



1.12 - Led By The Spirit Of God – The Holy Spirit.

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(Scriptures from KJV unless noted otherwise)

The 1st way – the inward witness!

- An inward knowing.

The 2nd way – by the inward voice!

Rom. 9:1-2

¹ I say the truth in Christ, I lie not, my conscience also bearing me witness in the Holy Ghost, ² That I have great heaviness and continual sorrow in my heart. (KJV)

- The inward man has a voice – it is called “the voice of the conscience”!
- We call this “the still small voice”.

The 3rd way – is the voice of the Holy Spirit!

Acts 10:19-20

¹⁹ While Peter thought on the vision, **the Spirit said unto him**, Behold, three men seek thee. ²⁰ Arise therefore, and get you down, and go with them, doubting nothing: for I have sent them. (KJV)

- Has the more authoritative voice.

1. - How God Leads Man.

1. “For as many as are led by the spirit of God, they are the Sons of God.” **Romans 8:14**
2. “The Spirit himself bears witness with our spirit that we are the children of God.” **Romans 8: 16**
3. “The spirit of man is the candle of the Lord, searching all the inner depths of his heart.” **Proverbs 20:27**
4. Children of God can expect to be led by the Spirit of God.
5. Nowhere does God say that God will guide us through our physical senses.
6. Nowhere does the Bible say that God will guide us through our mentality.
7. God will guide us, He will enlighten us through our spirits.
8. Man is a Spirit, he has a Soul, and he lives in a Body.

2. - The Make-up of Man.

Genesis 1:26-27

²⁶ And God said, Let us make man in our image, after our likeness: and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the fowl of the air, and over the cattle, and over all the earth, and over every creeping thing that creeps upon the earth. ²⁷ So God created man in his own image, in the image of God created he him; male and female created he them. (KJV)

1. Man is a spirit being. He is made in the image of God.
2. God is a spirit. **John 4:24**
3. Man is a spirit, he has a soul and he lives in a physical body **1Thess 5:23**
4. Spirits can never die. Man is a spirit.

Philippians 1:23-24

²³ For I am in a strait betwixt (hard-Pressed) two, having a desire to depart, and to be with Christ; which is far better: ²⁴ Nevertheless to abide in the flesh is more needful for you. (KJV)

- Paul is talking about the inward man, the spirit man.

2 Corinthians 4:16

¹⁶ For which cause we faint not; but though our **outward man perish, yet the inward man is renewed day by day.** (KJV)

1. There is an inward man and there is an outward man.
2. The **outward man is only the house** in which you live.
3. The **inward man is the real you.**



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4. The **inward man never grows older**; he is **renewed day by day**.
5. The **inward man** is the **spirit man**.
6. The spirit of man is the candle of the Lord.
7. God will **guide us through our spirits**.
8. In John 3:6, Jesus was **not talking about a physical birth** but a spiritual birth.
9. The part of man that is born again is his spirit.
10. Man's spirit receives eternal life - the life of God and the nature of God.
11. Man's spirit is made a new creation in Christ.
12. Paul **calls man's spirit the inward man**. Peter calls **man's spirit the "hidden man of the heart."**
13. When the Bible speaks of the heart it is speaking of the spirit.

2 Cor. 5:17

¹⁷ *Therefore if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new. (KJV)*

14. When you are born again and **become a new creature, you do not get a new body**.
15. The **outward man does not change**.
16. He makes the man on the inside a new man in Christ, a new creature, a new creation.

3. – Spiritual Awareness.

1 Thessalonians 5:23

²³ *And the very God of peace sanctify you wholly; and I pray God **your whole spirit and soul and body** be preserved blameless unto the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. (KJV)*

1. Spiritual things will become more real to us the more spirit conscious we become.
2. God leads us through our spirit.
3. Become **more spirit conscious, more conscious of the inward man**.
4. We are spirit beings, created by God in Jesus.
5. Faith is of the spirit or the heart.

4. - The difference between Mans Spirit & Soul.

