

THE HOLY SPIRIT: BEING LED BY THE SPIRIT

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John 16:7-13 NKJ

“Nevertheless I tell you the truth. It is to your advantage that I go away; for if I do not go away, the Helper will not come to you; but if I depart, I will send Him to you. And when He has come, He will convict the world of sin, and of righteousness, and of judgment: of sin, because they do not believe in Me; of righteousness, because I go to My Father and you see Me no more; of judgment, because the ruler of this world is judged. I still have many things to say to you, but you cannot bear them now. However, when He, the Spirit of truth, has come, He will guide you into all truth; for He will not speak on His own authority, but whatever He hears He will speak; and He will tell you things to come.”

Benefits of Following the Voice of God:

1. You make better decisions in life.
2. You choose better relationships in life.
3. You know things before they happen.
4. You live a life of freedom.
5. You begin to operate in the supernatural!

1 Corinthians 2:9-12 NLT

That is what the Scriptures mean when they say, “No eye has seen, no ear has heard, and no mind has imagined what God has prepared for those who love him.” But it was to us that God revealed these things by his Spirit. For his Spirit searches out everything and shows us God’s deep secrets. No one can know a person’s thoughts except that person’s own spirit, and no one can know God’s thoughts except God’s own Spirit. And we have received God’s Spirit (not the world’s spirit), so we can know the wonderful things God has freely given us.

Three Ways You Know Things:

1. Perceptual Knowledge: (Body) Eyes, ears, observation – senses

2. Conceptual Knowledge: (Mind) Reason, intellect
3. Spiritual Knowledge: (Spirit) Revelation given by the Holy Spirit

“When you receive the Holy Spirit you gain entry into the mind and will of God!”

Romans 8:14 NIV

For those who are led by the Spirit of God are the children of God.

The primary way God speaks to us is through an INWARD VOICE.

Two Checkpoints to Know God Is Speaking:

1. The Word of God
2. Godly Counsel

Positioning Yourself to Hear God:

1. Humble yourself.

1 Peter 5:5-6 NIV

In the same way, you who are younger, submit yourselves to your elders. All of you, clothe yourselves with humility toward one another, because, “God opposes the proud but shows favor to the HUMBLE.” HUMBLE yourselves, therefore, under God’s mighty hand, that he may lift you up in due time.

Ways to Demonstrate Humility:

1. Read the Word
 2. Pray
 3. Worship
 4. Seek counsel
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2. Keep your heart pure.

Proverbs 4:23 NLT

Guard your heart above all else, for it determines the course of your life.

3. Obey when He speaks.

1 Samuel 15:22 NLT

But Samuel replied, "WHAT IS MORE PLEASING TO THE LORD: your burnt offerings and sacrifices or your OBEDIENCE TO HIS VOICE? Listen! OBEDIENCE IS BETTER THAN SACRIFICE, and submission is better than offering the fat of rams."