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student workbook

How to be Led by the Spirit

First Year General Courses

HOW TO BE LED BY THE SPIRIT

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Course Syllabus

EQUIPPING THE BELIEVER

Course Number: _

Bruce Edwards Ministries

Book of Hebrews

Tulsa, Oklahoma

2 Credit Hours

Course Description:

How to Be Led by the Spirit offers a thorough examination of the benefit of the leadership of the Holy Spirit in the life of a believer. As a believer, our desired is to be led, controlled and motivated by God's Spirit. We will explore, through Scripture, His desire to fill every aspect of our lives with the knowledge of His wisdom, will and purpose.

Course Objectives:

Upon completion of this course each student will:

- a) Be able to more clearly discern God's voice
- b) Readily recognize the Spirit's leading in everyday life
- c) Be fueled with a greater desire to fulfill God's will
- d) Be better equipped to fulfill the plan for which God created them

Course Texts and Resources:

Required Reading:

"How you can be led by the Spirit of God", Kenneth Hagin CLICK HERE to download textbook

Course Requirements:

- 1. Completion of all required readings and assignments.
- 2. Completion of all examinations with a satisfactory grade.

Grading Policy:

Students must achieve a cumulative grade point average of 2.0 (based on 4.0) in order to be considered in good standing.

Each student's grade will be comprised of the following: Mid-Term Exam: 45%

Final Exam: 45% Reading: 10%

90-100%	=3.5-4.0	=A	F = Failure
80 - 89%	=2.5-3.49	=B	S = Satisfactory
70 - 79%	=1.5-2.49	=C	U = Unsatisfactory
60- 69%	=.9949	=D	I = Incomplete
0 - 59%	= 0	= F	N = Non-Credit

How to be led by the Spirit Course and Assignment Schedule

	Subject	Assignments
1.	Introduction Man's Spirit and God's Spirit	
2.	What is life in the Spirit	
3.	The Spirit of Sonship	
4.	Man's Search for God	
5.	Training the Human Spirit	
6.	Different Ways God Leads	
7.	The inward Witness	
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13.	Dangers in Seeking Guidance	
14.	Rewards of Hearing & Obeying	
15.	Developing the Spirit Within	
16.	FINAL EXAM	



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Lesson 1 Introduction, Man's Spirit and God's Spirit

Introduction:

For as many as are led by the Spirit of God, they are the sons of God. -Romans 8:14

The Spirit itself [Himself] beareth witness with our spirit, that we are the children of God.

—Romans 8:16

The spirit of man is the candle of the Lord, searching all the inward parts of the belly. —Proverbs 20:27

What this verse means is this: God will enlighten us—He will guide us—through our spirits.

Children of God can expect to be led by the Spirit of God.

Discuss each of the examples listed below – share the background of each person before they were called by God. Emphasize how each were successful before God called them and them explain how each was call by God and what God called them to do.

- Noah was successful and righteous before he was called to build the ark.
- Abraham was successful and rich before God called him to become the father of His
- Covenant people.
- Joshua was successful as Moses' associate before God called him to be the leader of Israel.
- Gideon was successful as a leader before God called him to lead the Israelite armies.
- David was successful as a shepherd before God called him to be the next King of Israel.
- Daniel was successful in Nebuchadnezzar's court and walked in integrity before God's call came to him to be one of His prophets.
- Peter was a successful fisherman and businessman before Jesus called him to be His disciple.
- Timothy was successful as Paul's associate and disciple before he became the pastor of the church of Ephesus.

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I. MAN IS A SPIRIT BEING

Genesis 1:26,27— And God said, let us make man in our image, after our likeness: ... So, God created man in his own image, in the image of God created he him.

- A. Man is a spirit being. He is made in the likeness of God. Jesus said that God is a Spirit (John 4:24). So, man must of necessity be a spirit. Man is a spirit, he has a soul, and he lives in a physical body. 1 Thess. 5:23 Man is a three-part being spirit, soul, and body.
- B. The spirit is the "real person" that lives inside the body.
- C. The soul is the will, mind, and emotions of man.
- D. Man desires to know God.
- E. God leads by the Spirit and our spirit is what is connected to God.