Heb. 4:12

¹² *For the word of God is quick, and powerful, and sharper than any two edged sword, **piercing even to the dividing asunder of soul and spirit**, and of the joints and marrow, and is a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart (KJV)*

1. 2. The **spirit and the soul are not the same** thing.
2. Only the word of God can divide the spirit and the soul.
3. **With my spirit I contact the spiritual realm, with my soul I contact the intellectual realm, with my body I contact the physical realm.**

1 Cor. 14:14

¹⁴ *For if I pray in an unknown tongue, **my spirit prays, but my understanding is unfruitful**. (KJV)*

John 7:37-39

³⁷ *In the last day, that great day of the feast, Jesus stood and cried, saying, If any man thirst, let him come unto me, and drink. ³⁸ He that believeth on me, as the scripture hath said, out of his belly shall flow rivers of living water. ³⁹ (But this spake he of the Spirit, which they that believe on him should receive: for the Holy Ghost was not yet given; because that Jesus was not yet glorified.) (KJV)*

CHAPTER 5

1. The **spirit of man is the part of man that is born again**.
2. It is the spirit man that becomes a new creature in Christ Jesus.
3. **The soul is not the innermost being. It is not the soul that is born again**.
4. The **saving of the soul is a process**.



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5. A man's spirit, the innermost man, the real man, receives eternal life and is born again. But his intellect and Emotions (which compose his soul) still have to be dealt with. They are not born-again; they are to be renewed.

Romans 12:2

² And be not conformed to this world: but be you transformed by the renewing of your mind, that you may prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of God. (KJV)

1. Our souls, however, must be renewed or restored.
2. **Man's soul is saved, or restored, when his mind become renewed with the word of God.**
3. It is **the Word of God that saves our soul**, renews our minds and restores our souls.

5. - The Inward Man must Control the Outward Man.

Romans 12:1

¹ I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service. (KJV)

- We don't need to die out to self we have become a new self. **We need to crucify the flesh.**

1 Cor. 9:27

²⁷ But I keep under my body, and bring it into subjection: lest that by any means, when I have preached to others, I myself should be a castaway. (KJV)

1. Paul brought **his body in subjection to the inward man.**
2. The **inward man must dominate the outward man.**
3. It is through your spirit that God will guide you.

6. - How God Leads the Born Again Believer.

Romans 8:16

¹⁶ The Spirit itself bears witness with our spirit, that we are the children of God: (KJV)

1. Being led **by the inward witness is the number one way**, or the primary way that God leads all his children.
2. **A Christian under the New Testament need not seek guidance through prophets.**
3. To seek guidance through prophets is unscriptural.
4. The ministry of the New Testament prophet **is only to confirm what people already have in their own spirits.**
5. Under the **Old Covenant**, only **the priest, and the prophet, and the king** were anointed by the Holy Spirit to stand in those offices.
6. **Under the old Covenant, people would seek guidance through the prophet** because he had the Spirit of God on them.
7. Under the New Testament, **we not only** have the Spirit of God **upon us but we have Him in us.**
8. The inward witness **is just as supernatural as guidance** through visions.
9. Many people are **looking for the spectacular** and **missing the Supernatural.**

7. - The Holy Spirit leads us through our Spirit.

1 John 5:10

¹⁰ He that believeth on the Son of God hath the witness in himself: he that believeth not God hath made him a liar; because he believeth not the record that God gave of his Son. (KJV)

Romans 8:14

¹⁴ For as many as are led by the Spirit of God, they are the sons of God. (KJV)

Rom 8:16

¹⁶ The Spirit itself bears witness with our spirit, that we are the children of God: (KJV)

1. The **Holy Spirit is going to lead us.**



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2. We know we are children of God because “His Spirit bears witness with our spirits.

8. - God lives in us by His Spirit.

Ezk. 36:26, 27

²⁶ A new heart also will I give you, and a new spirit will I put within you: and I will take away the stony heart out of your flesh, and I will give you an heart of flesh. ²⁷ **And I will put my spirit within you, and cause you to walk in my statutes, and you shall keep my judgments, and do them. (KJV)**

1. God has a better way of his children rather than by hit or miss.
2. **God does not dwell in earth made houses. He dwells in us.**

9. – God leads us through the inward witness.

