1Thess #116

Spiritual leadership begins in the WORD.

As a recap, I want to open with the two scriptures that are driving us into our current study. A study on the subject matter of true spiritual leadership, submitting to spiritual leaders and supporting of that God given leadership;

/1Thes 5:12 But we ask you, brothers *and sisters,* **to recognize those who diligently labor among you and are in leadership over you in the Lord**, and give you instruction, 13 and that **you regard them very highly in love** because of their work. Live in peace with one another.\

The church at Thessalonica had done a great job of touching the community around them with the Gospel of Christ. Yet they had begun to allow false teaching into the congregation.

This led to misconceptions about the Rapture of the church, the Tribulation as well as 2nd Advent of Christ.

It is easily researched throughout scripture from Genesis into Revelation that God has chosen some as spiritual leaders and teachers of HIS word.

It is also easy to identify that GOD rarely uses the men and woman to fulfill HIS plan that the cosmic system would approve of.

Often times GOD uses the least likely to move HIS plan along and even to lead HIS people.

/Spiritual gifts are to be taken seriously, the gift of pastor-teacher is one of spiritual guidance and teaching. Yet it does not begin or solely rest upon an ordained man of GOD. There is a design or combination within the plan of GOD, that the Bel becomes willfully, compliant to the plan of God and the word of GOD. That combination ensures when they get under proper teaching, they will have strong forward motion toward true spirituality.\

Go to Galatians chapter five RF.

The filling of the Holy Spirit is God the Holy Spirit controlling the soul of the Believer. We are given a new nature at salvation; it is who you truly are IN CHRIST.

It has a piece of the righteousness of CHRIST at its very core.

All Bels are indwelt by the Trinity at salivation. Yet in this temporal life we still have an OSN active.

Even though it has been nailed to the cross of Christ, in the sense that it no longer has power to drag you into everlasting fire, which is separation from GOD. It still fights for authority in time.

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Descriptions of the filling of the Holy Spirit are seen in NT scriptures.

Walking in the Spirit, Gal 5:16;

The Apostle Paul wrote this epistle from Corinth. The Galatians who were the original bloodline of what we know as the Irish and Scottish culture today, had become legalistic.

The Gnostics and those within that group who promoted Judaism came in from Palestine and persuaded the Gentile Galatians that they couldn’t be saved until they were circumcised and began following aspects of the Mosaic Law to hold onto salvation.

/Gal 5:16 But I say, **walk by the Spirit**, and **you will not carry out the desire of the flesh**.

*WALK- (peripateō),* Greek verb in a present, active imperative. Meaning a lifestyle (continually) that you (active) are responsible to make a choice. It is a command not a suggestion. \

PERRI-PET-AT-OH, means an occupation or fully engulfed into this activity of marching or walking, it speaks to an orderly and habitual lifestyle.

The Apostle Paul was actually frustrated with this group as they had been stubborn in how they kept adding in works into the grace plan of GOD.

/[Gal 5:17](https://www.blueletterbible.org/nasb20/gal/5/17/s_1096017) **For the desire of the flesh is against the Spirit,** and the Spirit against the flesh; for **these are in opposition to one another**, in order to keep you from doing whatever you want.

This may be the greatest explanation of the majority of our spiritual battle in the temporal walk. \

When you fully grasp this concept of spiritual warfare within your own soul structure your spiritual life can change dramatically.

Satan’s counterfeits systems of religion never emphasize the filling power of the HS, nor do they emphasize the importance of being in the word while in the new nature.

That is why most Christians are useless in spiritual warfare.

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/[Gal 5:18](https://www.blueletterbible.org/nasb20/gal/5/18/s_1096018) But **if you are led by the Spirit**, you are **not under the Law**.

IF – Greek first-class condition – this is a true statement! You are not under any religious system in the CA, you have the nature of Christ which is perfection. \

If you are habitually using the two power options you are fulfilling any and all laws and biblical commandments.

