

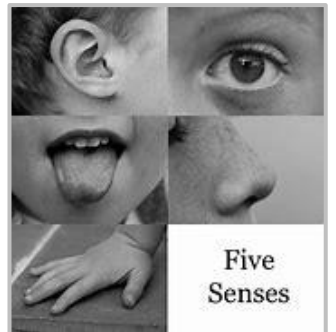
Adventure Club

A weekly lesson for children, young people, parents and grandparents, from the GCI Watford Church.
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Five Senses

My senses are a part of me, a nose to smell and eyes to see, ears to hear and hands to touch, a tongue to taste good food and such. My senses are a part of me, working all in harmony.

- Some researchers believe the human nose has the potential to identify about one trillion scents!
- Our ears are 'incredible'. For example, if there is a sound to our left it will arrive a little bit sooner and louder into our left ear than into our right ear, consequently and remarkably our brains can then determine the position of the sound.
- The average person has about 10,000 taste buds and they're replaced every two weeks or so! However, as a person ages, some of those taste cells don't get replaced so an older person may only have about 5,000 working taste buds.
- To enable us to see the eye contains about 120,000,000 'rods'. The eye also has about 6,000,000 'cones'. The cones make it possible for us to see colour.
- Our skin has about 5,000,000 sensory nerve receptors. They help us to identify what we are touching by sending electrical impulses through the spinal cord to the brain.



'I thank you, God, for making me so mysteriously complex! Everything you do is marvellously breathtaking. It simply amazes me to think about it!'

Psalm 139:14, TPT

Touch

Jesus Touches a Man with Leprosy

'Jesus came down from the hill, and a large crowd followed him. Then a man sick with leprosy came to him. The man bowed down before Jesus and said, "Lord, you have the power to heal me if you want." Jesus touched the man. He said, "I want to heal you. Be healed!" Immediately the man was healed from his leprosy.'

Matthew 8:1-3, ERV



'They Brought Little Children to Him, That He Might Touch Them'



'Then they brought little children to Him, that He might touch them; but the disciples rebuked those who brought them. But when Jesus saw it, He was greatly displeased and said to them, "Let the little children come to Me, and do not forbid them; for of such is the kingdom of God. Assuredly, I say to you, whoever does not receive the kingdom of God as a little child will by no means enter it." And He took them up in His arms, laid His hands on them, and blessed them.'

Mark 10:13-16, NKJV

'If I Touch Even His Garments, I Will Be Made Well.'

Jesus 'went with him. And a great crowd followed him and thronged about him. And there was a woman who had had a discharge of blood for twelve years, and who had suffered much under many physicians, and had spent all that she had, and was no better but rather grew worse. She had heard the reports about Jesus and came up behind him in the crowd and touched his garment. For she said, "If I touch even his garments, I will be made well." '



Mark 5:24-28, ESV

Smell

Haven't I Smelt You Somewhere Before?

Several years ago, some Chicago newspapers carried the story of a young man who worked in a Chinese restaurant. He was asked by his employer to go to a bank and get some change. He wanted to exchange five \$100 notes for 250 \$1 dollar coins and 250 \$1 dollar notes. The lady bank employee gave the young man 250 \$1 dollar coins, but instead of giving him 250 \$1 dollar notes, she unintentionally gave him 250 \$100 dollar notes by mistake! The young man noticed the error immediately, but detecting a \$25,000 windfall took the money home and hid it. Later the bank employee discovered her mistake, but could not recall the person to whom she had given the \$25,000 to, except, she remembered how he smelt! She knew from his scent that he worked in a Chinese restaurant. Amazingly she remembered the aroma so well that she was able to connect it with the exact restaurant where the young man worked! Taking the police there she was able to identify the young man. He was promptly fired and the money was recovered.

Lesson: What do you smell like? Of course, we should do things to make sure we smell good. Similarly, as Christians, we should be 'the pleasing aroma of Christ' 2 Corinthians 2:15, *NIV*. Obviously, the word 'aroma' here is not to be taken literally. The 'aroma' Paul is talking about is not detected with the nose, but nevertheless can be sensed by those who come into contact with us because when we engage in Christian activity, we metaphorically pick up the aroma of Christ.

Incense

'Then the LORD said to Moses, "Take fragrant spices — gum resin, onycha and galbanum — and pure frankincense, all in equal amounts, and make a fragrant blend of incense, the work of a perfumer. It is to be salted and pure and sacred. Grind some of it to powder and place it in front of the ark of the covenant law in the tent of meeting, where I will meet with you. It shall be most holy to you. Do not make any incense with this formula for yourselves; consider it holy to the LORD. Whoever makes incense like it to enjoy its fragrance must be cut off from their people.'

