rounded self-care routine. He is not just the respected author of an effective self-help program. He does not exist to help us feel confident, successful, and fulfilled. We exist for His good pleasure and glory.

Yes, as a loving Father He desires our greatest good and wants to see us grow and thrive. But He did not create us to be the center of the universe. And when we live as though we are, it only robs us of the peace and fulfillment that we were designed to enjoy in Him.

Instead of seeking personal fulfillment and finding God along the way, we need to seek God and allow our own fulfillment to be a by-product of His glory in our lives.

(Eph 1:5-14; Matt 6:33)

#### In One Ear, 05/09/2025, by David Gibson

Listening is a significant theme of the book of Proverbs.

The book is designed to guide young men in making wise choices while avoiding foolish ones. To achieve this, one must really listen, learn, and live accordingly.

- Youth must listen to the teaching of godly parents (Proverbs 1:8; 4:1-6; 23:22).
- They must listen to wise counsel (Proverbs 12:15; 19:20).
- But they must also avoid listening to the wrong people (Proverbs 1:10-19; 7:6-23; 17:4).
- It's wise to listen to needed correction and foolish not to (Proverbs 1:20-33; 15:32; 25:12).
- Listening to wise words produces positive outcomes (Proverbs 8:32-35; 21:28).
- Refusing to listen has significant consequences (Proverbs 5:1-14; 13:1; 19:27).
- God won't hear the prayers of those who won't listen to Him (Proverbs 28:9).

Although Proverbs was originally addressed to youth, its practical wisdom, including its emphasis on the right kind of listening, can greatly benefit people of all ages.

"He who has ears, let him hear" (Matthew 13:9 NASB).