II. THE SPIRIT AND WORD OF GOD ALWAYS AGREE

- A. God reveals himself through His Word.
- B. God's Word is God's will.
- C. John 16:13 The Spirit guides into all truth.
- D. We need to know the truth to be able to effectively be led by the Spirit.

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E. If we are going to be led by the Spirit of God, we must become more spirit-conscious, or we'll miss out on the whole thing. God's Spirit leads us through our spirits.

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Lesson 2 What is Life in the Spirit?

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- A. He daily seeks to lead us.
- B. It is a relationship between Creator and the created (Rom. 8:14).
- C. Pray in the Spirit. 1 Cor. 14:2.
- D. Living "life in the Spirit" can be described as a way of setting our hearts on the leadings of the Holy Spirit.

II. WHO IS THE HOLY SPIRIT?

- A. Third person of the Godhead.
- B. Our Teacher. John 16:13.
- C. Our Helper. John 14:16.
- E. Our **Guide.** Acts 8:29, 15:28, 16:6.
- G. Other descriptions and characteristics

III.	He is like a tour guide who shows you things you would not see on your o	wn.
	1 Cor. 2:6-13.	

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- IV. The spirit and the soul are **not** the same.
 - **A.** Only the Word of God can divide the spirit and the soul, (Hebrews 4:12)
 - B. With your spirit you contact the spiritual realm.
 - C. With my soul I contact the intellectual realm. Here

V. Saving the Soul

- A. James 1:21... receive with meekness the engrafted word, which is able to save your souls.
 - 1. The spirit of man is the part of man that is born again. It is the part of man that receives *eternal life*, which is the nature and life of God. It is the spirit of man that becomes a new creature in Christ Jesus.
 - 2. The soul is not the innermost being at all. It is not the soul that is born again. The saving of the soul is a process.
- **B.** Man's soul is saved, or restored, when his mind becomes **renewed** with the Word of God.
 - 1. Romans 12:2 "transformed by the renewing of the mind"
 - 2. Psalm 23:3 "he restores my soul"

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VI. Present your body

- A. Romans 12:1 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.
 - 1. It is the inward man—not the outward man—that becomes a new creature in Christ.
 - 2. We still have the same body we had before we became a new creature.

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- 3. What we must learn to do is to let that new man on the inside of us dominate.
- B. Who presents your body?
 - 1. You do.
 - 2. Who is you?

It's your spirit - the man on the inside who is born again, and has become a new creature.

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Lesson 3 The Spirit of Sonship

I. WE ARE **SONS** OF GOD

- A. Adoption into God's family (Rom. 8:15).
- B. Sons are led (Rom. 8:14) The word "ago" in Greek means, "to lead." Almost always used of persons in NT, and implies cooperation on their part.
- C. It is a walk (Gal. 5:16) "walk in the Spirit." "Walk" means "synchronize."

II. IT IS AN INTIMATE RELATIONSHIP

- A. The sons cry "Abba Father" (Rom. 8:15).
- B. The Spirit cries "Abba Father" (Gal. 4:6).

So intimate is the relationship between the Divine Spirit and the human spirit, that what is said in one place of the former, (Gal. 4:6) is said in another place of the latter (Rom. 8:15). It is the work of the Spirit on the spirit of the Sons enabling them to cry, "Abba Father."

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III. IT IS A RELATIONSHIP OF TRUST

- A. "Abba" is the cry of the infant, an Aramaic word translated in English as "papa." This form of address was forbidden among Jews to be used by slaves to the head of a family.
- B. "Father" is not a translation of "Abba." It is another form of address. It is relationship intelligently realized by the one who utters it, a word of confidence, communion, obedience, expressing the enjoyment of the love of God the Father.
- C. The <u>two</u> expressions together, "Abba Father" indicate the love and intelligent trust of the child.

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Lesson 4 Man's Search For God

I. MAN YEARNS TO HEAR FROM GOD

- A. Job felt confident that if he could find God he would listen with sympathy (Job 23:3-6 Living Bible).
- B. Man has a <u>hearing</u> problem. Matt. 13:13 says, "Hearing, they hear not." The deafness is spiritual.

II. IT BEGINS WITH SURRENDER

- A. Christians are 'followers' of Christ.
- B. If you are not following He is not leading.
- C. God will **not** override your will.