Exodus 30:34-38, *NIV*

'Bowls Full of Incense, Which Are the Prayers of God's People'

'And when he had taken it, the four living creatures and the twenty-four elders fell down before the Lamb. Each one had a harp and they were holding golden bowls full of incense, which are the prayers of God's people.'

Revelation 5:8, *NIV*

'The Aroma of Life Leading to Life'

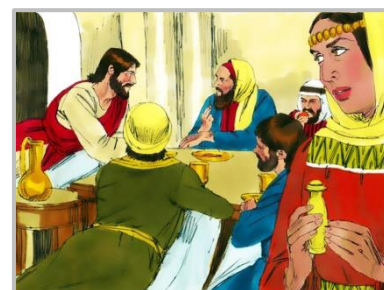
'Thanks be to God who always leads us in triumph in Christ, and through us diffuses the fragrance of His knowledge in every place. For we are to God the fragrance of Christ among those who are being saved and among those who are perishing. To the one we are the aroma of death leading to death, and to the other the aroma of life leading to life.'

2 Corinthians 2:14-16, *NKJV*

'An Alabaster Jar of Very Expensive Perfume'

'While Jesus was in Bethany in the home of Simon the Leper, a woman came to him with an alabaster jar of very expensive perfume, which she poured on his head as he was reclining at the table. When the disciples saw this, they were indignant. "Why this waste?" they asked. "This perfume could have been sold at a high price and the money given to the poor." Aware of this, Jesus said to them, "Why are you bothering this woman? She has done a beautiful thing to me. The poor you will always have with you, but you will not always have me. When she poured this perfume on my body, she did it to prepare me for burial. Truly I tell you, wherever this gospel is preached throughout the world, what she has done will also be told, in memory of her.'

Matthew 26:6-13, *NIV*



'A Fragrant Offering'

'Follow God's example, therefore, as dearly loved children and walk in the way of love, just as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us as a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God.'

Ephesians 5:1-2, *NIV*



Hearing



‘The Ears of the Deaf Shall Be Unstopped’

‘Then . . . the ears of the deaf shall be unstopped.’ Isa. 35:5, *NKJV*

‘Then they brought to Him one who was deaf and had an impediment in his speech, and they begged Him to put His hand on him. And He took him aside from the multitude, and put His fingers in his ears, and He spat and touched his tongue. Then, looking up to heaven, He sighed, and said to him, “Ephphatha,” that is, “Be opened.” Immediately his ears were opened, and the impediment of his tongue was loosed, and he spoke plainly. Then He commanded them that they should tell no one; but the more He commanded them, the more widely they proclaimed it. And they were astonished beyond measure, saying, “He has done all things well. He makes both the deaf to hear and the mute to speak.”’

Mark 7:32-37, *NKJV*

‘The Deaf Hear’

‘When John had heard in prison about the works of Christ, he sent two of his disciples and said to Him, “Are You the Coming One, or do we look for another?” Jesus answered and said to them, “Go and tell John the things which you hear and see: The blind see and the lame walk; the lepers are cleansed and the deaf hear.’ Matt. 11:2-5, *NKJV*



‘He Who Has Ears to Hear, Let Him Hear’

‘Listen! Behold, a sower went out to sow. And it happened, as he sowed, that some seed fell by the wayside; and the birds of the air came and devoured it. Some fell on stony ground, where it did not have much earth; and immediately it sprang up because it had no



depth of earth. But when the sun was up it was scorched, and because it had no root it withered away. And some seed fell among thorns; and the thorns grew up and choked it, and it yielded no crop. But other seed fell on good ground and yielded a crop that sprang up, increased and produced: some thirtyfold, some sixty, and some a hundred.’ And He said to them, “He who has ears to hear, let him hear!” ’

Mark 4:3-9, *NKJV*

‘Faith Comes From Hearing the Good News’

‘But before people can pray to the Lord for help, they must believe in him. And before they can believe in the Lord, they must hear about him. And for anyone to hear about the Lord, someone must tell them. And before anyone can go and tell them, they must be sent. As the Scriptures say, “How wonderful it is to see someone coming to tell good news!” But not all the people accepted that good news. Isaiah said, “Lord, who believed what we told them?” So faith comes from hearing the Good News. And people hear the Good News when someone tells them about Christ. But I ask, “Did those people not hear the Good News?” Yes, they heard — as the Scriptures say, “Their voices went out all around the world. Their words went everywhere in the world.”’

