

## Being Led by the Holy Spirit

The Holy Spirit has been sent to lead and guide us. He is responsible for all of our breakthroughs. He is known as the Truth Giver; the truth that He gives brings enlightenment. By listening and yielding to the Holy Spirit, you can avoid negative life experiences.

### A. **The Holy Spirit's main objective is to bring truth.**

1. God's people are destroyed, or cut off, due to a lack of knowledge (Hosea 4:6, AMP).
2. God's answer to your receiving knowledge was to send the Holy Spirit (John 16:12-13).
3. Many times, instead of allowing the Holy Spirit to guide them, people allow circumstances to determine whether or not they are on the right path. Doing this can lead to destruction.
  - a. Ask the Holy Spirit to lead you in the area in which you need help.
4. Don't think that you haven't been saved long enough or that you won't be able to know when the Holy Spirit is speaking.
  - a. Those who are born again have a right to recognize His leading (Romans 8:14).
  - b. He wants to show you things regarding your life by guiding you into all truth (John 16:13-14).
5. The Holy Spirit bears witness, or testifies, with your spirit (Romans 8:16).
  - a. When your spirit and the Holy Spirit are in agreement, you will have peace about your situation.

### B. **Man is created in the image of God; he is a spirit.**

1. Man is a spirit and possesses a soul that lives in a physical body.
  - a. When a person dies, his or her spirit separates from his or her body and continues to live on forever.
2. Proverbs 20:27 says that the spirit of man is the lamp, or candle, of the Lord, which searches the inward parts of the belly; if you follow your spirit, rivers of living water will flow out of you (John 7:38).
  - a. Guidance comes through your spirit. Many times people try to be led by their mind, senses or by what others say, although these things do not line up with the Word of God.
3. God made man in His image (Genesis 1:26-27); God is a spirit (John 4:24).
  - a. We are spirit beings that have been created in His image.
4. Man is a tri-part being with a spirit, soul and body (1 Thessalonians 5:23).
  - a. Many people confuse the spirit and soul as being one when they are actually different.
    - i. The soul houses your mind, will and emotions.

- b. Your physical body is a spirit container.
  - c. Paul was trying to decide if his spirit should stay in his body or go to be with Jesus (Philippians 1:23).
  - d. The flaw in the human body is that it perishes and decays; the beauty of the inward man, your spirit, is that it is renewed daily (2 Corinthians 4:16, AMP).
5. Being born again does not take place through the flesh, but through your spirit (John 3:3-6).
    - a. Man's spirit receives eternal life, God's nature and the life of God.
    - b. Man's spirit is made a new creature in Christ.

### C. Learn to hear His voice.

1. The New Testament uses heart and spirit interchangeably; the heart is the center of man (1 Peter 3:4).
2. Look at the word heart and you'll see the words: hear, ear, he and art.
  - a. **He** is in the center of your **heart** so you can have an **ear** to **hear** Him. That is your **art** as a Christian.
3. Everything in your spirit becomes brand new when you are in Christ (2 Corinthians 5:17).
4. You have received the Holy Spirit so that you will know and understand spiritual things (1 Corinthians 2:12-15).
  - a. A natural person can't understand spiritual things because his spirit isn't aligned with God's.
  - b. Spiritual things will become more real to you the more spirit-conscious you become.
5. It is God's will for you to hear Him.
  - a. Don't think that just because you've been "bad" He won't talk to you. He's a counselor and will speak to you even while you are doing "bad" things.
6. You are supposed to follow and imitate Jesus so that you can hear His voice (John 10:27).
  - a. If you do not imitate and follow a stranger, you won't know the stranger's voice (verse 5).
7. For your steps to be ordered, or established, by God, you must hear Him (Psalm 37:23).
8. God wants to instruct, teach and direct your path (Psalm 32:8; Proverbs 3:5-6).
  - a. When you are searching for something—a house, a new job, a spouse—allow the Holy Spirit to give your heart peace and to be a witness to your spirit, or heart (Colossians 3:15, AMP).
9. Ask yourself five questions to see if what you are doing is in agreement with the Holy Spirit:
  - a. Does it go against the reasons and rationalizations of the world?
  - b. Does it require courage?
  - c. Does it require faith?
  - d. Does it line up with the Word of God?
  - e. Does peace rule in your heart?

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