

## HOW TO BE LED BY THE SPIRIT

### Stop Running Your Own Life

- I. Sons of God are supposed to be led by The Spirit of God-Rm8:14-For as many as are led (guide, direct) by the Spirit of God, they are the sons of God**
- A. To be led by The Spirit means that you are not running your own life-Many make decisions, run their lives and don't even check in with The HS
  - B. God didn't create us with the ability to lead ourselves-We don't have the ability to make right decisions apart from the Spirit's leading; Only way to get it right is to be led by The Spirit-**Jn16:13,Pr3:5-6**
  - C. Sheep don't lead themselves, they follow the shepherd-**Jn10:14-I am the good shepherd, and know my sheep, and am known of mine.**
  - D. The quickest way to get yourself in trouble is to run your own life-You get in trouble when you don't listen to The Spirit and lead yourself (God's not leading you into ruin, that's you) -**Pr19:3-NLT**-People ruin their lives by their own foolishness and then are angry at the LORD
- II. Jesus lived a Spirit-led life (He didn't run His own life)-Mt4:1-Then was Jesus led up of the Spirit into the wilderness-Jn5:19-Verily, verily, I say unto you, The Son can do nothing of himself, but what he seeth the Father do: for what things soever he doeth, these also doeth the Son likewise. <sup>30</sup>I can of mine own self do nothing: as I hear, I judge: and my judgment is just; because I seek not mine own will, but the will of the Father which hath sent me-Jn8:26-I have many things to say and to judge of you: but he that sent me is true; and I speak to the world those things which I have heard of him. <sup>28</sup>...I do nothing of myself; but as my Father hath taught me, I speak these things-Jn12:49-I have not spoken of myself; but the Father which sent me, he gave me a commandment, what I should say, and what I should speak.**
- A. If He couldn't run His life, we can't run our lives-**1Jn2:6**
- III. Only way to live a successful Christian life is to be led by The Spirit everyday**
- A. The reason he enjoyed all these things is because he followed the shepherd-**Ps23:1-The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want.<sup>2</sup>He maketh me to lie down in green pastures: he leadeth me beside the still waters.<sup>3</sup>He restoreth my soul: he leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for his name's sake.<sup>4</sup>Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil: for thou art with me; thy rod and thy staff they comfort me. <sup>5</sup>Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies: thou anointest my head with oil; my cup runneth over.<sup>6</sup>Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life: and I will dwell in the house of the Lord for ever.**
  - B. Not being led by the Spirit is causing many problems for many people-**Ps81:10-I am the Lord thy God, which brought thee out of the land of Egypt: open thy mouth wide, and I will fill it.<sup>11</sup>But my people would not hearken to my voice; and Israel would none of me.<sup>12</sup>So I gave them up unto their own hearts' lust: and they walked in their own counsels.<sup>13</sup>Oh that my people had hearkened unto me, and Israel had walked in my ways!<sup>14</sup>I should soon have subdued their enemies, and turned my hand against their adversaries <sup>16</sup>He should have fed them also with the finest of the wheat: and with honey out of the rock should I have satisfied thee.**
- IV. Most important things you could learn as a believer is how to be led by The Spirit**
- A. Cultivate a lifestyle of being led by The Spirit-You check in with The Holy Spirit all the time, you look to Him for direction, you listen, you follow --- An eye that looks, an ear that listens, a heart that yields
  - B. You grow in this-You do this day after day, week after week, month after month, year after year and you'll get stronger in it (Not all overnight)