

LED BY THE HOLY SPIRIT

Who Are You Following, Where Are They Taking You & Do You Want To Go There

I. Being led of the Holy Spirit is marvelous

- A. If you were led by the Holy Spirit 100% of the time you'd never make a bad decision, you'd never say the wrong thing, be at the wrong place
 - 1. He's not going to lead you into something wrong
 - 2. Don't try to make decisions unassisted by the Holy Spirit
 - 3. He'll lead you in the little things and big things
- B. It's possible to learn principles of the word and be a failure if you don't put those principles with being led by the Holy Spirit
 - 1. No matter what the principle is, you have to be led by the spirit
 - 2. EX: Engagement ring

II. Jesus told you that you could live the spirit-led life-John 16:12-15

- A. He WILL lead you-Who will? The Holy Spirit will lead you
 - 1. Jesus has deemed Him responsible for direction concerning your life
 - 2. Jesus gave him the position and title of your "Lead"
- B. He will lead you into **TRUTH**
 - 1. John 8:32-The more led by the Holy Spirit you are the more free you will be
 - 2. John 17:17-The more led by the Holy Spirit you are the more sanctified you will be
 - 3. John 8:44-The more led by the Holy Spirit you are the further away you get from Satan's plan's and desires for your life
 - a. He is leading you away from Satan and his plan for your life

III. Romans 8:14-Sons of God are supposed to be led by the Spirit of God

- A. A key characteristic of people who are mature in the Lord is that they are led by the Spirit (and not by other things)
 - 1. The more led you are by things other than the HS the more immature you are
 - 2. The more immature you are spiritually the less of **your** inheritance you can get-Gal 4
- B. The Holy Spirit will lead you not drive you
 - 1. Led by the Spirit, not pulled around by the Spirit; He gives you direction
 - a. A cattle herder drives the cattle a shepherd leads the sheep
 - b. A red light won't make you stop, it just suggests that you do
 - 2. He'll be your own personal attendant; if you didn't need help God wouldn't send it
 - a. Some people are struggling so much because they're not using their help
 - 3. He's your conductor (the orchestra doesn't move until the conductor does)

- a. The orchestra wouldn't follow me because I'm not their conductor
- b. When things other than the HS try to conduct your life, you don't follow them because they're not the conductor; Jesus gave the HS that place
- c. He is the only thing that moves you-Acts 20:22-24

IV. We are to be led by the spirit of God and nothing else-Being led by things other than the Spirit of God will lead you into bondages of all kinds

A. We are to be led internally not externally-Romans 8:16

- 1. The Holy Spirit talks to our spirit and let's us know that we are the sons of God
 - a. You have no physical evidence, it's just a sense, a knowing on the inside
- 2. We are not to put out fleeces; Jesus didn't a fleece will lead you
 - a. A fleece asks God to do something in the natural to communicate something spiritual
 - 1) Gideon did it, but he wasn't born again; he wasn't a son of God
 - b. The enemy is in this physical realm and he can do external things
 - 1) Carnal immature people gravitate towards natural things b/c they don't recognize or trust what they're getting inside
- 3. When you look to other things, external things for leading it is irreverent to the HS
 - a. You're telling Him that He's not capable of doing what Jesus told you He would
 - b. Looking to other things to be your leading is like to an unsaved person looking to somebody other than Jesus to save them
 - c. We need to look learn to look inward for direction not outward

B. We are not to be led by feelings or feeling-led---Ephesians 4:26

- 1. Don't allow the emotion of anger to lead you into sin
 - a. When you're led by your feelings you give place to the devil
- 2. "I don't feel like it" or "I feel like it" is not the leading of the spirit
 - a. EX: A person doesn't feel like they love their spouse anymore
 - b. EX: A person doesn't feel like the Word is working so their feelings lead them out of diligence in the Word
 - c. EX: I'm not going to church down there I just don't feel like I'm getting anything
 - d. EX: I broke the printer
 - e. EX: I didn't feel like going to Jay's
- 3. If you're being led by your feelings, you are not being led by the Spirit
 - a. Feelings are not designed to lead you into truth
 - b. There's nothing wrong with having feelings, just don't follow them
- 4. We're not to be led by our bellies-Philippians 3:19
 - a. A lot of people are being led by their belly and that's why they end up sick

- C. We are not to be led by our head or head-led---Proverbs 3:5
 - 1. You cannot know enough or be smart enough to just make the best decisions
 - a. In the natural you can't know or see the future and unless you can you can't make the best decisions
 - b. The Holy Spirit knows and if you'll trust him you can make the best decisions
 - 2. Get natural knowledge, but don't make decisions based on it alone
 - a. It might not make sense or it might make perfect sense, but don't follow your head, look inside
 - b. When it comes down to it if everything in the natural is saying do it, but the Holy Spirit is saying no, then you say no
 - c. We have to do it, don't we? No we have to be led by the Spirit
 - 3. If you're being led by your head, you're not being led by the Spirit
 - a. Don't summons the advice of your head
- D. We are not to be led by opportunities
 - 1. Just b/c an opportunity arises & it's good doesn't mean you're supposed to take it
 - 2. You don't know whether it's God based on the door being opened or closed; That's being led externally and not internally
 - 3. EX: 100 meetings for me is an opportunity, but it might not be the Lord
- E. We are not to be money led-Matthew 6:24
 - 1. Whoever you are serving and whoever your master is you yielding to and following
 - 2. If you're being led by money or making the decisions based solely on money you're not being led by the Spirit
 - a. This job pays more, this one costs less, we can't sow that much what will we do
 - b. If you give based on what you have, then you're not giving based on the leading of the Spirit
- F. We're not to be led by circumstances-2 Corinthians 5:7
 - 1. The conduct of our lives is based on our faith in what God has said to us through His written Word and through the leading of the Spirit
 - a. I trust God enough to know that what His spirit tells me to do is best for me so I conduct my life based on what He says
 - 2. I don't conduct my life base on what I see with my eyes or perceive with my senses
 - a. If the circumstances move you into discouragement and worry, then you're being led by them and not by the Spirit
 - b. I'm not up and down with the circumstances because they're not my leading
- G. We're not to be led by likes or dislikes-Matthew 26:39, Psalm 40:8
 - 1. Just because you don't like to do it doesn't mean that you're not led to do it
 - a. EX: I just don't like it down there at children's nursery

- b. EX: I don't like to come into a meeting and listen to the Word of an hour
 - c. EX: I don't like that church, it's not my style
- 2. Why are you consulting your likes?
 - a. Ignore your likes and dislikes and follow the leading of the Spirit
 - b. I delight to do thy will O God; If God likes it I like it, if He doesn't like it I don't like it
- H. We are not to be led by other people's prophecies
 - 1. Just because somebody stands up and says thus says the Lord doesn't mean you believe it and do it
 - 2. All prophecies must be judged by: 1) The Word 2) The witness you have inside