Ps. 18:28

²⁸ For You will light my candle: the Lord my God will enlighten my darkness. (KJV)

1. God leads by an inward voice as well as by an inward witness.
2. **Many times we ignore the inward witness.**
3. **We seek the sensational and miss the supernatural.**
4. God leads his children, primarily by the inward witness.

10. - Your Inner Man Has A Voice.

Rom. 9:1

¹ I say the truth in Christ, I lie not, my conscience also bearing me witness in the Holy Ghost, (KJV)

1. The number **one** way the Spirit is guides is through the inward witness.
2. The number **two** way is by the inward voice.
3. The **inward man**, who is a spirit man, **has a voice**.
4. **We call this voice of the inward man, conscience or the still small voice.**
5. Your spirit has a voice, **your spirit will speak to you**.
6. When **the Holy Spirit speaks it is more authoritative**.
7. The **still small voice is the voice of our own spirit speaking**.

11. - Being Led by the Conscience.

1. **These things take place in man’s spirit**, the inward man. He is **1st a new creature, a brand new man in Christ. 2nd, old things have passed away, the nature of the devil is gone. 3rd, all things have become new in his spirit, not in his mind or body.**
2. Now he has the nature of God in his spirit.
3. A person who has **not been born again** could not follow the Voice of his conscience. **His spirit is undegenerated**
4. When you have the life and nature of God in you, **your conscience will not permit you to do just anything.**

12. - The Difference between Born & Filled of the Spirit.

1. We need to **differentiate between being born of the Spirit and being filled with the Spirit.**
2. The **born again Christian can be filled with the same Spirit that he already has in him.**
3. The new birth is a well of water in you, springing up into everlasting life.
4. The infilling of the Holy Spirit is **rivers not just one river.**
5. **There is the experience subsequent to the new birth of being with the Spirit.** And as a result, out of the belly, the innermost being or the spirit, rivers of living water flow.



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13. - The Holy Spirit in you Knows Things.

2 Corinthians 6:16

¹⁶ *And what agreement hath the temple of God with idols? for you are the temple of the living God; as God hath said, I will dwell in them, and walk in them; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people. (KJV)*

1. The Holy Spirit lives in your spirit. **He communicates with you through your spirit, not directly with your mind.**
2. **It is your spirit that picks up things from the Holy Spirit and then passes them on to your mind by an inward intuition or inward witness.**
3. Your spirit knows things that your head does not know, because the Holy Spirit is in your spirit.
4. Faith is of the spirit.
5. Learn to develop your spirit.

14. - Holy Spirit Convicts – Your spirit Condemns.

1 John 3:20-21

²⁰ *For if our heart condemn us, God is greater than our heart, and knows all things. ²¹ Beloved, if our heart condemn us not, then have we confidence toward God. (KJV)*

1. The **Holy Spirit does not condemn you** if you do wrong as a Christian.
2. It is **your spirit that condemns you.**

John 16:7-9

⁷ *Nevertheless I tell you the truth; It is expedient (advantage) for you that I go away: for if I go not away, the Comforter will not come unto you; but if I depart, I will send him unto you. ⁸ And when he is come, he will reprove (convict) the world of sin, and of righteousness, and of judgment: ⁹ Of sin, because they believe not on me; (KJV)*

1. Jesus said that the only sin the Holy Spirit will **convict world of is the sin.**
2. It is your **own conscience, the voice of your own spirit that knows when you have done wrong.**
3. The **Holy Spirit is there to comfort me, to help me** and to show me the way back.

