How to be led by the Holy Spirit

**Experience the leading of the Holy Spirit**

**Monday**

Read 1 Corinthians 2:12, 1 Corinthians 4:7, Luke 11:11-13, John 20:22, John 3:34

* *A Spirit-led person learns to simply receive.* ***Journalize*** *what you are trying to work for and earn, and* ***pray*** *that God would help you to just receive.*

**Tuesday**

Read 1 Corinthians 2:12, Matthew 6:33, Matthew 7:7, Matthew 10:1, Matthew 10:19, Romans 8:32, Matthew 13:11, Matthew 25:15, 2 Peter 1:3, 1 Corinthians 3:21-23

* *As you are Spirit-led, God will give you what you need and many times what you want.* ***Meditate*** *on these scriptures…God is going to take care of you for sure!*

**Wednesday**

Read 1 Corinthians 2:13, 1 John 2:27, John 4:26

* *A Spirit-led person is going to be taught by God, consistently. Spend some time* ***praying*** *and asking God to teach you today.*

**Thursday**

Read 1 Corinthians 2:14-15, Acts 1:8, Ephesians 1:17-19

* *A Spirit-led person decides to be filled with the Holy Spirit every morning. Are you living in your natural self or are you living with the Spirit?* ***Journalize*** *your thoughts.*

**Friday**

Read 1 Corinthians 2:14-16, Psalms 119:33-48

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How to be led by the Holy Spirit - part 2

Seek —-> Find —-> Follow

1 Corinthians 2:12What we have received is not the spirit of the world, but the Spirit who is from God,

Do I go and ‘get’ the Spirit of God? No! I receive the Spirit of God.

All I can do in life is receive. I am a cup that receives and when overflowing, spills over to give to others.

1 Corinthians 4:7 New International Version (NIV)

**7**…What do you have that you did not receive? And if you did receive it, why do you boast as though you did not?

How do we receive? Like any cup, we simply open ourselves to this new source and God will pour His Spirit into us!

2 Corinthians 4:7

**7**But we have this treasure in jars of clay to show that this all-surpassing power is from God and not from us.

How can we position ourselves to receive?

* Read our Bibles and practice what we read
* Pray - talk and listen to God
* Regularly join with other believers

God wants to give you His Holy Spirit every day

**Luke 11:11**“Which of you fathers, if your son asks for a fish, will give him a snake instead?**12**Or if he asks for an egg, will give him a scorpion? **13**If you then, though you are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your Father in heaven give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him!”

**John 20:22**And with that he breathed on them and said, “Receive the Holy Spirit.

**John 3:34** For the one whom God has sent speaks the words of God, for God gives the Spirit without limit.

A spirit-led person learns to simply receive.

**12**…so that we may understand what God has freely given us.

What has God given us?

The reason we don’t know what God has given us is that we haven’t received the Holy Spirt as we should.  We tend to receive a spirit of the world instead. We remain poorly sourced Christians.

**Matthew 6:33**

**33**But seek first his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well.

**Matthew 7:7**

**7**“Ask and it will be given to you; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you.

**Matthew 10:19**

**19**But when they arrest you, do not worry about what to say or how to say it. At that time you will be given what to say,

**Matthew 13:11**

**11**He replied, “Because the knowledge of the secrets of the kingdom of heaven has been given to you, but not to them.

**Matthew 10:1**

**10**Jesus called his twelve disciples to him and gave them authority to drive out impure spirits and to heal every disease and sickness.

Romans 8:32

**32**He who did not spare his own Son, but gave him up for us all—how will he not also, along with him, graciously give us all things?

**Matthew 25:15**

**15**To one he gave five bags of gold, to another two bags, and to another one bag, each according to his ability (dunamis power). Then he went on his journey.

**Acts 1:8**

**8**But you will receive power (dunamis) when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.”

**Ephesians 1:17**I keep asking that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the glorious Father, may **give you** the Spirit of wisdom and revelation, so that you may know him better. **18**I pray that the eyes of your heart may be enlightened in order that you may know the hope to which he has called you, the riches of his glorious inheritance in his holy people, **19**and his incomparably great power (dunamis) for us who believe.

2 Peter 1:3 New King James Version (NKJV)

**3**as His divine power has given to us all things that *pertain* to life and godliness, through the knowledge of Him who called us by glory and virtue,

1 Corinthians 3:21-23

**21**…All things are yours, **22**whether Paul or Apollos or Cephas[a] or the world or life or death or the present or the future—all are yours, **23**and you are of Christ, and Christ is of God.

