

HOW TO BE LED BY THE SPIRIT

Recognizing The Voice Of The Holy Spirit

- I. **The Holy Spirit speaks which means He has a voice that we can hear**-*Jn16:13-Howbeit when he, the Spirit of truth, is come, he will guide you into all truth: for he shall not speak of himself; but whatsoever he shall hear, that shall he speak*
- II. **The Holy Spirit speaks to our spirits**-*Rm8:14-For as many as are led by the Spirit of God, they are the sons of God. ¹⁶The Spirit itself **bears witness** (communicating to others knowledge of something not known to them) with our spirit, that we are the children of God-***ER**-*The Spirit himself speaks to our spirits and makes us sure that we are God's children-***TP**-*He whispers into our innermost being-***TL**-*His Holy Spirit speaks to us deep in our hearts-***NLV**-*The Holy Spirit speaks to us and tells our spirit that we are children of God*
- A. If He could let you know that you are a child of God, He could let you know some other things-When to go, when to stay, which job to take, who to marry, where to go to church, what to do, how to parent
- B. Your spirit is the means through which the Holy Spirit talks to you-We have to get past thinking about hearing from God with our physical ears
- C. To hear from him we need to look and listen inside with our spirits-He doesn't communicate with you through your head, your intellect or your feelings so don't look for him there so don't look for him there
- D. It's vital to know how He will speak to you-If I say I'm going to call you, but you're waiting by the mailbox for a letter and your phone is in the house you won't hear from me even though I'm trying to speak to you
- E. The things the Holy Spirit says are spiritually discerned-**1Co2:14**-*Now we have received, not the spirit of the world, but the spirit which is of God; that we might know the things that are freely given to us of God.¹³Which things also we speak, not in the words which man's wisdom teacheth, but which the Holy Ghost teacheth; comparing spiritual things with spiritual (CEV-This same Spirit helps us teach spiritual things to spiritual people). ¹⁴But the natural man receiveth not the things of the Spirit of God: for they are foolishness unto him: neither can he know them, because they are spiritually discerned. ¹⁶...we have the mind of Christ.*
- III. **When He speaks to you it'll be like a knowing, sense, inward thought**
- A. The Holy Spirit lives in your spirit so He/His mind is in your spirit
Jn14:17-*Even the Spirit of truth; whom the world cannot receive, because it seeth him not, neither knows him: but ye know him; for he dwelleth with you, and shall be in you.*
- B. If I took my spirit (which includes my mind) and put it in you then audible words would not be necessary for me to communicate with you-If I thought something you would pick it up
- C. The leading of The Spirit so much of the time comes just like a thought-Much of what He speaks to you is not a voice at all, but an inward knowing; You just know without hearing anything when someone is inside of you
- D. You don't need to hear something audible to get direction from God-Things come up in your spirit and you'll just know things without the conscious use of reason
- E. Jesus didn't walk around hearing the audible voice of the Father-**Mk2:8**-*Jesus perceived in his spirit; Jn6:62-Jesus knew in himself*