



Lesson 14

Holy Spirit, Take the Lead

In the previous section, we talked about searching for Holy Spirit. We searched our Bibles to see what it says about Him. Now we want to immerse ourselves into absorbing everything we can about Holy Spirit as we ask Him to take the lead in our lives. How can we be intentional about letting Holy Spirit lead us today? Are we even aware of areas that we may be reluctant to yield to Holy Spirit? As we study and learn more about Holy Spirit, we also begin to desire change in those tough areas that we have hidden away. We begin to realize that even the most stubborn places can be transformed by Holy Spirit. How do we walk with the Spirit?

OUR RELATIONSHIP WITH THE SPIRIT

SINCE IT IS THROUGH THE SPIRIT THAT WE HAVE LIFE, {God's part}

LET IT ALSO BE THROUGH THE SPIRIT THAT WE ORDER OUR LIVES DAY BY DAY. {our part}

GALATIANS 5:25 (CJB)

Our relationship with God is a walk of love between His Spirit and our spirit. This deepens as we yield to, trust, obey and believe in Jesus. It is also enhanced as we allow Holy Spirit to lead, guide, direct and refine our lives. This is how we "order our lives day by day." Our relationship is strengthened by the knowledge of God's ways, His nature, His commandments, His stated purpose and His overall plans.

DO TWO WALK TOGETHER UNLESS THEY HAVE AGREED TO DO SO? AMOS 3:3 (NIV)

Let's agree to walk together with God in our lives! What shoes are you wearing as you walk? Church shoes? (only spend time with God when you're at church) House shoes? (only feel comfortable with God when you're at home) Army Boots? (always feel like you're fighting) Flip-Flops? (do not really know what you believe about God). The God of the Universe LOVES YOU!! The relationship between Father, Spirit and Son is a beautiful, loving, and honoring relationship and **they desire a relationship with you too!**

AS THE FATHER HAS LOVED ME, SO HAVE I LOVED YOU. ABIDE IN MY LOVE.

JOHN 15:9 (ESV)

ABIDING IN THE SPIRIT

NOW THE GOAL OF OUR INSTRUCTION IS LOVE THAT COMES FROM A PURE HEART, A GOOD CONSCIENCE, AND A SINCERE FAITH. 1 TIMOTHY 1:5 (HCSB)

FOR GOD GAVE US A SPIRIT NOT OF FEAR BUT OF POWER AND LOVE AND SELF-CONTROL. 2 TIMOTHY 1:7 (ESV)

We are immersed into the love of God by walking with and abiding in Holy Spirit. His influence in our lives is magnified when we have a pure heart, a good conscience and a sincere faith. These are the foundation of our lessons.

We will see His power increase in our lives as we learn how to abide and as a result, our love for others will grow, and our self-control will also increase.

WHAT SCRIPTURE SAYS ABOUT HOLY SPIRIT OF GOD

HOWEVER, AS IT IS WRITTEN: “WHAT NO EYE HAS SEEN, WHAT NO EAR HAS HEARD, AND WHAT NO HUMAN MIND HAS CONCEIVED”—
THE THINGS GOD HAS PREPARED FOR THOSE WHO LOVE HIM—
THESE ARE THE THINGS GOD HAS REVEALED TO US BY HIS SPIRIT.
THE SPIRIT SEARCHES ALL THINGS, EVEN THE DEEP THINGS OF GOD.
FOR WHO KNOWS A PERSON’S THOUGHTS EXCEPT THEIR OWN SPIRIT WITHIN THEM?
IN THE SAME WAY NO ONE KNOWS THE THOUGHTS OF GOD EXCEPT THE SPIRIT OF GOD.
1 CORINTHIANS 2:9-11 (NIV)

BUT YOU DO NOT LIVE AS YOUR HUMAN NATURE TELLS YOU TO;
INSTEAD, YOU LIVE AS THE SPIRIT TELLS YOU TO—IF, IN FACT, GOD’S SPIRIT LIVES IN YOU. WHOEVER DOES NOT HAVE THE SPIRIT OF CHRIST DOES NOT BELONG TO HIM.
ROMANS 8:9 (GNT)

“THE HOLY SPIRIT IS THE ONE WHO GIVES LIFE,
THAT WHICH IS OF THE NATURAL REALM IS OF NO HELP.
THE WORDS I SPEAK TO YOU ARE SPIRIT AND LIFE.
BUT THERE ARE STILL SOME OF YOU WHO WON’T BELIEVE.”
JOHN 6:63 (TPT)

WHEN WE WENT ASHORE WE FOUND A NUMBER OF BELIEVERS
AND STAYED WITH THEM FOR A WEEK. THEY PROPHESED TO PAUL REPEATEDLY,
WARNING HIM BY THE HOLY SPIRIT NOT TO SET FOOT IN JERUSALEM.
ACTS 21:4 (TPT)

THOSE WHO ARE LED BY GOD'S SPIRIT ARE GOD'S CHILDREN.
ROMANS 8:14 (GNT)

IT IS THROUGH CHRIST THAT ALL OF US, JEWS AND GENTILES,
ARE ABLE TO COME IN THE ONE SPIRIT INTO THE PRESENCE OF THE FATHER.
EPHESIANS 2:18 (GNT)

THE SPIRIT OF GOD HAS MADE ME,
AND THE BREATH OF THE ALMIGHTY GIVES ME LIFE.
JOB 33:4 (ESV)

...THE SPIRIT OF GOD WAS MOVING OVER THE SURFACE OF THE WATERS.
GENESIS 1:2 (NASB)

NOW THE LORD IS THE SPIRIT, AND WHERE THE SPIRIT OF THE LORD IS, THERE
IS FREEDOM. 2 CORINTHIANS 3:17 (NIV)

HOW TO WALK IN HIS SPIRIT

IN HIS STRENGTH, NOT OURS (2 Cor. 12:9) We are in danger of burnout when we do those things we believe Christ wants us to do under our own power and in our own strength. When we are walking in the Spirit, we do those things Christ wants us to do under His power and in His strength and in His timing.

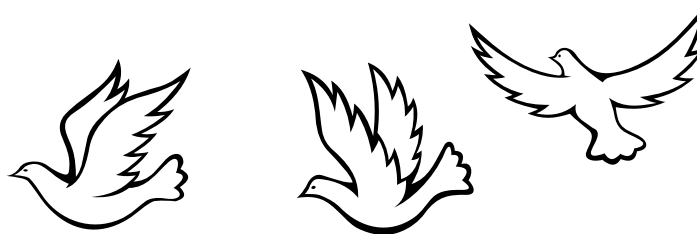
IN TUNE WITH HIM (Eph. 5:15-17) We know what God wants and when He wants it through His Word, His revelation and through circumstances.

IN COURAGE (2 Chron. 20:20-21) It takes courage to be willing to step out in faith (in trust and dependence on God) and to begin to do those things He inspires us to do.

IN DETERMINATION (Heb. 12:6) Be willing to grow up mentally, physically and spiritually. God loves the whole person.

IN CONFESSION (James 5:16) When we sin, repent—do not just report.

IN CONTENTMENT (Psalm 100, 1 Thess. 5:18) In all things, **GIVE THANKS!!**



CONCLUSION

This is such an exciting aspect of our relationship with God. He lives inside each one of us and gives us the strength to walk with Him every day! To walk with God- Father, Son and Spirit- we must know Him, know the direction He's going, and be willing to give up everything, if necessary, to accompany Him. This year, we're going to learn more and more about each of these areas as He leads us deeper and deeper into His love. How do we walk with the Spirit? By placing one foot in front of the other... trusting Him one small step at a time!