John 14:16 - AMP

¹⁶ *And I will ask the Father, and He will give you another Comforter (Counselor, Helper, Intercessor, Advocate, Strengthener, and Standby), that He may remain with you forever— (AMP)*

1. Your conscience is the voice of your spirit
2. **The Bible speaks about Christians even having their conscience seared.**

1 Timothy 4:2

² *Speaking lies in hypocrisy; having **their conscience seared** with a hot iron; (KJV)*

1. **Feeling is the voice of the body. Reason is the voice of the voice of the soul or mind. Conscience is the voice of your spirit.**
2. Base your faith on the Word, not on your feelings.
3. Understand yourself as a born-again, Spirit-filled Christian by what the word says about you.
4. It is with your spirit that the Holy Spirit bears witness to.

15. - The Holy Spirit Brings Thing to Your Remembrance.

John 16:13

¹³ *However 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: and he will show you things to come. (KJV)*

1. The **Holy Spirit passes God`s message on to your spirit** – either by an **inward witness**, or by a **still small voice (your conscience).**
2. The Holy Spirit **will show you things to come.**



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3. The Holy Spirit will show you and He shall **bring all things to your remembrance** if you will learn to co-operate with Him.
4. **All of God's leadings are supernatural.** Some however are not spectacular.

16. - Holy Spirit and the Word Agree.

1 Thess 5:21

²¹ Prove all things; hold fast that which is good (KJV)

1. **The Word of God and the Spirit of God agree.**
2. When the Spirit of God speaks to you, it will always be in line with the Word of God.
3. You can judge whether "revelations" are right or wrong simply by judging them **by the Word.**
4. **We are not to seek voices. We should not follow voices. We should follow the Word of God.**
5. **We are not to accept anything without examining it** in the light of the light of the Word of God.

17. - The importance of Renewing the Mind.

Proverbs 20:27

²⁷ The spirit of a man is the lamp of the Lord, Searching all the inner depths of his heart. (NKJV)

1. **If you are a Spirit-filled Christian, your inner man has the Holy Spirit in his fullness, not in a measure.**
2. It is not the inward man that wants to do wrong, but the outward man (the Flesh).
3. If you continue **to allow your flesh to dominate you, you will continue to miss it.**
4. If you do not **get your mind renewed**, with the Word of God you will continue to miss it.
5. **Until you renew your mind with the Word of God you and your un-renewed will dominate your spirit, and that will keep you a baby or carnal Christian.**

1 Corinthians 3:1-3

¹ And I, brethren, could not speak unto you as unto spiritual, but as unto carnal, even as unto babes in Christ. ² I have fed you with milk, and not with meat: for hitherto ye were not able to bear it, neither yet now are ye able. ³ For ye are yet carnal: for whereas there is among you envying, and strife, and divisions, are ye not carnal, and walk as men? (KJV)

- **When your is renewed with the Word, then your mind will side with your spirit and not with your flesh**

2 Peter 1:4

⁴ Whereby are given unto us exceeding great and precious promises: that by these ye might be partakers of the divine nature, having escaped the corruption that is in the world through lust. (KJV)

- **If we have the divine nature in us, our spirit will not tell us to do something wrong.**

18. - Looking for Guidance.

1. Paul said, "I perceive. . ." **He did not say, I have a revelation. He said, I perceive"**
2. **Paul perceived by the inner witness.**
3. As we become **more spirit conscious** we can learn how to better co-operate with Him.
4. At times **some received guidance through a vision, others through an angel** who appeared and told them what to do.
5. **Too many times while God is trying to bear witness with our spirit, we do not listen because we want a vision or an angel.**
6. We have **no right to seek** a vision or angel.
7. We need to minister to the Lord and then in that atmosphere The Holy Spirit can speak to us.
8. **He does not speak of Himself but whatever He hears, that He shall speak (example= from the Father to Jesus).**



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19. - Receiving Through Prophecy.

