

DAY 11 – THE HOLY SPIRIT GUIDES US TO THE TRUTH

"There is so much more I want to tell you, but you can't bear it now. When the Spirit of truth comes, he will guide you into all truth. He will not speak on his own but will tell you what he has heard. He will tell you about the future."

— **John 16:12-13 (NLT)**

This means that the Holy Spirit acts as the ultimate guide, illuminating our understanding and helping us discern truth in our lives. This promise carries significant implications for believers today, as the Holy Spirit continues to guide and teach those who seek the truth.

But how do we recognize the Spirit's guidance? How do we discern between our own thoughts and His direction?

After all, the Holy Spirit doesn't usually speak with audible words (although He can). Rather, He guides us through our own conscience (Romans 9:1) and other quiet, subtle ways.

One of the most important ways to recognize the guidance of the Holy Spirit is by becoming familiar with the **Word of God**. The Bible is the supreme source of wisdom for how we should live (2 Timothy 3:16), and believers must study the Scriptures, meditate on them, and memorize them (Ephesians 6:17).

The Word is the **"sword of the Spirit"** (Ephesians 6:17), and the Spirit will use it to speak to us (John 16:12-14), to reveal God's will for our lives; He will also bring specific Scriptures to mind in the moments we need them most (John 14:26). That's why it is vital to be well-acquainted with the Word of God.

When we spend time with the Lord and know His Word, it helps us discern whether our desires come from the Holy Spirit or not.

We must compare our decisions with Scripture, because the Holy Spirit will never lead us to do anything contrary to God's Word.

If it conflicts with the Bible, then it is not from the Holy Spirit and must be rejected.

Another way to know if we are following the Spirit's direction is by looking for evidence of His fruit in our lives (Galatians 5:22).

If we are walking in the Spirit, we will continue to see these qualities grow and mature within us, and they will also become evident to others.

REFLECTION QUESTIONS:

How well do I know the Scriptures for the Holy Spirit to easily guide my life?

How much do I truly desire the Holy Spirit to guide me—and why?