 You can have a lead rope on a horse, but if he does not will to follow you will lead him nowhere. His will is stronger than your tug.
- D. Obedience and attitude are the key. Isa. 1:19 "If you are willing and obedient you will eat the good of the land; but if you refuse and rebel, you shall be devoured..."
 - "Obedient" is your action.
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 - "Willing" is your attitude

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III. GOD WHO SEEKS US

- A. Our search for God is very much a response too the fact that God has first sought us In Luke 19:10 Jesus said, "...the Son of man (referring to himself with the term reserved for the Jewish Messiah) came to seek and to save the lost
- B. Throughout the Old Testament, we see God communicating with his people, even when they are not especially trying to find him.

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Lesson 5

Training the Human Spirit

I. BE SPIRIT CONSCIOUS

We are more physical-conscious (body-conscious) and more mental-conscious (soul-conscious) than we are spirit-conscious.

- A. This requires training our spirit, because the flesh wars against the spirit.
 - 1. Paul's struggle with the flesh in Rom. 7:15-25.
 - 2. Discipline the flesh (Rom. 8:13).
- B. We have developed the body and the soul, but we have left the spirit of man almost untouched it is time for you to develop your spirit to strength it.

II. TRAIN THE HUMAN SPIRIT

Your spirit can be educated just as your mind can be educated. Your spirit can be built up in strength and trained just as your body can be built and trained. Here are 4 ways to train your spirit man;

- A. By Meditation in God's Word (Josh. 1:8).
 - 1. The Hebrew word translated *meditate* also carries this thought with it: *To mutter*. Mutter the Word. Speak it to yourself.
 - 2. The result is to have "good success"
- B. By **Practicing** the Word (James 1:22).
 - 1. Practicing the Word means being a doer of the Word.
 - 2. Examples of things the Word tells us to do are you a doer of these Words?
 - a. Love People (John 13:34)
 - b. Don't be anxious (worry, fret) Philippians 4:6
 - c. Think on good things. (Philippians 4:8)

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C. By Giving the Word First Place (Pro. 4:20-22).

Why is it that God tells us to put His Word first, and to listen to what He has to say, to keep looking at His Word, and to keep His Word in our heart? It is because "... they [His Words] are LIFE unto those that find them, and HEALTH to all their flesh."

- D. By Instantly **Obeying** the Voice of Your Spirit.
 - 1. The human spirit has a voice, your conscience.
 - 2. The new birth is the rebirth of the human spirit (2 Cor. 5:17).
 - 3. "The spirit of man is the lamp of the Lord searching all the inner depths of the heart." (Pro. 20:27).
 - 4. Give personal examples of when God has spoke to you
 - where you did not instantly obey
 - where you did obey

Note that meditating the Word, practicing the Word, and giving the Word first place, all precede obeying your spirit. If your spirit has been trained by meditating in the Word, practicing and putting the Word of God first, then your spirit becomes an authoritative guide.

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Lesson 6 **Several Ways God Leads His People**

I. GOD LEADS THROUGH HIS WRITTEN WORD

A. God's Word is his Wisdom (Luke 11:49).
B. God's Word Assures Success in Life and Ministry (Josh. 1:7, 8).
C. His Word Shines Light on Our Pathway (Ps. 119:105).
D. The Holy Spirit Leads Into Truth by the Word of God (John 16:13; 17:17).
II. GOD GUIDES US BY OUR INTEGRITY (Pro. 11:3)
A. Integrity Means Uprightness of Character and Honesty (Job 27:3-6).
B. Leaders Must Lead by Integrity (Ps. 78:70-72).
III. GOD GUIDES US BY HIS PEACE (Col. 3:15)
A. The Word "Rule" Means "Umpire."
B. Umpires Set the Boundaries for the Game.
C. Walking in the Pathway of Wisdom Leads to Peace (Pro. 3:13, 17).
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IV. GOD GUIDES US THROUGH THE COUNSEL OF OTHERS (Pro. 2

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A. God Has Given Us the Body of Christ To Help Us (1. Cor. 12:12-14).
B. We Must Be Open To Those Who Love Us (Pro. 18:1).
V. GOD GUIDES THROUGH DREAMS AND VISIONS
A. Vision of Peter and Cornelius (Acts 10 & Acts 11:11, 12).
B. Vision of Paul (Acts 26:19, "I was not disobedient unto the heavenly vision."
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Lesson 7 The Inward Witness

THE RESULT OF A NEW AND BETTER COVENANT (Heb. 7:22; 8:6, 8)

A. OT Prophets

- 1. "The Word of the Lord came to me..."
- * It was not audible or everyone would have heard.
- * It came to the prophet's spirit from the Spirit of God so they could give revelation to the people.
- 2. They knew things supernaturally.

