

EASE: LEARNING THE UNFORCED RHYTHMS OF GRACE

Jesus-The Leading Of Spirit, The Wisdom Of God

I. Everything Jesus did when he walked the Earth he did being led by the Spirit-Mt4:1,Lk 4:1

- A. *Let this be a reality to you: Jesus was being led, guided, directed by the Holy Spirit; the Holy Spirit was bringing him to the right place at the right time, leading Him in every way
1. Jesus knew to go into the wilderness because the spirit led him
 2. Jesus is not operating in the omniscience of God; What he got, He got from the HS
 - a. Philippians 2:6-7 AMP-⁵ Let this same attitude *and* purpose *and* [humble] mind be in you which was in Christ Jesus: [Let Him be your example in humility:] ⁶Who, although being essentially one with God *and* in the form of God [possessing the fullness of the attributes which make God God], did not think this equality with God was a thing to be eagerly grasped *or* retained,⁷ But stripped Himself [of all privileges and rightful dignity], so as to assume the guise of a servant (slave), in that He became like men *and* was born a human being
- B. John 5:30-Jesus is hearing from God and yielding to that leading
1. John 5:19-The HS showed him what the Father did (Jesus perceived, discerned it)
 - a. What makes us think Jesus heard and audible voice?
 2. Romans 8:14-17-Jesus is a son of God and sons of God are led by the spirit of God and the Spirit of God leads by the inward witness (This is the Holy Spirit giving Him wisdom for each situation)
 - a. If He was led by the audible voice, he wouldn't tell you to be led by the Spirit
 3. John 4:24-God is a spirit and he's talking to Jesus' spirit by the Holy Spirit
 - a. Jesus perceived in his spirit what they were reasoning in their heads; He's getting direction, wisdom, leading on the inside-He's seeing and hearing inside
 - 1) **Mark 2:8**-And immediately when Jesus **perceived** (To know, To find out) in his spirit that they so reasoned within themselves, he said unto them, Why reason ye these things in your hearts
 - b. The leading of the Spirit is a sense a knowing on the inside
 - 1) **John 6:61**-When Jesus **knew** in himself (Perceive, Notice, Discern, To Know, To get knowledge of) that his disciples murmured at it, he said unto them, Doth this offend you?
- C. John 8:26-29-Jesus yielded to the leading of Spirit every time
1. 26-He's hearing God and yielding to Him
 - a. Jesus ALWAYS did what he saw and said what he heard; He never saw something and didn't do or heard something and didn't say it
 2. I do nothing of myself-Everything He does is because of the leading of the Spirit
 - a. CEB-I do nothing on my own

- b. AMP-I do nothing of Myself (of my own accord or on my own authority), but I say [exactly] what My Father has taught me
- c. NASB-I do nothing on my own initiative, but I speak those things as the Father as taught me
- 3. I always do what pleases Him-That means Jesus yielded to the leading every time
 - a. This is why Jesus was never in bondage
 - b. This is why he was so holy, so uncommon, so extraordinary, sanctified
 - c. This is why he was so far away from Satan's plan and desire for his life

II. Examples of Jesus being led by the Spirit

- A. He knew their thoughts because the Holy Spirit who is all knowing led him; The Holy Spirit was showing him what they were thinking
 - 1. The Holy Spirit **showed** Jesus what they were thinking and then **told** him what to say
 - a. **Matthew 12:24-25**-But when the Pharisees heard *it*, they said, This *fellow* doth not cast out devils, but by Beelzebub the prince of the devils. 25 And Jesus knew their thoughts
 - b. **Luke 9:46**-Then there arose a reasoning among them, which of them should be greatest. And Jesus, perceiving the thought of their heart
 - 2. This guy spoke within himself and Jesus answered him
 - a. **Luke 7:39**-Now when the Pharisee which had bidden him saw *it*, he spake within himself, saying, This man, if he were a prophet, would have known who and what manner of woman *this is* that toucheth him: for she is a sinner. 40 And Jesus answering said unto him
 - 3. Jesus knew what kind of men they were because the Spirit **showed** Him
 - a. **John 2:23**-Now when he was in Jerusalem at the passover, in the feast *day*, many believed in his name, when they saw the miracles which he did. 24 But Jesus did not commit himself unto them, because he knew all *men*, 25 And needed not that any should testify of man: for he knew what was in man.
- B. Being led by the spirit kept Jesus in the right place at the right time (Protection)
 - 1. Matt12:14-They wanted to destroy Him, but he knew it because of the Spirit's leading
 - a. He didn't know it because he was all knowing, he knew it because he was led
 - b. If you'll learn to be led by the Spirit and yield to His leading you'll find yourself missing stuff that the devil had set up to destroy you
 - 2. Being in the wrong place at the wrong time can be dangerous
 - a. David shouldn't even have been there
 - b. Genesis 12:1-4-It pays to be in the right place
- C. Being led by the Spirit enabled Jesus to always say the right thing
 - 1. Luke 11:53-The enemy waits for you to say the wrong thing because it gives him access into your life

