

## HOW TO BE LED BY THE SPIRIT

### Acknowledge Him

**I. To be led by The Spirit you must acknowledge Him (check in with Him)-Pr3:5-**  
*Trust in the Lord with all thine heart; and lean (rely) not unto thine own understanding (knowledge).<sup>6</sup>In all thy ways acknowledge (consider, aware, regard, respect, door of the eye) him, and he shall direct thy paths.<sup>7</sup>Be not wise in thine own eyes: fear (revere, honor, respect) the Lord, and depart from evil-**BBE**-In all your ways give ear to Him-**ER**-With every step you take think about what He wants-**MS**-Listen for God's voice in everything you do, everywhere you go-**NABRE**-In all your ways be mindful of Him*

**A. Many Christians just run their lives and never check in-Js4:13**-Go to now, ye that say, Today or tomorrow we will go into such a city, and continue there a year, and buy and sell, and get gain: <sup>14</sup>Whereas **YE KNOW NOT** what shall be on the morrow. For what is your life? It is even a vapor, that appears for a little time, and then vanishes away. <sup>15</sup>For that ye ought to say, If the Lord will, we shall live, and do this, or that.

**II. One reason why The Lord isn't leading people is b/c they don't check in with Him**

**A. How often we hear from God is directly connected to how often we check in with Him**-If you don't ask/seek/knock for his leading you won't get it, it won't just fall on you-**Js1:5**-If any of you lack wisdom, let him ask of God, that giveth to all men liberally, and upbraideth not; and it shall be given him-**Mt7:7**-Ask, and it shall be given you; seek, and ye shall find; knock, and it shall be opened unto you: <sup>8</sup>For every one that asks receives; and he that seeks finds; and to him that knocks it shall be opened.

**B. Understanding what God's will is only comes when we check in**-He only reveals His will/plan to people who care enough to ask-**Ep5:15**-See then that ye walk circumspectly, not as fools, but as wise,<sup>16</sup>Redeeming the time, because the days are evil.<sup>17</sup>Wherefore be ye not unwise, but understanding what the will of the Lord is.

1. Redeem time-Waste years on stuff that doesn't matter to God by not checking in

**III. People don't check in for: 1.Pride 2.Disrespect 3.Dishonor 4.Unbelief-Pr3:5-7**

**A. Pride doesn't check in**-Wise in their own eyes

1. We know not and know in part-Don't rely on what you think you know because you know not or only know in part-**Js4:14-1Co13:9**-We know in part

2. Humble people are led of Him because they check in-**Ps25:9**-The meek (humble) will he guide in judgment: the meek will he teach his way

3. Say this-I can't lead myself, there's too much I don't know

**B. Disrespect doesn't check in**-If you have respect for authority you check in

1. Many don't care God being their authority-Many don't want Him to be their authority they just want His blessing, so they don't check in (My own boss)-**Lk6:46**-Why call ye me, Lord, Lord (authority) and do not the things which I say-**1Cor6:19**-You are not your own. For you are bought with a price

2. Say this-I have a Lord/Master and I have to check in with Him

**C. Dishonor doesn't check in**-If you honor God/value pleasing God you check in

1. Many don't care about pleasing God-They're more interested in they want than what God wants, so they don't check in

2. Say this-I honor God/want to please Him so I have to check in with Him

**D. Unbelief doesn't check in**-It doesn't believe He'd lead me, it doesn't trust Him that He'd lead me with my best interests in mind