

Vol 21 God's Guidance

It is important to be guided by The Holy Spirit if we desire to follow Jesus.

The will of God and the way He desires things done are far superior to anything we can think of so it is important to hear how He desires us to do things which The Holy Spirit tells us.

Ignoring of the Holy Spirit

The Holy Spirit is your guide and the one who empowers you to do supernatural things so to ignore Him is to ignore God's guidance for you and His empowerment of you. It is to ignore the one God has sent you to help you live as He desires you to live and serve Him.

Without the guidance of The Holy Spirit, you will try to do the work of God without the guidance and empowerment of The Holy Spirit. You are then left only with reason (Man's Methods) and what the Bible says which does not cover many situations these days. The use of reason means you must reason out what God wants you to do and God says you cannot do this.

Isa 55:8-9 For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways, saith the LORD. For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways, and my thoughts than your thoughts.

To ignore The Holy Spirit results in a spiritually powerless person that will eventually be led astray as reason becomes all important and ends up overriding of the Bible because men make a god of reason.

The Holy Spirit speaks to you in five areas:

The Holy Spirit speaks through The Word (Bible) giving you understanding of how a scripture applies to you. Demons can also give understanding of scripture but do not tell you how to apply it correctly - usually taking scripture out of context, twisting it or quoting it incorrectly, trying to make you feel guilty or unacceptable to God through giving it a meaning it was not meant to have and by this perverting your knowledge of the Bible. This is done to try and control your thoughts and eventually control you.

The Holy Spirit guides you through His personally teaching you and giving you understanding of things as you meditate on what He teaches you (Job 32:8, Jn 7:17, Jn 16:13).

Prophecy, The Word of Knowledge, The Word of Wisdom

Demons can also give you prophecy, a word of knowledge or a word of wisdom with the objective of misleading you. They will try to make you feel you have not pleased God and/or that God does not Love you. This usually happens because you are placing your trust in prophecy or word of knowledge or wisdom and not Jesus and what The Holy Spirit says about the situation. They also will try to make you believe you have achieved something when you have not.

What they do is to have what they tell you be partly true so you will think it is all true and so accept it.

The Holy Spirit will tell you something that will require faith in your hearing Him correctly to go and obey it. Satan will stir up reason in you to question that what you heard was correct

and through that try to talk you out of doing what the Holy spirit wanted you to do so you will miss doing God's Will for you.

You need to trust the gift God has given your or you will not be able to be guided by The Holy Spirit' as you should be and will miss out on doing God's Will for you. Remember, God will never give you anything that you are not able to use correctly or ask you to do anything you cannot correctly do or which is against The Bible.

A word of caution! Demons also speak in these last three ways listed below but it causes fear or uncertainty when they do and they cannot imitate the peace of God in your heart unless you have corrupted your conscience so that you can no longer tell the difference between the demonic attempts to imitate God's peace in you and God's actual Peace, itself.

Also, if you desire something more than you should, demons can give you prophecy or similar for what you want, even though it is against God's Will for you, and you will have peace because you have lusted after the object wrongly and are expecting an answer to confirm your wrong desires. Usually this occurs with things that are not wrong in themselves, and which usually are godly pursuits, but they are not what God wants you to do.

Remember, Satan is at his most devious when he misuses godly things to lead you astray.

Emotion also can cloud your understanding of The Spirit's leading, because your desires can influence what you hear. It is necessary to give all your problems and desires to Jesus so they do not influence your hearing the guidance of The Holy Spirit and then to tell Satan to leave in 'Jesus' Name asking The Holy Spirit to take their place.

The framework of The Five Steps helps in this.

Never argue, react, reason or assume anything but take all things to The Holy Ghost to advise you on them (when the Bible is not clear on them) so Satan cannot use his past conditioning/habits of you to control you and so The Holy Ghost can guide you to overcome this conditioning. But to completely get rid of these wrong attitudes, habits and reactions really needs deliverance and willpower as well as a desire not to allow these things to influence you.

You demonstrate that you are a child of God as you let The Holy Spirit guide you in your daily life. It is also a form of worship through showing that God (The Holy Spirit) is worthy to be followed. There are many areas in which God has plainly made His Will known, and these absolutes (things you must do) are known from studying The Bible. Then, there are the grey areas, and it is in these areas of uncertainty that The Holy Spirit must guide you to know God's Will. When you do not know what to do about something ask him what to do. If you do not know how to pray about something or what to pray about something then ask Him to pray for you. (Romans 8:26,27)

Why do you not ask The Holy Spirit more things?

