



“THE 7 PILLARS OF OUR CHURCH”

Pillars Part 4: The Spirit-Filled Life *Part Two*

Being Led By The Spirit

- Being led does not mean you don't have prophetic insight about where God is taking you.
- Being led does not refer to the destination you're going to but the route that's taking you there.
- We need the Spirit to lead us. However, there is no need to be led where Biblical principles apply.
James 4:17
- We must be connected to a prophet that is led by God. To be led by the Spirit is synonymous with obeying or listening to the Spirit.

I. Is It Possible To Be **Saved** And Not **Led**?

- a. It's **impossible** to be saved and not be led, but possible to be saved and not **following**.
- b. You have access to the leading of the Spirit, but **access** does not mean **acquisition**. Romans 8:14
- c. Many people are afraid to be **led** because they have a problem **trusting**. Matthew 15:14
- d. So how do I know if I'm going to decide to **follow**? You can trust a leader by **evaluating** his or her **track record**.

II. The Spirit Leads Us In **Stages**.

- a. What you were **dealing** with then, you're not dealing with now. God leads us on the **level** we are on.
- b. In some areas where the Spirit led you **before**, you don't need him to lead you **anymore**.
- c. If the Spirit is LEADING you, you only need to be led where you have **never been** or areas where you need **truth revealed**.

III. The Spirit Can Lead Us **Directly** (After Salvation) And **Indirectly** (Before Salvation)

An example of the Spirit indirectly leading us to Him is Saul's conversion in Acts chapter 9. In verse 2, we see going to Damascus being Saul's idea! So if Saul was not saved at the time, if he wasn't Spirit led, if he did not have the Holy Ghost, then what got him to where God needed him?

IV. Does The Spirit Lead Us In **Good** Places Only?

- a. Most of the time when we refer to wanting to be led, **subconsciously** we are saying, "I want to go to better."
Matt 4:1
- b. Jesus was not led to anywhere **pleasant**, he was led to an **old rugged cross**. It was a grim place for a **glorious** outcome. Matt 6:13
- c. While being led, the **problems** are necessary. Psalm 23:2-6
- d. He leads us in the **pristine**, the **precarious**, and the **promise** because the Spirit has what happens in the **process** covered. He cares about the results of the **destination**.

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V. **The Opposition To Being Led... What's Stopping You?**

- a. The **flesh** is the biggest opposition to a Spirit-led life. Romans 7:19, 20
- b. When we get saved we do not lose our **flesh**, we gain the **Holy Spirit**.
- c. The enemy knows how **powerful** you can be if you are led, so he tries to hold you back with your flesh. Can I suggest to some of you that the Holy Spirit has gone ahead while you are lagging behind? God says He needs some people to catch up with **His Spirit**.