B. New Covenant

- 1. The Spirit of God is within us (John 14:17).
- 2. We do not have to seek guidance through prophets.

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- II. THE PRIMARY WAY GOD LEADS US (Rom. 8:16)
 - A. He Bears Witness- An Inner Knowing.
 - B. "Gut Feeling" Our spirit is in our belly and He indwells our spirit (Pro. 20:27 NKJV).
 - "Inner depths of the heart" is literally translated.
 - "Rooms of the belly."
 - C. Spirit Perception (Acts 27:9, 10)
 - Not a revelation mentally or physically, a perception by the inward witness in his spirit.
 - D. The Most Important Thing, Our Salvation, is Confirmed by the Inner Witness (1 John 5:10).

III. FOLLOW THE WITNESS (Ps. 18:28)

• If you are not following, He is not leading.

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Lesson 9 The Inward Voice

I. YOUR SPIRIT MAN HAS A VOICE

- A. It Is Called **Conscience.**
- B. A Still, Small Voice.
 - * When the Holy Spirit speaks it is more authoritative.
 - * Our spirit picks it up from the Holy Spirit.

II. OBEY YOUR CONSCIENCE (Acts 23:1)

- A. Your Conscience Is A Safe Guide Because You Are Born Again (2. Cor. 5:17).
- All things become new in our spirit, not our body or mind.
- A person who is not born again could not follow the voice of his spirit as his conscience would permit him to do anything.

III. HIS LIFE IS IN YOU

- A. His Life is Light in You It is Developing You.
 - Developing your spirit.
 - Developing your mentality you have God's wisdom (1 Cor. 2:6-13).
- B. Walk in That Light (Eph. 5:8; 1 Jo. 1:7).

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Lesson 10 The Voice of the Holy Spirit

I. THE HOLY SPIRIT HAS A **VOICE** (Acts 10:19)

- A. It Is Not the Voice of Our Spirit.
- B. His Voice Is Authoritative.
- C. He Spoke To Samuel (1 Sam. 3).
- His voice was clear, so much so that Samuel thought Eli had called him.
- His voice was authoritative.
- Further revelation came when he properly responded.

II. JUDGE BY THE WORD OF GOD

- A. "Prove All Things..." (1 Thess. 5:21).
- B. The Spirit of God and the Word of God Always Agree.

III. THERE ARE **OTHER** VOICES (1 Cor. 14:10)

- A. Satan Speaks (Matt. 4:3).
- We are not to seek voices.
- We are not to follow voices.
- B. The Voice of the Word.



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Lesson 11 How God Deals With Our Spirit

I. BEING TROUBLED IN SPIRIT (John 13:2-1)

- A. When you get around people who have a wrong spirit or motive, your spirit will be troubled.
- B. When you sense an inward agitation, be on **guard**, as God is communicating with you.

II. BEING GRIEVED IN THE SPIRIT (Acts 16:16-18)

A. Pay attention to this, as it will keep you out of trouble.

III. BEING RESTLESS IN SPIRIT (2 Cor. 2:12, 13)

A. If you have no 'rest' in the direction you are going, stop and wait on God.

IV. BEING PROVOKED IN SPIRIT (Acts 17:16-17)

A. "Provoke" means to prod, to softly push. This is one way God brings definition to what one is to do.

V. BEING COMPELLED IN THE SPIRIT (Acts 18:5)

A.	An inward compelling to speak.
В.	Pray in the Spirit.



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Lesson 12 **Receiving Direction in Difficult Times**

This lesson will be based on a story in 1 Kings 19:1-9.

In difficult times it is hard to hear from God, but that is when we need to hear from God most.

