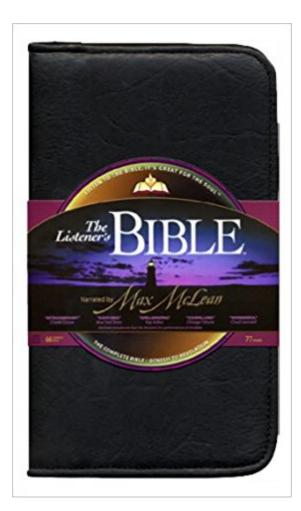


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# **The Listener's Bible NIV**





### Synopsis

All 66 books of the Bible, read dramatically and powerfully by Max McLean, celebrated stage presenter of the Bible. This 66-CD set comes with a leatherette carrying case which is perfect for your travels near and far. The recordings are all digitally mastered and come with a lifetime replacement guarantee. Bestselling author Chuck Swindoll says that these recordings of the Bible are, quite simply, "the best."

### **Book Information**

Audio CD: 66 pages Publisher: Fellowship for the Performing Arts; 1984 Translation edition (September 1, 2001) Language: English ISBN-10: 1931047170 ISBN-13: 978-1931047173 Product Dimensions: 11.2 x 6.7 x 2.8 inches Shipping Weight: 3.7 pounds Average Customer Review: 4.6 out of 5 stars 63 customer reviews Best Sellers Rank: #1,228,699 in Books (See Top 100 in Books) #84 inà Â Books > Books on CD > Religion & Spirituality > Bible #938 inà Â Books > Books on CD > Religion & Spirituality > Christianity #1170 inà Â Books > Books on CD > Health, Mind & Body > Self Help

#### **Customer Reviews**

"His delivery is hypnotic...his clarion voice communicates the power and passion encapsulated in God's Word ...you become engrossed." -- Hank Hanegraaff, The Bible Answer Man"This is the best audio bible I've ever heard...one of my most prized biblical resources." -- A Listener from Newport Beach, CA"Your voice, inflection, pronunciation, and passion for the Scriptures are extremely effective in bringing the words/word pictures to life." -- A Listener in Macon, GAThis is a powerful recording. He sweeps the listener into the heart of the Word of God. -- AudioFile

2002 Finalist for Inspirational/Spiritual Audio Book of the Year by the Audio Publisher's Association! 2002 Finalist for Best Package Design by the Audio Publisher's Association!

I have spent a long time trying to find just the right audio Bible for me. Primary considerations for me were translation, the reading, and organization. While we could spend a while discussing translation theory for reading, I think it is another thing along together to consider when listening! The NIV

translation, which is more dynamic (as opposed to formal) in nature, is a great translation for me to listen to. Typically, I listen in my car or while I go on walks. The more dynamic translation greatly aides my comprehension in these environments. Also, this is the 1984 translation, which nicely complements my 1984 bound copy. The organization for this audio Bible was perfect for me -- each chapter is on it's own track and each disc is well labeled. I can easily go to the exact chapter of the Bible I'm looking for. Finally, I really enjoy Max McLean's reading. It certainly isn't mundane, but I haven't found it to be over the top either. He reads in a way that aids my comprehension, cognizant of the direction of the story and the individual sentences. Note: there is also often subtle music in the background, which is at times slightly distracting, but certainly within reason.

I purchased the MP3 download of the Old Testament about 4 years ago and it is amazing. I am actually ordering the whole thing again including the New Testament today on CD since my lood took a dump and I can not find the original files. In addition, I just like the convenience of CD's. I can throw one is the car or in my cpu and I don't have to worry about my ipod running out of batteries or not. They work at anyone's house in a DVD player for bible study if necessary and this time I will convert everything to MP3's just in case so I can throw them on my phone or my kids loods. I really love the NIV translation of this audio bible in particular. I have a hard time getting through scripture and this helps my mind to not wonder and to not be caught up in all the words or names I am unable to pronounce. When you pick an audio bible, make sure the translation you get will work for you. Maybe the translation is the one you read daily (NIV, NLT, NKJV) but I would not recommend picking one that you are not fond of or do not have a bible for or have not spent time in. At our house, we have two audio bibles, The Listener's Bible and The Word of Promise. The Word of promise I much rather prefer because of the fact of all the actors, surround sounds, chirping birds, waterfalls, storms in the back ground...it's as if you are right there and it is amazing. It literally sounds like you are in a movie theater listening to the bible BUT they only translate The Word of Promise to NKJV. For me I have a hard time connecting with the NKJV even with the audio. I don't understand it as well as NIV so a lot of times it's not worth me listing too, not that it isn't fantastic because it is I just get so much more out of reading a NIV version. That is when I went on a search and found The Listener's Bible in NIV. It really helped me to dive into scripture and it is so good for kids! The best thing is that my kids were all challenged to read the bible in a year and they have started to use the MP3's to help them get there. All those names are so hard for kids to get started reading... especially Mom because I am horrible at that! My daughter finished Genesis in 5 days! She is 10! The most amazing thing was the questions that she had for me every day as she read.

You really knew that she understood a lot by her questions. What an amazing gift to have. Even my 8 year old was asking questions that some adults do not know the answers too.All I can say is wow.... God has given us such great technology to help people really dive into the His word. Even for those who are not as great of readers like me.Good stuff! God Bless!

This CD set is well organized and easy for someone familiar with the Bible to find the disks for specific books and chapters. Mr. McLean's voice is slightly on the dramatic side, with a British accent, which I would not mind in most recorded situations, but my wife and I prefer to listen to the Bible as if God was speaking to us directly (in a neutral American English with natural, conversational pitch variations). We don't feel this recording was like Him speaking to us. The most notable aspect of this was that Mr. McLean varies the speed of his speech for emphasis; the highest emphases are single words or even parts of words separated by a long pause. The speediest phrases are spoken so fast I sometimes couldn't tell exactly what the words were (although the message was clear). We listened to several CDs over a few days and never got past this initial impression, so we returned the set and will keep looking. Unfortunately, doesn't offer an option to listen to samples of audio books, and the currently available recordings of the 1984 NIV I've found (which we prefer over the newer revisions) seem to favor the dramatic effect, unlike our old (and out of print) cassette recording of the New Testament from the 1980s which we completely wore out. So finding just what we want could become a laborious process.

I first discovered Max McLean reading the Bible online at another website. I found reading the Bible myself with the audio reinforcement of Max McLean reading to be an excellent way to read God's Word. After reading at my computer I found the best value for this product at . I bought one for myself. I took it into my Wednesday night Bible study and the group really liked it. When I was away on vacation they pleaded with me to bring the Audio Bible back. That was enough encouragement for me to buy a copy for the class. I also sent one to my Aunt who is awaiting delivery. I have started listening to the Audio Bible during my commute. What a positive difference! Hearing God's Word certainly helps reduce the stress of South Florida traffic.Personally, I really like the Max McLean's reading performance. The background sounds are just enough and while some may not like Max McLean's style, I feel the emphasis usually makes what is being said more clear.A GREAT GIFT IDEA FOR ANYONE, especially for people who are out of town!

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