

## LED BY THE HOLY SPIRIT

### Keys To Being Led-Reverence

#### I. Being led by the Holy Spirit begins with you reverencing the Holy Spirit

- A. Psalm 111:10-Being led of the spirit originates at your reverence for him
  - 1. **Wisdom**-Act wisely; The only way you would act wisely is if your were led by the HS
    - a. I act based on what He leads me to do
  - 2. The beginning of this led life, is to live a reverent life
    - a. Reverence first, be led of the spirit second
    - b. Until you begin to reverence the Holy Spirit, you won't begin to be led by Him
  - 3. Reverencing the Holy Spirit will be the cause of you being led by Him
    - a. If you will reverence Him, you will be led by Him; If you don't, you won't
      - 1) Cause and effect-You don't get the effect without the cause
    - b. This reverence for the Holy Spirit will bring about His leading
    - c. A led-life is the result of a reverent life
  - 4. 1 Sam 2:30-If you'll honor Him by reverence for him, he will honor you w/ His leading
- B. Prov 1:7-The more you reverence God the better you'll be able to discern His leading
  - 1. Your reverence for God is directly connected to your level sensitivity to His leading and your ability to discern it
    - a. The more you reverence/respect Him the more sensitive to His leading you'll be and the better you'll be able to discern it
    - b. If you're irreverent He could speak & you not be sensitive to it or aware that its Him
  - 2. The fear of the Lord is the beginning of discerning what's Him and what's not
    - a. So many times people can't discern what was God and what wasn't God and it's completely related to their lack of reverence for the Holy Spirit
  - 3. A fool will think that the leading of the Spirit is an insignificant thing, but a wise person will practice being led and develop it in his or her life
- C. Proverbs 9:4-18-The beginning of you avoiding bad stuff is you fearing the Lord
  - 1. This is the third time God said this to us through His word
  - 2. 11-MSG-Wisdom, that your life deepens, and the years of your life ripen
    - a. The Holy Spirit will lead you into the sweet life
    - b. Proverbs 19:23-If you fear the HS and get the leading of the spirit, this is the result
  - 3. 16-The enemy is always trying to lead you into a dark, bitter life (feelings, flesh)
  - 4. 18-This could have been avoided if he would have revered the Holy Spirit
    - a. Many believers' biggest problem is lack of reverence for the Holy Spirit

**II. The person of God is the Holy Spirit and we should not show Him any less reverence than we would show God for they are the same God**

- A. The Holy Spirit is effected by what we do-Eph 4:30, Isaiah 63:10, Hebrews 10:29
  - 1. He can be grieved, saddened, "offended", irritated, annoyed, insulted, outraged
- B. Reverencing Him comes down to valuing Him so much that you would dare do anything that would disrespect Him in any way
  - 1. If you do something that was irreverent towards Him acknowledge it and repent of it; He is as forgiving as the Father and when you repent He remembers it no more
  - 2. Make sure there is nothing between you and Him

**III. The first way we reverence Him is by how we refer to Him**

- A. How you refer to a person shows your level of reverence for that person-Mark 6:2-4
- B. Things to remember in how you refer to Him
  - 1. The Holy Spirit is a person-Jesus referred to Him as "He" not "It" - John 14:16-17
    - a. Don't say "something" told me-Don't call Him a hunch
  - 2. The Holy Spirit is your superior, higher in authority
    - a. You can be free around Him, but all the while be cautious of who he is
- C. As we reverence Him by referring to Him properly as a person in authority, we will be more led of Him because it will help us to recognize there is a person here to lead me
  - 1. You can't be led by an it, you can't talk to a hunch, & something can't tell you what to do