The nation of Israel had fallen into a backslidden condition, which included idol worship. Elijah had prayed and heaven had shut, yielding no rain. He called King Ahab and Israel to Mt. Carmel.

There Elijah called fire down from heaven, resulting in the nation repenting. Following this great victory Elijah faced his life's greatest trial.

There are key principles we can learn to help us receive direction in difficult times.

I. DO NOT QUIT

- A. Elijah knew he had to hear from God.
- B. He went to Mt. Horeb, now known as Mt. Sinai.
- C. Before arriving there he wanted to quit (vs. 4)
- D. Breakthrough comes if you do not give up.

II. CUT AWAY UNNESSARY THINGS (Vs. 3)

- A. He left his servant in Beersheba.
- B. This servant was not God's choice to succeed Elijah.
- C. Elisha was that choice (Vs. 16).
- D. Sometimes we add things to our lives God never intended.
- E. Stay in boundaries God has set for you.
- F What is the last thing He told you to do?
- G. Realize that a new direction from God will come out of the overflow of the old.
- H. Step two in God's will for you will come after you complete step one.

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III. YOU NEED REST (Vs. 5, 6)

- A. Spiritually you need to rest in God.
- B. Worry cuts off the flow of God's wisdom into your life.
- C. You need physical rest.

IV. SPEND TIME IN GOD'S WORD AND PRAYER

- A. God will speak to you through His Word (Pro. 6:22).
- B. Fellowship with the Spirit of God in prayer and the Word.

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V. REMIND YOURSELF HOW GOD LEADS YOU

- A. What is the still small voice saying when you are quiet.
- B. What witness do you feel in your spirit.
- C. Are you filled with the peace of God.

VI. RECOGNIZE YOU ARE NOT ALONE

- A. Be encouraged by the testimony of others successfully going through difficult times.
- B. Remind yourself of the past faithfulness of God.

VII. ACT ON THE DIRECTION YOU HAVE RECEIVED

- A. If you know you have received God's direction, act on it.
- B. Your best days are ahead of you.

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Lesson 13 **Dangers in Seeking Guidance**

I. THE **DANGER** OF SEEKING OUTWARD SIGNS

A. Fleeces: Gideon's Story. 1. Gideon was not a Christian.
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2. He was not living under the new Covenant.
3. He lived in a backslidden generation.
4. His father was a Baal worshipper.
5. He did not know God.
B. Christians have the light of God in them.
1. We are under the new Covenant.
2. God's Spirit dwells in us.
3. We have access to God's Word.
C. The only time anything like this happened in the NT is in Acts 1.
1. In Acts 2, the Holy Spirit came.
2. He came to live in us (Eph. 2:22). NOTES-



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II. THE DANGER OF SEEKING GOD'S WILL THROUGH PERSONAL PROPHECY

III DINGER OF SEEKING GODS WILL TIMOCGIT LINSONNE TROTTILE
A. Purpose of New Testament Prophecy (1 Cor. 14:3).
1. Edification: To build up.
2. Exhortation: To call near to God.
3. Comfort: To console.
B. We Are Not To Be Guided by Prophecy.
1. The Holy Spirit confirms things that God has already spoken to our hearts through others.
2. The key is to develop a personal relationship with God.
C. Prophecy from God's Spirit Will Never Contradict the Word of God.
III. WE ARE TO WELCOME THE MOVE OF GOD'S SPIRIT IN THE CHURCH (1 Thess. 5:19-21)
A. Do Not Despise Prophecy.
B. We Must Test All Things.
C. Prophecy Can Be Judged Because Humans Make Mistakes.
D. Judge Prophecy by the Word and the Inward Witness of the Spirit.
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Lesson 14 The Reward of Hearing and Obeying God

- IT STARTS WITH YOUR WILL (Isa. 1:19) I.
 - A. Your Obedience is Your Action.
 - B. Your Will is Your Attitude.
 - Note the reward of your willing obedience is you eat the fat of the land.

