

April Development Guide

SUBJECT: BEING LED BY THE HOLY SPIRIT



Do you realize that you and I can minister to people the same way Jesus did when He walked on earth? Jesus told us that He was led by the Spirit. The Spirit of God. The same Spirit that comes into your life when you accept Jesus.

The Bible tells us The Holy Spirit is our ever-present help in the time of trouble. He's our Coach, our Teacher, our Stand By, our Peace, our Comforter, our Everything!

And we're to lean into Him just like we would with Jesus. Jesus had such a dependency upon the Holy Spirit that He didn't say or do anything without first hearing it from the Holy Spirit.

You and I are to have this same dependency on the Holy Spirit.

Do you know that the Holy Spirit wants to help us in everything we do?

This relates to our core value, **Surrender to the Holy Spirit**. For our lives and leadership to reflect the life and mission of Jesus, we surrender to the person, baptism, and gifts of the Holy Spirit. We seek the kingdom first by living in an ongoing personal relationship with the Holy Spirit and rely on His voice to teach, lead, and edify us.

A key verse in Being Led by The Holy Spirit is **Proverbs 3:5-6**: *"Trust in the Lord with all your heart. Lean not into your own understanding, in all your ways acknowledge Him and He will light and direct your paths so that you will not stumble."*

The key is acknowledging Him in all our ways. The Holy Spirit wants to help us with every situation.

What I've learned is that when we don't acknowledge Him in all our ways, we are doing it in our own effort. That's when we can get tripped up.

Application: I don't return a phone call, I don't go into a meeting without first acknowledging or giving place for the Holy Spirit to lead me, guide me, show me what to do and what to say or not say.

Do you know that The Holy Spirit has a Job Description?

He has responsibilities towards believers. They are found in **the book of John, chapters 14, 15, 16 & 17**.

- **He will guide and lead us into all Truth** - God's Word is Truth, Jesus is the Living Word and The Holy Spirit confirms the Word. He leads, coaches and instructs us in the Word.
 - **Our Part:** We have to be in the Word. A daily intake of God's Word. This will be the only way you can be led into all truth. We have a responsibility to hang out and fellowship with God. Abide in Him.

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- **He will show us things to come** - Showing us things to come prepares us. This is key to living in divine protection and provision.
 - **Our Part:** We need to acknowledge Him, and not only acknowledge but then listen to what He is telling us. We will need to spend time listening for Him. Pray in the Spirit, pray out supplies for things to come. Remember the Holy Spirit desires to be in relationship with you and I. That means we talk and He listens, He talks and we listen.
- **He will bring to remembrance the things we have heard and been taught** - This is such a big help to us as believers. All the things we have learned in Sunday School, Small Groups, Bible Studies, Devotions and Church Services is deposited into our Spirit and the Holy Spirit's job is to bring those things up when needed.
 - **Our Part:** Slow down, learn to hear His voice and be a doer of His Word.
- **He will empower us to live like Jesus, to Imitate Him** - Jesus is seated at the right hand of God, you and I are His representatives in the earth. We are to be doing the works Jesus did. The Holy Spirit dwells inside us to equip and empower us.
 - **Our Part:** To step out in faith (Take Faith Risks) and do the works that Jesus did. Yield to His direction and reveal the Unconditional Love of God to all mankind.

Jesus said this and I pray this every day. I would encourage you too also.

“Thank You Father that I hear Your voice, and not that of another, Your voice is clear and precise on the inside of me and I thank You that I’m more sensitive to Your voice each and every waking moment.”

Discussion Questions:

1. What were your biggest takeaways from this teaching on being led by the Spirit?
2. How can you apply this to your everyday life?
3. Is there anything you’re currently doing that might be dampening the promptings of the Holy Spirit?