1 Corinthians 14:1

¹ Follow after charity, and desire spiritual gifts, but rather that ye may prophesy. (KJV)

1. "Are all Apostles? Are all Prophets? Are all Teachers? Are all workers of miracles?"
2. **In Acts 21:8-14, there are two different things operating: The gift of Prophecy & the ministry of the Prophet.**
3. Because one prophesies, it does not make him a Prophet.
4. The gift of prophecy is speaking unto men to edification, exhortation and comfort.
5. **Prophecy is a supernatural utterance in a known tongue.**
6. For one to be a prophet, he stands in that office and uses that ministry.
7. In the simple gift of prophecy there is **no foretelling, no Predication**.
8. A **prophet has the revelation gifts** (the word of wisdom, word of Knowledge, and / or the discerning of spirits), and /or the of spirits) in operation along with prophecy.
9. **You judge prophecies by the Word of God.**
10. If prophecy is **not in line with the Word of God, it is not right.**
11. **You must judge personal prophecies by what you have in your own spirit.**
12. **Do not build your life on prophecies** or guide your life by prophecies.
13. Build your life on the Word.

1 Corinthians 14:32

³² And the spirits of the prophets are subject to the prophets. (KJV)

Acts 13:2

² As they ministered to the Lord, and fasted, the Holy Ghost said, Separate me Barnabas and Saul for the work whereunto I have called them. (KJV)

1. They had **already been called; this was a confirmation** of it.
2. **If it does not bear witness or confirm something you already have, do not accept a personal prophecy.**

20. - Being Led By a Vision.

1. Sometimes **God leads through visions**.
2. There are **three kinds of visions: spiritual visions, trances, and open visions**.
3. In a **spiritual vision, you see with the eyes of your spirit**, not your physical eye.
4. The **second type of vision** is when one falls into a **trance**, your **Physical senses are suspended**.
5. The **third type of vision** is an **open vision**, in which **your Physical senses are open**.

21. - Do Not Shut Away Your Spirit Leading.

1. **Paul had an inward perception, an inward premonition, an inward witness** that the voyage would be dangerous.
2. This is **the primary way God leads us**.
3. The **Holy Spirit abiding in our spirits must communicate with us through our spirits and not through our minds**.
4. **Any person who shuts his spirit away and never listens to it, (because the spirit of man is the candle of the Lord), Becomes crippled in life and easy prey to selfish and designing people.**
5. **You do not seek guidance when the Bible has already told you what to do.**
6. The **Bible tells you how to act in every circumstance of life**.

22. - Train & Develop & Educate Our Spirit.

Proverbs 20:27

27 The spirit of a man is the lamp of the Lord, Searching all the inner depths of his heart. (NKJV)



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1. The Lord **enlightens us and guides** us through our spirits.
2. We are spirit beings, **not just mental and physical beings**.
3. We need **develop our spirits** so that they will become safer guides.
4. We have developed the body and the soul (mind) but have left the spirit of man almost untouched.
5. We **train and develop our human** spirits by:
 - Meditation in the word
 - Practicing the word giving the word 1st place.
 - Instantly obeying the voice of your spirit.

Joshua 1:8

⁸ *This book of the law shall not depart out of thy mouth; but thou **shalt meditate therein day and night**, that you may observe to do according to all that is written therein: for then you shalt make thy way prosperous, and then you shalt have good success. (KJV)*

1. The Hebrew word meditate also carries this thought with it: to **mutter**.
2. Be a **doer** of the word by doing in all **circumstances** what the Word tells you to do.
3. An over **anxious** prayer full of fretfulness, does not work.

Philippians 4:7

⁷ *And the **peace** of God, which passes all **understanding**, shall keep your **hearts and minds** through Christ Jesus. (KJV)*

1. You cannot have this peace in Philippians 4:7 without being a **doer** of the **Word**.
2. You cannot be a doer of the Word and talk unbelief.
3. The **training**, the **developing**, the **educating** of our spirits comes by giving the **Word of God 1st** in our lives.
4. Your newborn spirit has the **life** and **nature** of God.

I Corinthians 14:2

² *For he that **speaks in an unknown tongue** speaks not unto men, but **unto God**: for no man understands him; howbeit in the spirit he **speaks mysteries**. (KJV)*

1. It is your **spirit** praying when you pray in tongues. The Holy Spirit gives the **utterance**.
2. Faith is of the **spirit**.

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The 1st way – the inward witness!

The 2nd way – by the inward voice!

The 3rd way – is the voice of the Holy Spirit!

Jesus is Lord!