II. BIBLICAL EXAMPLES OF WILLING OBEDIENCE

- A. Abraham (Heb. 11:8 and Gen. 12:1-4).
 - 1. He was commanded to take Isaac to Moriah (Gen. 22) and offer his son. God provided the ram as the sacrifice. What if Abraham had gone to the wrong place? Would the ram have been there? While Abraham ascended one side of the mountain God had a ram ascending on the other side.
- B. Noah (Heb. 11:7).
 - 1. The human race was preserved by Noah's willing obedience.
 - 2. Your obedience does affect others.
 - 3. Daily we make decisions that affect our future.
 - 4. It is not always easy to obey His voice.
 - But it always has reward.

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Lesson 15 More on Developing the Spirit Within

Romans 8:13-16

13 For if you live according to the flesh you will die; but if by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body; you will live. 14 For as many as are led by the Spirit of God, these are sons of God. 15 For you did not receive the spirit of bondage again to fear, but you received the Spirit of adoption by whom we cry out, "Abba Father." 16 The Spirit Himself bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God,

These verse are simply saying as believers we are to be led by the **Spirit.**

- II. The way Spirit leads us is through our spirit. God communicates spirit to spirit.
 - 1 Thes 5:23 Man a spirit being:
 - Jo. 4:24 God is Spirit
 - Eph. 2:22 The dwelling place of God by the Spirit
 - Rom. 8:16 The Spirit dwells in you
 - Prov. 20:27 Spirit of man is the candle of the Lord searching all..

Thus, we should develop the spirit within us.

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III. How do we develop our spirit?

A. The right Spiritual Diet

- The **Word** of God

Man shall not live and be upheld and sustained by bread alone, but by every word that comes forth from the mouth of God." -Matthew4:4

B. Spiritual Exercise

"Train yourself toward godliness...[keeping yourself spiritually fit]."—1 Timothy 4: 7

- 1. The Bible tells us that while there is some value in physical exercise, spiritual exercise is much more important (1 Timothy 4:7-8). That's because exercising your faith will strengthen your spiritual muscles.
- 2. How do you exercise spiritually?

Doing the Word that you have been hearing, reading, studying, confessing, praying and standing in faith.

These are all powerful workouts for the spirit.

James 1:22-25 tells us we must be doers of the Word, not hearers only. We won't make our way prosperous by just *knowing* the Word of God, but by *doing* the Word.

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C. Praying in the Spirit

What is praying in the Spirit?

- **not** the same as the "gift of tongues" in 1 Cor. 12
- 1. it is for every believer
- 2. it will edify and build you up spiritually
- Jude 1:20
- 1 Corinthians 14:4

H.S. does not speak with tongues.

You do.

- a. Acts 2:4; 10:46 (Cornelius & Peter);
- b. Acts 19:6 (Ephesus) all say "THEY SPOKE WITH TONGUES.

D. Spiritual Rest

"Come to Me, all you who labor and are heavy-laden and overburdened, and I will cause you to rest...." –Matthew 11:28

- 1. Show me a person who has a strong spirit, and I will show you someone who takes the time to rest in the Lord.
- 2. How do you rest?
 - a. Cast all our cares upon Him (1 Peter 5:6-8).
 - b. Wait on the Lord. Those who wait for the Lord won't get tired and they will renew their strength (Isaiah 40:31).

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IV. 8 Ways God Speaks To Men:

- 1. By prophecy (Acts 3:21; 2 Pet. 1:21; Acts 11:27-28; 21:10; Heb. 1:1)
- 2. Tongues and Interpretation (1 Cor. 12:4-11; 14:1-40)
- 3. Still small voice (1 Ki. 19:12)
- 4. Audible voice (Mt. 1:17; 17:5, Jn. 12:28; Acts 9:7; Dt. 5)
- 5. By angels (Acts 8:26; 12:8; 27:33)
- 6. By visions (Ps. 89:19; Acts 9:10; 10:3; 11:5; 16:9; 18:9)
- 7. By dreams (Gen. 20:6; Mt. 1:20; 2:12-22; Acts 2:17; Dan. 2:19, 28, 45)
- 8. By impression upon man's spirit (Acts 17:16; 18:5; 19:21; 2 Cor. 2:13; Eph. 4:30; 1 Th. 5:19; Rom. 8:16).

Other ways this could be called- intuition, impression, inner consciousness, or inspiration.

The fact the Holy Ghost acts, chooses, wills, speaks, commissions, sends, and exercises personal powers proves that He is a person with a personal spirit body, soul, and a spirit.