Satan has conditioned the world to reason first in using its values and to ask God second. Each moment should be a continual dialogue between yourself and The Holy Spirit (even if only by listening for Him to communicate with you). Remember, Jesus said that The Holy Spirit will guide you into all Truth and not just spiritual truth. So, whenever you need His help you can just ask Him. If He does not answer, then you know it is not the time to know the information you sought or you have asked the wrong question or He may even be not the

answering so Satan will not know His plans. After all, only God needs to know things and all you are required to do is to obey Him how He tells you too.

Just in case a demon is blocking you hearing The Holy Spirit, in Jesus' Name cast any out that might be doing this and ask The Holy Spirit to replace them and ask Him again what you desired to know. Pray as follows:

In Jesus' Name I command any demon blocking me from hearing The Holy Spirit to go to the Throne of Judgment to be dealt with and take all they did to me with them and I ask you Holy Spirit to fill my soul and take the place of any demons that have left me.

You are never alone because The Holy Spirit's presence is in you. He is always there to talk with you and listen to you and you can hold a conversation with Him in your mind any time you want too.

How to Hear God and His Requirements:

There are at least ten ways that God uses to guide you apart from the direct guidance by the Holy Spirit and these are often confirmed by The Holy Spirit but not necessarily always.

Five Ways God Speaks:

Through what He says in His Bible (where possible, everything must be taken back to the principles in God's Bible).

Godly counsel (which includes Words of Knowledge and/or Words of Wisdom.)

Current circumstances (if the door is not open to do the action, don't push it open. Let God open it).

Answered prayer, (but be careful as the devil also answers prayer and may provide his answer first in order to try to displace God's.)

The witness of peace in your spirit over any decision.

The last is the most important for those who are citizens of The Kingdom. The Holy Spirit will fight gently with your spirit and will not give you peace while you are being disobedient or planning to be disobedient.

There are at least five Other Ways God Speaks to people

Dreams and visions

Audible speech or personal visits with Jesus,

Thoughts, images, emotions placed in your mind

God-inspired prophecy

Visits by Jesus and angels. Remember Angels are only messengers and will never ask you to obey them or do their will or give you new doctrine.

All of the above ways are still subject to the witness of peace in your heart regarding what was advised or communicated to you. It is very important to discern the spirit behind these as Satan can appear as a messenger of God and try to mislead you. When he tries to mislead you, there will be fear and not peace in what you see, hear, or feel.

God is original in what He does and is not limited to the above means or anything He has done previously.

How do you deal with what you are told using these guidelines? You place them in storage in a mental pigeonhole for future reference or use unless there is a warning, in which case, you act on the warning, or there is an action you need to do, in which case you do it.

There is a warning that if you desire something excessively (lust after it), Satan can give you an answer in one of these ways. Because you desire it so much, you do not hear God's Spirit and you will have peace when you should not. To avoid this, you must not covet something so that it becomes an idol because then Satan can mislead you concerning it. This is why you take all things to the scrutiny of The Holy Spirit and if possible, have a second witness to what you are told.

Prophet/Prophetess

What does a prophet or prophetess do?

They are people God uses to declare His Will. He uses them too:

Encourage

Warn and correct

Guide

Promote unity in The Body of Christ

To the people in The Body of Christ to help them mature into the Character of Jesus.

Eph 4:12 For the perfecting of the saints, for the work of the ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ: Till we all come in the unity of the faith, and of the knowledge of the Son of God, unto a perfect man, unto the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ:

They will cause peace and unity to occur and so will not set up different groups with different views on prophecy..

They are messengers and not message givers so must give the message without alteration and as God is the message giver, they should refer all criticisms of the message to Him and let Him deal with them. They are only message bringers and should ignore criticism of the message God has sent them to bring to a person.

If the person does not accept the message is from God, then it is God's problem not theirs. It is not the prophet or prophetess that is rejected. It is God, the message originator whom they reject.

The prophet/prophetess needs to know the appropriate time to give the prophecy, how much of it to Give and how much of it to retain. They are to remember that with every warning is a way of escape (1 Cor 1:13). They are to remember that every blessing will have a qualification for it to be fulfilled. If it has not been already fulfilled and they need to tell these to the people they are prophesying too or they are not giving all of the prophecy they should.