

# “Positive Energy—Part 4”

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BIG SANDY, Texas—At our Bible study on Wednesday night, I continued with the short series about positive energy. In this particular presentation (Part 4), I discussed receiving positive energy through the senses.

## **Smelling**

When the Bible talks about savor, it is describing both a smell and a taste.

- Genesis 8:21—The Lord smelled a soothing aroma.
- Ephesians 5:2—The Son of God gave Himself for us—as an offering and a sacrifice to God for a sweet smelling aroma.

## **Tasting**

When the Bible talks about savor, it is describing both a taste and a smell.

- Psalm 119:103—David used the poetry of God’s words tasting wonderful—sweeter than honey to his mouth.
- Matthew 5:13—The Son of God used the analogy of salt helping the flavor and warning about not losing the flavor.

## **Touching**

Notice a few examples about the importance of touching.

- Mark 10:13-16—The people brought their little children to the Son of God for Him to touch (heal) them.
- Luke 6:19—A multitude of people sought to touch the Son of God—and, when He did touch them, positive energy went out from Him.
- Luke 8:44—A woman who needed healing deliberately touched the border of His garment.
- Luke 8:45—The Son of God asked: “Who touched Me?”
- Luke 8:46—The Son of God said: “Somebody touched Me, for I perceived power going out from Me.”

## Hearing

Notice a few examples about the importance of hearing.

- Genesis 3:1-6—The serpent used clever talking to hurt Adam and Eve.
- Romans 10:14—People need to hear good words from good preaching.
- Romans 10:15-16—Blessed are the people who preach the gospel of peace and glad tidings of good things.
- Romans 10:17—An important way to grow in faith is to hear the Word of God.

## Seeing

Notice a few examples about the importance of seeing.

- Matthew 6:22-23—The Son of God said: “The lamp of the body is the eye. If therefore your eye is good, your whole body will be full of light. If your eye is bad, your whole body will be full of darkness.”
- Joshua 7:21—When Achan saw the items (garment, silver and gold), he lusted after them and violated the Eighth Commandment.
- 2 Samuel 11:2-3—When David saw the naked Bathsheba, he lusted after her and violated the Seventh Commandment.
- Acts 8:18-19—When Simon saw the power displayed by the leaders, he lusted after that power.

## Hearing and seeing

Notice the three parts of the temptation of the Son of God.

- Matthew 4:3-4—The first temptation was facilitated through hearing: “If You are the Son of God, command that these stones become bread.”
- Matthew 4:5-7—The second temptation was also facilitated through hearing: “If You are the Son of God, throw yourself down.”
- Matthew 4:8-10—The third temptation was facilitated through seeing and hearing—when the devil showed the Son of God the glory of the Kingdoms of the world, and sought to convince Him to worship the devil.

## Works of the flesh

Does the energy flowing into you through your senses include the works of the flesh?

Notice negative energy involving the works of the flesh.

- Sexual sins—adultery, fornication, uncleanness and lewdness
- Idolatry and sorcery

- Hatred, contentions, jealousies, outbursts of wrath and selfish ambitions
- Dissensions and heresies
- Envy, murders, drunkenness and revelries

If the works of the flesh are flowing into your senses, they are more likely to be flowing out of you toward other people.

### **Fruits of the Spirit**

Does the energy flowing into you through your senses include the fruits of the Spirit?

- Love
- Joy
- Peace
- Long-suffering
- Kindness
- Goodness
- Faithfulness
- Gentleness
- Self-control

If the fruits of the Spirit are flowing into your senses, they are more likely to be flowing out of you toward other people.