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HOW TO BE LED BY THE SPIRIT

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HOW TO BE LED BY THE SPIRIT

Course Syllabus

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Course Number: _____

Book of Hebrews

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 desire 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

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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
80 - 89%	=2.5-3.49	=B
70 - 79%	=1.5-2.49	=C
60- 69%	=.99-.49	=D
0 - 59%	= 0	= F

F	= Failure
S	= Satisfactory
U	= Unsatisfactory
I	= Incomplete
N	= Non-Credit

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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		
8.	MID TERM EXAM		
9.	The Inward Voice		
10.	The Voice of the Holy Spirit		
11.	How God Deals with Us		
12.	How to Be Led in Difficult Time		
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 then explain how each was called 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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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

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.
3. What we must learn to do is to let that new man on the inside of us dominate.

1. You do.
2. Who is you?

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Lesson 3

The Spirit of Sonship

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

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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 **hearing** 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

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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. 20:18; 24:6).

B. We Must Be Open To Those Who Love Us (Pro. 18:1).

B. Vision of Paul (Acts 26:19, “I was not disobedient unto the heavenly vision.”)

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Lesson 7

The Inward Witness



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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.
- B. 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 UNNECESSARY 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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Lesson 13 Dangers in Seeking Guidance

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

A. Fleeces: Gideon's Story.

1. Gideon was not a Christian.
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).

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

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

I. IT STARTS WITH YOUR WILL (Isa. 1:19)

B. Your Will is Your Attitude.

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.
5. But it always has reward.

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Lesson 15

More on Developing the Spirit Within

I. 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?

- The **Word** of God

“Train yourself toward godliness...[keeping yourself spiritually fit].” –1 Timothy 4: 7

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; 2:12-23; 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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VI. GIVE SOME PERSONAL EXAMPLES OF HOW THE HOLY SPIRIT HAS LED YOU.

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- 2.
- 3.
- 4.

VII. WARNINGS;

1. Judge everything by the Word. His Word is His will. I Thess. 5:21 says, “Prove all things...”
2. Do not seek 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 outward 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 it for direction we may never develop a personal relationship with God.

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