Romans 10:14-18, *ERV*

Hearing in the Book of Proverbs

- ‘A wise man will hear and increase learning.’ 1:5, *NKJV*. ‘Hear instruction and be wise, and do not disdain it.’ 8:33, *NKJV*
- ‘The person who hears the reproof that leads to life is at home among the wise.’ 15:31, *NET*
- ‘He who answers a matter before he hears it, it is folly and shame to him.’ 18:13, *NKJV*
- ‘It was the LORD who gave us eyes for seeing and ears for hearing.’ 20:12, *ERV*
- ‘Turn your ear and hear the words of the wise; focus your mind on my knowledge.’ 22:17, *CEB*

‘Be Careful What You Are Hearing’

‘Be careful what you are hearing. The measure [of thought and study] you give [to the truth you hear] will be the measure [of virtue and knowledge] that comes back to you — and more [besides] will be given to you who hear.’

Mark 4:24, *AMPC*



Sight

‘LORD, I Pray, Open His Eyes That He May See’

‘“Do not fear.” . . . Elisha prayed, and said, “LORD, I pray, open his eyes that he may see.” Then the LORD opened the eyes of the young man, and he saw. And behold, the mountain was full of horses and chariots of fire all around Elisha.’

2 Kings 6:16-17, NKJV



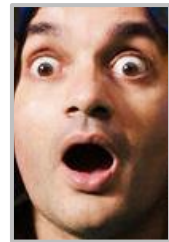
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Isaiah 35:5, NKJV

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Psalms 146:8, NKJV



‘When Jesus departed from there, two blind men followed Him, crying out and saying, “Son of David, have mercy on us!” And when He had come into the house, the blind men came to Him. And Jesus said to them, “Do you believe that I am able to do this?” They said to Him, “Yes, Lord.” Then He touched their eyes, saying, “According to your faith let it be to you.” And their eyes were opened.’

Matthew 9:27-30, NKJV

‘When John, who was in prison, heard about the deeds of the Messiah, he sent his disciples to ask him, “Are you the one who is to come, or should we expect someone else?” Jesus replied, “Go back and report to John what you hear and see: The blind receive sight.’

Matthew 11:2-5, NIV

‘Blessed Are Those Who Have Not Seen and Yet Have Believed’



‘Now Thomas, called the Twin, one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. The other disciples therefore said to him, “We have seen the Lord.” So he said to them, “Unless I see in His hands the print of the nails, and put my finger into the print of the nails, and put my hand into His side, I will not believe.” And after eight days His disciples were again inside, and Thomas with them. Jesus came, the

doors being shut, and stood in the midst, and said, “Peace to you!” Then He said to Thomas, “Reach your finger here, and look at My hands; and reach your hand here, and put it into My side. Do not be unbelieving, but believing.” And Thomas answered and said to Him, “My Lord and my God!” Jesus said to him, “Thomas, because you have seen Me, you have believed. Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed.” ’

John 20:24-29, NKJV



‘Do Not Look at the Things Which Are Seen’

‘We do not look at the things which are seen, but at the things which are not seen. For the things which are seen are temporary, but the things which are not seen are eternal.’

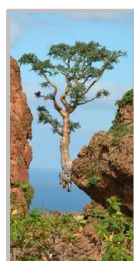
2 Corinthians 4:18, NKJV

‘We walk by faith, not by sight.’

2 Corinthians 5:7, NKJV

‘Pleasant to the Sight’

‘Out of the ground the Lord God made every tree that is pleasant to the sight.’ Genesis 2:9, NKJV



Taste

'Honeycomb is Sweet to the Taste. In the same way, Wisdom is Sweet to Your Soul'

'Eat honey, for it is good, and the honeycomb is sweet to the taste. In the same way, wisdom is sweet to your soul. If you find it, you will have a bright future, and your hopes will not be cut short.'



Proverbs 24:13-14, *NLT*

'How sweet are your words to my taste, sweeter than honey to my mouth!'

Psalms 119:103, *ESV*



'How Will People Taste Godliness?'

'Let me tell you why you are here. You're here to be salt-seasoning that brings out the God-flavours of this earth. If you lose your saltiness, how will people taste godliness? You've lost your usefulness and will end up in the garbage.'

Matthew 5:13, *Message*

'Taste and See that the Lord is Good'

Oh, taste and see that the LORD is good! Blessed is the man who takes refuge in him!

Psalms 34:8, *ESV*

'Tasted the Goodness and Gracious Kindness of the Lord'

'The word of the Lord endures forever. And this is the word [the good news of salvation] which was preached to you. So put aside every trace of malice and all deceit and hypocrisy and envy and all slander and hateful speech; like newborn babies [you should] long for the pure milk of the word, so that by it you may be nurtured and grow in respect to salvation [its ultimate fulfilment], if in fact you have [already] tasted the goodness and gracious kindness of the Lord.'

1 Peter 2:1-3, *Amp.*

See if you can memorize these words: 'I will praise You, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made.'

Psalms 139:14, *NKJV*

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