Walking in the light, or being an imitator of Christ means the exact same thing.

/1Jhn 1:7 but **if we walk in the Light as He Himself is in the Light, we have fellowship** with one another, and the blood of Jesus His Son cleanses us from all sin.

Eph 5:1 Therefore **be imitators of God**, as beloved children; 2 and **walk in love, just as Christ** also loved you and gave Himself up for us, an offering and a sacrifice to God as a fragrant aroma.\

Jump over to 2Peter chapter one RF.

The misconception and doctrine of demons is that you have to have a wave of emotions fall upon you to be filled by GOD the HS.

/2Cor 3:3 **revealing yourselves, that you are a letter of Christ,** delivered by us, written not with ink **but with the Spirit of the living God,** not on tablets of stone but on tablets of human hearts.

This is the same as being anointed by the Holy Spirit – contrary to popular belief it is not dependent on a FEELING.\

This feeling or anointing is often accompanied by tongues, healings and prophecies from the emotional crowds. Christians who have no idea about true spirituality.

Every Bel is a partaker of the divine nature, when they are applying BD in the filling power of God the HS.

/2Pet 1:3 for **His divine power has granted to us everything** pertaining to life and godliness, **through the true knowledge**(*epignōsis*)**of Him** who called us by His own glory and excellence.

The emphasis is on knowledge (*gnosis*) fully digested and ready for application, which is divine wisdom (*epignōsis*).\

TRUE KNOWLEDGE – points us to divine wisdom.

/2Pet 1:4 Through these He has granted to us His precious and magnificent promises, so that by them **you may become partakers of the divine nature,** having escaped the corruption that is in the world on account of lust.

*YOU MAY BECOME* – emphasis on the Bel’s positive volition and consistent walking in the two power options. \

2Pet 1:5 Now for this very reason also, applying all diligence, in your faith supply moral excellence, and in your moral excellence, knowledge,

Notice the repetitive emphasis on knowledge not emotional waves.

Notice the building blocks with knowledge at the foundation and at the center.

[2Pe 1:6](https://www.blueletterbible.org/nasb20/2pe/1/6/s_1157006) and in *your* knowledge, self-control, and in *your* self-control, perseverance, and in *your* perseverance, godliness,

[2Pe 1:7](https://www.blueletterbible.org/nasb20/2pe/1/7/s_1157007) and in *your* godliness, brotherly kindness, and in your brotherly kindness, love.

/[2Pe 1:8](https://www.blueletterbible.org/nasb20/2pe/1/8/s_1157008) For **if these *qualities* are yours and are increasing**, they do not make you useless **nor unproductive in the true knowledge** of our Lord Jesus Christ.

*IF THESE QUALITIES*, *hoytos,* meaning something is developed*.* All of these things are active and the same in accumulation, then you have something similar in all Bels. \

WHO-TOSS – means that which is developed in very similar fashion, it is a build-up of these qualities that can lead to something all BELS can partake in.

/The foundation and glue that holds all the spiritual qualities together for any Bel reaching maturity is the WORD. Knowledge of BD is only applicable if it is digested in the new nature and circulated in a soul where true faith is active. Free will is a key component to the process, free will determines the positive and negative outcomes for the Bel.\

God is always calling us back into fellowship with HIM.

No matter what dispensation, GOD wants His people to adjust to His justice system so that they may have divine knowledge available for their lives.

/Eph 5:18 And do not get drunk with wine, in which there is debauchery**, but be filled with the Spirit,**

Psa 1:23 “**Turn to my rebuke**, Behold, **I will pour out my spirit on you**; I will
make my words known to you.\

Walking in sin is like being drunk or confused – God’s word and God’s touch are distorted because the OSN is allowed authority.

The filling power allows GOD the HS to control us.

The Believer starts the Christian way of life with the Holy Spirit controlling the soul. We have the indwelling of the Holy Spirit and the filling of the Holy Spirit simultaneously at the point of salvation.