- a. Proverbs 18:20, Matthew 12:37-The words you speak play a key role in determining how effective you are in every situation that you face
- b. When you speak utterances of the devil you are being used of him
2. The right words are so precious; they can win people over, turn whole situations around, bring peace, comfort, and victory-Proverbs 15:23
 - a. MSG-Congenial conversation—what a pleasure! The right word at the right time—beautiful!
 - b. NLT-Everyone enjoys a fitting reply; it is wonderful to say the right thing at the right time
 - c. CEV-Giving the right answer at the right time makes everyone happy.
 - d. NCV- Saying the right word at the right time is so pleasing
 - e. Words that bring power are the Words that God told you to say for that time
 - 1) If you'll get your words from God you'll find them having more power
3. You can be in the right place at the right time, but you also need the right words, because the wrong words can mess the whole situation up-Numbers 20:10
 - a. There's a right word for every situation and **YOU** don't know what it is
 - b. Jesus didn't say, "I just say what the word says and if you don't like it well forget you," and then just put his head down and quote scripture; He said what the Father taught Him to say
 - c. You can say something that is right at the wrong time and be wrong
4. John 8:4-He got the right Word from the Father
 - a. Why didn't he just say that right away? Why did he not immediately respond to their insistent questioning? **He must not have had it yet**
5. Luke 20:20-26-They were trying to get Jesus to say the wrong thing, their motive was wicked and wrong and Jesus knew it because He was led by the Spirit and the right word shut those people up

III. Jesus was effective because he is led by the spirit

- A. Jesus was always in the right place, at the right time, saying the right thing, doing the right thing and that's why His ministry was so effective in the Earth
 1. Being in the wrong place, at the wrong time, saying and doing the wrong thing will produce ineffectiveness
 - a. The more led by the Holy Spirit you are the more effective you'll be
 2. So much of being effective has to do with just being where you're supposed to be; doing what you're supposed to be doing, saying what you're supposed to say
 - a. The Holy Spirit will get you in the right place and give you what you need to say and do in that place
- B. ***When Jesus healed people He didn't do the same thing every time; what you did last time is not a leading for this time; **he's not just picking what he wants to do** and he was so effective because in every instance he was led by the Spirit; he had the wisdom of God for each situation***

1. Mark 1:40-He laid His hand on the leper
 2. Matthew 17:18-He rebuked the devil from that man's son
 3. Mark 7:32-This guy couldn't talk and was deaf; Jesus took him away from the crowd, put his fingers in his ears, and spit and touched his tongue and said be opened
 4. Luke 18:41-Blind guy-Jesus asked what he wanted him to do and said take your sight
- C. What Jesus did that made him so effective is He was always looking inward to the Spirit of God for direction in every situation; He knew he could do nothing of himself; He didn't just do what he did last time or what he saw work one time, he got direction from the Father and only did what the Father told him to do and only said what he told him to say-John 5:19
1. He always did the thing that yielded results-How did he know what to do?
 - a. He was so effective in what he did because He was led in what He did
 2. The effectiveness of Jesus; you can attach everything He did to the leading of the Spirit, to the wisdom of God(John 11-Lazurus, Mark 4-The storm)
 - a. Matt 14:15-The spirit is leading Jesus' every word and action and that's why he was so effective in this situation. The disciples were the exact opposite and that's why they were so ineffective.
 - b. John 11:1-4-Why did he say this?; 6-Why did he do this?
 3. Whatever he says to you do it is the key to results; So what has he said to you?
 - a. Each situation is it's own and for each one we need direction from the Holy Spirit
 - b. You can't just take a principle of the Word and go off by yourself and work that principle; if you didn't need the Holy Spirit God wouldn't have given Him to you
- D. ***You're trying to be effective without this and that's why you're not effective; if you'll exalt this (the leading of the Spirit, it [his leading] will exalt you)***
1. Proverbs 4:5-9-5 Get wisdom, get understanding: forget *it* not; neither decline from the words of my mouth. 6 Forsake her not, and she shall preserve thee: love her, and she shall keep thee. 7 Wisdom *is* the principal thing; *therefore* get wisdom: and with all thy getting get understanding. 8 Exalt her, and she shall promote thee: she shall bring thee to honour, when thou dost embrace her. 9 She shall give to thine head an ornament of grace: a crown of glory shall she deliver to thee.
 2. Proverbs 3:13-18- 13 ¶ Happy *is* the man *that* findeth wisdom, and the man *that* getteth understanding. 14 For the merchandise of *it* is better than the merchandise of silver, and the gain thereof than fine gold. 15 She *is* more precious than rubies: and all the things thou canst desire are not to be compared unto her. 16 Length of days *is* in her right hand; *and* in her left hand riches and honour. 17 Her ways *are* ways of pleasantness, and all her paths *are* peace. 18 She *is* a tree of life to them that lay hold upon her: and happy *is* every one that retaineth her.
 3. Proverbs 8:14-21- 14 Counsel *is* mine, and sound wisdom: I *am* understanding; I have strength.15 By me kings reign, and princes decree justice. 16 By me princes rule, and nobles, *even* all the judges of

the earth.17 I love them that love me; and those that seek me early shall find me.18 Riches and honour *are* with me; yea, durable riches and righteousness.19 My fruit *is* better than gold, yea, than fine gold; and my revenue than choice silver.20 I lead in the way of righteousness, in the midst of the paths of judgment: 21 That I may cause those that love me to inherit substance; and I will fill their treasures.