

Reader tips and suggestions!

Some things you might try to improve your recording if you aren't doing it already.

- If your reading has a Bible quote, please do not read the text in parenthesis. It breaks the flow of reading. If listeners are curious where in the bible that passage is found they can refer to the print copy or pdf.
- After waiting a couple seconds please read the name of the article, the author and your name. such as Editorial, Saved by Grace, written by Allen Pirness, read by Ruth DeLacey.
- Read your text several times before recording. This will give your final product a smooth natural delivery. If you are unfamiliar with what you are reading when you are recording it comes across as choppy, stilted and with unnatural pauses and inflections. As you become familiar with your text, try envisioning what you would like it to sound like if you were listening to someone read it. What words would be emphasized. Where would you pause for effect, etc. It is okay to listen to others and notice what they are doing in an effort to improve your own recordings.
- Be aware of room noises such as a furnace or air conditioner kicking on. You might consider turning them off while recording. A smaller room with soft surfaces such as carpeting will sound better.
- Place your phone on a blanket or towel to prevent reverberation.
- Check your mic distance by doing a sample recording. In your recording are your consonants popping? You might be too close. **Try having your phone about 18" from you when you read and adjust slightly from there depending what you hear in your test recording.**
- Be mindful of shuffling papers or other noises you make that could be picked up in the recording.
- I will be sending out dog clickers to alert the audio editor that you made a mistake. If you mispronounce a word or something, simply press the clicker (or a stapler in the meantime) then wait a second then reread the sentence. This shows a spike in the audio which makes editing easier and quicker.
- It is helpful if one whole article is sent as one file. When many files are received for one issue of the Voice of Zion. It is helpful if the editor doesn't have to piecemeal.
- Please leave a couple second pause in the beginning and end of your recording.
- **Have Fun!!!**