/As soon as we sin, the old sin nature controls the soul. When we rebound (1Jhn 1:9), the Holy Spirit again controls the soul. Carnality is loss of the filling of the Holy Spirit. To remain in any form of carnality (grieving the HS) is neglect of God’s Divine Justice System, causing sin to multiply. The filling of the Holy Spirit is recovery through adjustment to the justice of God. The analogy Jesus gave when HE washed the feet of the Apostles at the last supper. (Jhn 13:10) \

At the moment of salvation, the Holy Spirit indwells the body of the Believer. Because the human body is the headquarters of the OSN, the Holy Spirit sets up His headquarters in the body for counteraction.

The first spiritual battlefield every Bel must comprehend is in the soul.

/We are always indwelt by the Trinity. Yet outside of the new nature there is a conflict of fellowship. The filling of the Holy Spirit means God the Holy Spirit is allowed control over the soul, enabling the Christ-like nature room for soul breathing and movement. There was a new creation given at salvation, a new birth. (2Cor 5:17, Gal 6:15). \

The Apostles taught Bels and certainly the men behind the pulpits, to operate from a position of knowledge not a position of emotional nonsense.

They kept repetitively teaching to walk in the new nature, put on the new man, take off the old. Walk in the light, to listen to the Spirit. All of which meant the Bel had to acknowledge the filling power of God the HS and get into the WORD.

The main concern for the early church was that they kept growing in God’s grace and knowledge - not prophecy, tongues and miracles.

/Col 1:9 For this reason we also, since the day we heard *about it,* have not ceased praying for you and **asking that you may be filled with the knowledge of His will in all spiritual wisdom** and understanding, 10 so that **you will walk in a manner worthy of the Lord**, to please *Him* in all respects, bearing fruit in every good work and **increasing in the knowledge of God**;\

The metabolization of BD is the key element in spiritual growth and every member of the Trinity is involved and calling us toward the WORD.

/Heb 4:12 For **the word of God is living and active**, and sharper than any two-edged sword, even **penetrating as far as the division of soul and spirit**, of both joints and marrow, and able to judge the thoughts and intentions of the heart.

God the Father’s plan is that the WORD wash over us and change our human viewpoint into divine viewpoint. \

The emphasis within the plan of God is the word. It is the mind of Jesus Christ and it is the teaching ministry of God the HS.

/1Cor 2:16 For WHO HAS KNOWN THE MIND OF THE LORD, THAT HE WILL INSTRUCT HIM? But **we have the mind of Christ.**

Heb 3:7 Therefore**, just as the Holy Spirit says**, “TODAY IF YOU HEAR HIS VOICE,\

The filling power of God the HS and the circulation of BD in the soul structure is the first step in spiritual leadership within your life. You have to use the two power options and get under accurate teaching of the word.

/God the Father’s plan was that the completed canon of scripture and the filling power of God the HS would be the opening of divine knowledge for the CA Bel. The accurate teaching of God’s word by pastor-teachers would bring forth the third step toward spiritual maturity. Spiritual leadership is three-fold as is the Trinity; God Father designed the plan, God the Son executed the plan, God Spirit empowers that plan. \

/For the Bel, spiritual guidance and spiritual leadership is dependent upon the filling power of God the HS, the consistent intake of BD and the accuracy of the pastor-teacher. These three spiritual dynamics coupled together and flowing repetitively in the life of a Bel is the pathway for Church-Age maturity. There is no spiritual growth or discernment away from this pathway.\

/2Tim 2:15 **Be diligent to present yourself approved to God** as a worker who does not need to be ashamed, **accurately handling the word of truth**.

The pastor-teacher is accountable to be a DILIGENT worker, accurately handling the WORD.\

The pastor is not responsible for your free will decisions. Nor are they responsible to force you to use the two power options.

They are to study and teach the word ACCURATELY and DILIGENTLY!