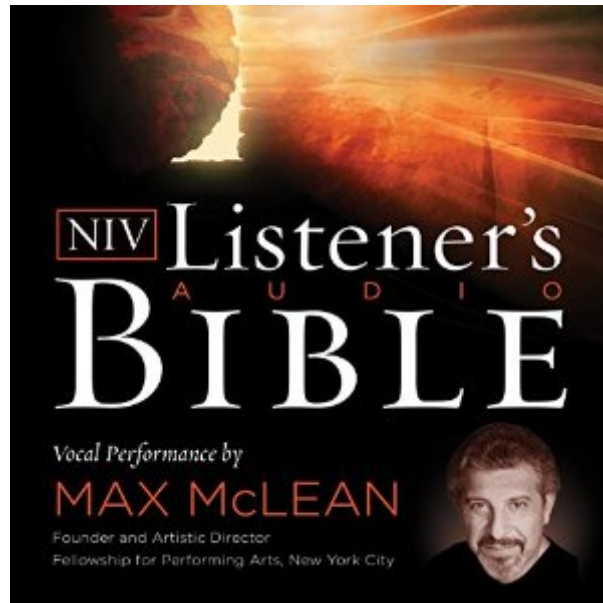


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# The NIV Listener's Audio Bible: Vocal Performance By Max McLean



## Synopsis

Before you could tuck it under your arm, before you could bring it up on your phone - you did not read scripture, you listened to it. For centuries, the only way to access God's word was to hear it read aloud in public gatherings. Today, many are blessed to own personal printed copies of the Bible, but there is a surprising benefit to hearing the scriptures read aloud, as it was for so many generations. Verses you have read many times will impact you in a new way when you hear them through the NIV Listener's Audio Bible. Read in a single voice with subtle background music, Max McLean's skillful, engaging, but never overdramatized style will bring God's word to life during your personal and family devotion times, group Bible study, or weekday commute. Listen to just 13 minutes a day, and you'll get through the entire Bible in a year. Or listen to six minutes a day to hear the New Testament twice a year. Max McLean's skillful narration will help you understand, memorize, and enjoy God's word.

## Book Information

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## Customer Reviews

This is so much more than just hearing the Bible read. Max McLean shows a passion for the word that is very moving. I delayed getting this for some time, because I'm not a particular fan of the NIV translation, but after hearing some samples I realized that the strength of performance overcomes any imprecision in translation. The audio quality of the MP3's isn't quite as good as the audio CDs (the MP3's are 96 Kbps, 44 MHz), so if you aren't concerned about the price difference or the extra bulk, the audio CDs might be the way to go. Even so, I wouldn't say the lower sound quality is a significant distraction (just a bit of "tinny" ring from time to time), and the MP3 format is very convenient.

Max McLean's voice takes a little while to get used to. I'll be honest, at first it kind of annoyed me. But to have my favorite Bible version (ESV) in audio makes up for any personal issues I may have with the reader's voice. In fact, after getting used to some of his mannerisms, I appreciate the way that he reads. He reads slowly, which I have read some others complain about. But the way that he reads allows the listener to contemplate and think about what is being heard. In my opinion, the reader is very effective. In case you might be wondering how you will use this product, let me tell you how I use them. I have put the mp3-format audio files on my iPod and use them for half of my read-through-the-Bible program. I never want to have my only regular exposure to the Bible in audio form and not in written form. So I am always reading/listening from different portions of the Bible at the same time. The way I have it set up, I will read through the Bible at least once in a year and listen through the Bible at least once in a year. I listen while I walk or jog in the morning. If that doesn't give me enough time it is very easy to listen in the car as well. I love listening aloud with my wife because it gives us the opportunity to be exposed to the same scripture at the same time. These are just suggestions which I hope are helpful. Do it however you like. I do strongly recommend, nevertheless, that you make an audio Bible of whatever your version-of-choice is (I commend the ESV to you for many reason, contact me if you'd like guidance in this) a regular part of your Bible reading time. Inform your conscience with the Word. Why listen to the radio and inform your worldview from a worldly view. Let's fight hard to have God's perspective shown to us in His Word our perspective. The only way that I know to do that is to be prayerfully and humbly exposed to massive amounts of Scripture. This is one tool to help you in that regard. I hope this helps. -Jacob Hantla

This is my 3rd audio Bible. My first was dramatized, second with Alexander Scorby. This by all means my favorite. It is like I step into a Virtual Bible. I put my headphones on and all the imagination my brain can harness paints a picture before my eyes. My big beef and main reason for not giving it 5 stars is because of a technical issue. I had the purpose of listening to this on my Creative Labs 40GB Nomad MP3 Player. The struggle was that when I imported them into my "Real" player all the names for each chapter file were the same. So I had to rename each file and give each file a CD track # so my MP3 Player could play each track in each book in the proper order. Otherwise very well done.

I am a devout KJV bible reader, but when it came to the car I knew I needed something a little

lighter and easier to understand (I didn't want to be thinking too hard on something other than driving), so the NIV audio bible by Max McLean it was. He is very easy to understand. His dramatic presentation makes it very easy to absorb and retain the bible. I also look forward to purchasing more of his products. The audio bible came in a well presented double case with 4 CDs. The files are all organized well that they should be compatible with any MP3 player and play in the correct order. Each chapter is its own MP3 so it is very easy to skip backwards or forwards. I downloaded it onto my Creative Zen Micro and it works beautifully. I only have a 1GB flash player so I was only able to copy from Genesis through Job. That doesn't bother me any, I just know I need a bigger player. The data size is just a shade over 2GBs (my computer says it is 2.08G) so you will likely need a 3GB player to fit it all on. This MP3 CD will work in your computer or on an MP3 player. If you want this to work in your car stereo or home stereo system they must be able to read the special MP3 CDs as this CD does not contain any audio tracks but rather a single data track with the MP3 files.

This audio version of the NIV translation by Max McLean is terrific! I listen to it every day now, and it's such a blessing. Max McLean really gives life to the scripture and the way he reads it really brings certain things to light that I may have missed before when I just read it on my own. Warning for iPod users, it's a bit cumbersome to import in an orderly fashion that is user friendly for your iPod. I tried to import it as an Audiobook, however Apple really doesn't let you do that. I finally came up with a system that works for me, changing ALL the files (yes every chapter) to an "audiobook" genre in the "Get Info" preferences of iTunes. I also changed the "artist name" to each book of the Bible to find books easily in the audiobook genre. Also, you can change each file to "skip when shuffling" to avoid hearing a book of the bible in the middle of listening to your songs when you're in "shuffle" mode. Once I figured out a system for myself, it was great and I am so happy with this product. Importing may sound like a bit of a pain, but believe me it's all worth it once it's in there!! Highly recommended!!

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