God never pushes, He leads. Satan pushes. See Matthew 4:1-11 - Christ's temptation in the wilderness.

John 16:13 "But when He, the Spirit of Truth (the Truth-giving Spirit) comes, He will guide you into all the Truth (the whole, full Truth). For He will not speak His own message [on His own authority]; but He will tell whatever He hears [from the Father; He will give the message that has been given to Him], and He will announce and declare to you the things that are to come [that will happen in the future]." (AMP)

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V. Things to Remember As You Seek Leadership of Holy Spirit

<u>JOHN 16:13</u> "When He, the Spirit of Truth is come, He will guide you into all truth: for He will not speak of Himself; but whatsoever He shall hear, (AMP from the Father), that He shall speak: and He will show you things to come (AMP: things that will happen in the future).

All of us know yesterday and the present but NONE of us know the future. He does and desires to speak to us about it. Sheep are very near sighted. That's why they follow one another. They can't see far ahead and neither can we.

- 1. He speaks to us today! Jo. 10:27 "My sheep hear my voice and I know them and they follow me." Sheep are stupid but they trust. As you pray and seek Him you will receive inner promptings and witnesses. Learn to trust your spirit man, not your own human reasoning. Trust that voice. We'll come back to this in a few minutes.
- 2. God never pushes, He leads! Ex: Matt. 4 Temptation in wilderness. Have you ever experienced someone "pushing" you to make a "can't fail" investment but you have to do it <u>NOW</u> or you will miss out? You probably later wished you had "missed out".
- 3. Man is a spirit being, so the He leads us by the Spirit. I Thess. 5:23 We are spirit, soul, body. God is a Spirit, so He seeks to lead us Spirit to spirit. Eph 2:22 "we are the habitation of God by the Spirit". Roma 8; 14 says, "For as many as are led by the Spirit, these are the Sons of God…" There 3 primary ways the spirit of man receives direction from the Spirit of God. This is of course in addition to the Word, counsel of Godly people, etc.

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- The **primary** way is by the Inward Witness of the Spirit.

 Rom 8:16 "The Spirit Himself bears witness with our spirit".

 It may manifest as: an inward intuition, a velvety feeling, peace (Col. 3:15-"Let the peace of God rule") Peace always accompanies the will of God.
- Number two: The Inward Voice.

 Our spirit man has a voice. We call this voice our conscience. Or, the still small voice.

 Rom 9:1 "I say the truth in Christ, I lie not, my conscience also bearing me witness in the Holy Ghost". 2 Cor. 5:17 says if we are in Christ we are a new creature. If your spirit has become new in Christ then your conscience is the voice of your spirit.

ILL: John 1:4 says, "In Him was life and the Life was the light of men". Example: How a flashlight or headlights lead.

Number three: The voice of the Holy Spirit: Acts 10:19 "While Peter thought on the vision, the Spirit said unto him, Behold, three men seek you".

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*The difference between our spirit's voice (conscience) and voice of the Holy Spirit is that the voice of the HS is more authoritative.

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VI.	GIVE SOME PERSONAL EXAMPLES OF HOW THE HOLY SPIRIT HAS LED YOU.		
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VII.	WARNINGS;		
	1. Judge everything by the Word. His Word is His will. I Thess. 5:21 says, "Prove all things"		
	2. Do not <u>seek</u> voices because there are many. Satan speaks to deceive and man often speaks out of his flesh or soul, and not spirit. I Cor. 14:10 "There are, it may be, so many kinds of voices in the world"		
	3. Seeking <u>outward</u> signs. Judges 6 - Gideon. He was not a Christian. Not living under new covenant, lived in a back slidden generation, Father worshipped Baal, and he did not know God.		
	The Word say as many are the sons of God our led by the spirit NOT by fleeces.		
	4. Prophecy: According to I Cor. 14:1-5 the purpose of NT prophecy is:		
	 Edification: To build up Exhortation: To call near to God Comfort: To console 		
	It never contradicts God's Word. Test prophecy by the Word and the inward witness of your spirit.		
	We need prophecy - we should not despise it (1Thes. 5:20) However, if we rely on a for direction we may never develop a personal relationship with God. NOTES-		

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