**IV. The second way that we reverence the Holy Spirit is that we acknowledge Him-Prov 3:6**

- A. It is extremely irreverent to not acknowledge someone who is in your presence; To act as if another does not exist is mean, cruel, and irreverent
  - 1. Acknowledge-Recognize, notice with particular regard
    - a. DRA-In all thy ways think on him, and he will direct thy steps.
    - b. GNT-Remember the Lord in everything you do, and he will show you the right way
    - c. MSG-Listen for God's voice in everything you do, everywhere you go; he's the one who will keep you on track
  - 2. Don't go hours upon hours without acknowledging Him
    - a. It is respectful to acknowledge people that are in your presence, particularly those in authority over you
    - b. It's respectful to communicate with Him, talk to Him
- B. Faith is integral b/c you have to believe He is there when you don't feel Him or see him
  - 1. When you believe He's there, you'll acknowledge that He is there, you'll be conscious that he's there and it will lead you being more reverent towards Him
- C. If you acknowledge Him out of your respect for Him, He will direct your paths

## V. The third way we reverence Him is that we hate evil-Proverbs 8:13

- A. What he hates I hate, what he likes I like that's reverent, that's respectful
  - 1. Hate-A feeling of intense hostility a strong distaste for something
  - 2. Romans 12:9-**Abhor**-A person who hates something so extremely that he literally backs away from it in disgust
  - 3. Proverbs 3:7-People who reverence God depart from evil out of respect for Him
- B. To lightly esteem things that absolutely repulse the Holy Spirit is irreverent
  - 1. To laugh at and make little of things God hates is extremely irreverent
    - a. Prov 3:6-**Acknowledge** means consider (consider what the HS things about this)
      - 1) ERV-With every step you take, think about what he wants, and he will help you go the right way
    - b. When you are conscious that he's here it will lead you being more reverent
  - 2. We don't esteem sin lightly
    - a. Sin is what put Jesus on the cross-Sin is what brought the curse into the Earth-Sin is what caused the Father to forsake Jesus-Sin sent Jesus to hell-Sin marred his body to the place he didn't even look like a man
    - b. Sin grieves the heart of God
    - c. Don't ever say you'll do it no and repent later (Somebody had to pay for that)
  - 3. We don't talk lightly about the curse-I don't tolerate it
- C. When these things come up that he hates and you laugh and make light of it, you are not yielding to him, you're hardening yourself and you won't be led by Him
  - 1. But when you hate what he hates, love what he loves you're yielding to him and the more you yield to Him, the more sensitive you'll be, the more led you'll be

## VI. The fourth way we reverence Him is that we recognize our need for Him

- A. To reverence the Holy Spirit is to be in **awe** of Him-Feeling of amazement & respect coupled w/ feeling of personal insignificance
  - 1. Prov 3:7-Being wise in your own eyes, then you are saying you don't need him
    - a. Being wise in your own eyes is prideful and being prideful is irreverent-Pr 22:4
  - 2. Pride has to do with lifting yourself up, over estimating your abilities-(Prov 6:17-AMP)
    - a. Pride & irreverence says I can do it, humility & reverence says I need help HS
    - b. If you didn't need help God wouldn't have given it to you
  - 3. In their pride my people aren't requiring me; but those who humble themselves and require me will be satisfied
    - a. Psalm 22:26-Require him as your greatest need
    - b. Psalm 27:8-Require him as a necessity, vital

- c. Psalm 105:3-Require him as an indispensable necessity
  - d. Psalm 34:10-Those who require Him like this will not lack any good thing
- B. One of the biggest things that's keeping people from being led by the Holy Spirit is they have failed to recognize their total inadequacy and the absolute necessity of His ministry in their lives; One thing that will help you recognize your need for him is seeing your complete incompetence without Him
- 1. **4 In You Truths**-In yourself you are nothing-Galatians 6:3---you know nothing-1 Cor 8:2---In yourself you have nothing-1 Cori 4:7-In yourself you can do nothing-John 15:5
  - 2. There's something reverent about acknowledging that you need the Holy Spirit, you need His wisdom, you need His leading, you need his direction
    - a. There's something reverent about humility that says I need to be taught how to live
- C. People who don't think they need Him, need His direction, need His leading, need his help, won't seek Him for it, and in turn will not receive it