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**13**This is what we speak, not in words taught us by human wisdom but in words taught by the Spirit, explaining spiritual realities with Spirit-taught words.

Taught by the Spirit - After having a couple of strong work mentors, I was left without a mentor…I was in my mid-30s. I would pray to God, please give me another mentor!

I’ll never forget God’s response…Can I be your mentor?

Can you imagine the Spirit of the living God being your mentor and teaching you everything you need to know?

Jesus was referred to by almost everyone as ’Teacher.’  Now that Jesus is at the right hand of God, interceding for us, He has sent is very own Spirit, the Holy Spirit, to teach us, to mentor us, to coach us, to help us.

I think it is interesting that Coach John Wooden, the most winning coach of all times thought of himself singularly as a teacher.

Look at these scriptures:

**1 John 2:[27](http://biblehub.com/1_john/2-27.htm)**

As for you, the anointing you received from him remains in you, and you do not need anyone to teach you. But as his anointing teaches you about all things and as that anointing is real, not counterfeit—just as it has taught you, remain in him.

 **John 14:26**

**26**But the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you all things and will remind you of everything I have said to you.

Listen and be teachable. The Holy Spirit will teach the Spirit-led person

Spiritual words - spiritual thoughts, also referred to as a spiritual language, spiritual lingo

The way you think is reflected in the way you talk

* If you are a detailed thinker, your conversation will be incredibly detailed
* If you think succinctly or concisely, you will talk the same way
* If you have angry thoughts, you will have angry words
* If you have manipulative thoughts, the way you talk will follow suit

Similarly, when the Holy Spirit teaches you, your thoughts will translate into spiritual words or a spiritual language.

Here are some examples from my experience:

Just a couple of years ago, I was hoping the Lord would move me from where I was working. The Spirit told me one day, ‘Finish what I am finishing.’

Once I was walking my dog who was constantly pulling and tugging and changing directions. Super annoying. As I was dealing with my stupid dog, the Spirit told me, ‘Your just like your dog.’

Just this week, I was just waking up and thinking of the things that I want to happen and feeling a little bit ‘grippy’ and the Spirit said, ‘Faithfulness is what is important to me.’

I was praying for someone once and the Holy Spirit said, ‘She will see heaven before she goes to heaven.’

I was praying for someone else, ‘I am going to put fire in his word and fire in his touch.’

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**14**The person without the Spirit (lives in their own feelings and natural self) does not accept the things that come from the Spirit of God but considers them foolishness, and cannot understand them because they are discerned only through the Spirit. **15**The person **with the** Spirit

I have the option every day to live my life in the natural - my feelings and natural self - or **with** the Holy Spirit.

I must realize that I can’t access all God’s benefits while I live in my natural self. I can’t have faith in my natural state, or joy, or peace, or self control, or God confidence.

With God’s help, it is up to me to wake up every morning, die to myself and ask God to give me and fill me with His Spirit.

How can I know if I am walking in my natural man or spiritual man? I can ask myself questions like…am I depressed, am I distracted, am I pursuing self agendas, are my thoughts on how someone hurt me, am I stressed out, am I worried…all of these are signals I am not walking in the Spirit…I am being self reliant instead of Spirit reliant.

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…makes judgments about all things, but such a person is not subject to merely human judgments,

Do you ever feel like someone is condemning you, judging you, do I feel guilty and even ashamed? Do you ever have regrets and wish you had done something differently?

A while back I felt this way and in the midst of feeling bad about myself and feeling accused, I had this picture in my mind of Jesus stepping in between me and my accuser, interrupting the flow of accusation and condemnation and looking at me and telling me, “I don’t condemn you….listen to what I am telling you and stop listening to these thoughts.”

**1 Corinthians 2:15 English Standard Version (ESV)**

**15**The spiritual person judges all things, but is himself to be judged by no one.

If you are led by the Spirit, you are not subject to anyone’s judgement! the Bible says you are judged by no one!

**16**for,

“Who has known the mind of the Lord

    so as to instruct him?”

But we have the mind of Christ.

This is a declaration I need to make to myself all the time.

“I have the mind of Christ!

His thoughts rule in my mind and His thoughts carry me each and every day.”

In our youth discipleship, someone asked, how can I keep my mind on God throughout the day?

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