

## LED BY HOLY SPIRIT

### Keys To Being Led-Faith

#### I. To be led by the Holy Spirit you have to be in faith for the Spirit's leading-James 1:5

- A. Anything that we receive from God is give by grace received through faith and that includes direction and leading for our lives-Ephesians 2:8, Romans 4:16
  - 1. A lack of faith **for** direction will lead to a lack **of** direction
  - 2. God's not determining how much direction you get, but rather it's according to what you believe; we need to have faith that everything we do is led of Him
    - a. What you believe where being led of the HS is concerned is what you'll receive
  - 3. He's able to direct your every move, but it takes faith to receive that
    - a. You have to believe that's possible for your life
- B. There's a promise here that if you lack direction God will give it to you open-handedly
  - 1. **Wisdom**-Insight or wisdom not naturally attained-That's the leading of the Spirit
  - 2. God's not withholding direction; He doesn't withhold direction from anybody
  - 3. He wants you to live a life directed/led of Him (PREACH, ENCOURAGE)
- C. The condition to this promise is that you must **ask in faith**, nothing wavering
  - 1. James 1:7-That man that's wavering and not in faith will not receive direction
    - a. Therefore, to receive direction and be led of the Spirit faith is required
    - b. **Faith** 1) To get direction from a God you can't see 2) To hear direction that the natural ear can't hear 3) You have believe he will lead you b/c He said he would 4) You have to believe you will hear it b/c he said you would
    - c. Genesis 5:22,24-Enoch must have heard is great grandpa talked with God and just stepped out in faith and did the same thing
  - 2. James 1:6-**Ask**-Adamant in requesting or demanding, demand, insist, require, call for
    - a. 2 Pet 1:4-All that pertains to life/godliness is being offered to you including wisdom
    - b. If wisdom is being offered to me, then there is no need for me to ask for it in the way you and I think about asking for something (Can I please Have?)
    - c. You can place a demand on what's being offered or require it or even call for it
    - d. Don't ask for things that were deemed yours as part of your inheritance-take them
  - 3. Mark 11:24-Whatever you ask believe you receive it and you will have it
    - a. EX: God speaks to me and I hear his voice. He leads me in the small areas of life and the big areas of life. God speaks to me everyday and I'm sensitive to his voice. I'm led of him in all my endeavors for my steps or ordered of the Lord.
    - b. What makes it faith is that you're saying on this without seeing it

- D. We see a connection between being led/getting direction and faith; that if you want to live a life led by the Holy Spirit then faith for it is a requirement
  - 1. Hesitating and doubting will keep you from being led by the Holy Spirit (“Well I just don’t hear God’s voice like you, God just doesn’t speak to me like he does you”)
- E. Faith will keep believing for direction even when it doesn’t appear to be getting it
  - 1. A person in faith won’t be moved by what they don’t hear or by the direction that they didn’t think they got; they’ll just continue to say I’m his sheep, I hear his voice, I’m led of him, and I do not follow the stranger
  - 2. A person in faith won’t get discouraged or miffed b/c they don’t feel like the Holy Spirit is leading them

## **II. Faith to be led & hear His voice begins with the Word concerning it**

- A. John 10:2-5,10-11,27-Jesus said His sheep hear his voice
  - 1. Jesus said-The sheep **hear** (perceive, not deaf) his voice
  - 2. Jesus said-The sheep **follow** (lead, guide, direct) his voice-they’re being led
  - 3. Jesus said-The sheep **know** (perceive, notice, discern) his voice
  - 4. Jesus said-When the stranger speaks they recognize that’s not my shepherd
- B. Psalm 37:3-My steps are directed of the Lord and God busies Himself with my every step
- C. Proverbs 3:5-6-He will lead you in the way to go
- D. John 16:13-The Holy Spirit leads me into all the truth and shows me things to come

## **III. An atmosphere of faith is the breeding grounds for direction from the Holy Spirit**

- A. John 16:13, 8:31-32-If you waver on the written word, you won’t hear the spoken word
  - 1. Faith is simply agreeing with God’s word b/c He said it
    - a. You can’t be resisting and disagreeing with the Word and try to get direction from the HS who is the Word
  - 2. You need the leading of the Holy Spirit to walk in victory and that leading from the Holy Spirit comes while you’re faith on the Word of God
    - a. As you yield to the written word of God you open the door for the Holy Spirit to enter and give you the direction you need for that particular situation
    - b. You have to come to realize the importance of this word FROM God and the absolute vital necessity of it concerning your victory
  - 3. Rom 15:13-There’s joy & peace in believing so if you’re in faith you have those too
    - a. If you get discouraged/worried and stop agreeing with the Word and get out of faith you’ll miss the very direction you need to walk in victory
  - 4. Psalm 27:11-14-We have to get on the same channel as the HS and He’s on the faith channel
- B. Acts 13:2-When you are in faith & stay in faith you’re positioned to be led by the HS

1. Hebrews 11:6, 10:38-Faith pleases God and ministers to Him; when you say I believe it just b/c God said it, that pleases, that ministers to Him the Father
  - a. 1 Samuel 15:22-The way God gets ministered to/pleasure from a sacrifice or offering it gets more pleasure and is ministered to more by obedience and faith
  - b. Matthew 8:8-This guy ministered to Jesus with His faith
2. As you ministered unto God through and with your faith, you'll get direction from HS
- C. 1 Samuel 30:1-9-No matter how dark it is or how bad it looks you have to stay in faith if you want the leading of the Holy Spirit
  1. 4-No direction came out of the weeping, out of the grief and distress
  2. Direction came after the atmosphere of faith was created