



Living Under the Leading of the Holy Spirit

The last lesson we talked about the Biblical Warning against the Holy Spirit. When the Word of God gave a warning, we have to take it seriously because God does not play with words. When He says it, He means it and if we do not heed what He says, there are serious consequences. This makes it absolutely necessary to live our lives under the leading of the Holy Spirit so that we won't be offending the Holy Spirit. Furthermore, it is a must that the Spirit of God should lead us because we are the children of God.

Romans 8:14 because those who are led by the Spirit of God are sons of God. **15**For you did not receive a spirit that makes you a slave again to fear, but you received the Spirit of sonship. And by him we cry, "Abba, Father." **16**The Spirit himself testifies with our spirit that we are God's children.

HOW TO BE LED BY SPIRIT OF GOD?

I. BE FILLED WITH THE HOLY SPIRIT

- A. The command to be filled with the Holy Spirit
Ephesians 5:18 Do not get drunk on wine, which leads to debauchery. Instead, be filled with the Spirit.
- B. Baptism with the Holy Spirit is a onetime experience. Being filled with the Holy Spirit is a daily experience. It is a daily need. Therefore, we should ask it daily in our lives.

Luke 11:9 "So I say to you: Ask and it will be given to you; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you. **10**For everyone who asks receives; he who seeks finds; and to him who knocks, the door will be opened. **11**"Which of you fathers, if your son asks for [\[a\]](#) a fish, will give him a snake instead? **12**Or if he asks for an egg, will give him a scorpion? **13**If you then, though you are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your Father in heaven give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him!"

- C. To desire daily the Filling of the Holy Spirit conditions our hearts to fully submit to the leading of the Holy Spirit. Yielding every whims and wishes for the absolute will of God.

II. LIVE BY THE SPIRIT

A. The command to live the Spirit

Galatians 5:16 So I say, live by the Spirit, and you will not gratify the desires of the sinful nature. **17**For the sinful nature desires what is contrary to the Spirit, and the Spirit what is contrary to the sinful nature. They are in conflict with each other, so that you do not do what you want. **18**But if you are led by the Spirit, you are not under law.

B. How to live by the Spirit

1. Recognize and avoid the deeds of the sinful nature

Galatians 5:19 The acts of the sinful nature are obvious: sexual immorality, impurity and debauchery; **20**idolatry and witchcraft; hatred, discord, jealousy, fits of rage, selfish ambition, dissensions, factions **21**and envy;

drunkenness, orgies, and the like. I warn you, as I did before, that those who live like this will not inherit the kingdom of God.

2. Allow the fruit of the Spirit to grow in your lives

Galatians 5:22 But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, **23**gentleness and self-control. Against such things there is no law.

III. KEEP IN STEP WITH THE SPIRIT

- A. To keep in step with the Spirit is to go to the same direction where the Holy Spirit is going. It is to be led by the Spirit not by our own understanding. It is to walk within the framework of the Word of God and not walk within the framework of the Word of God and not according to the framework of our feeling or instinct.
- B. Encouragement to keep in step with the Spirit.

Galatians 5:25 Since we live by the Spirit, let us keep in step with the Spirit. **26** Let us not become conceited, provoking and envying with each other.

- C. Three things to avoid so we can keep in step with the Spirit.
 - 1. Don't be conceited – Pride is anti-Holy Spirit. The Holy Spirit will never work in and through a person of pride.
Proverbs 29:23 A man's pride brings him low, but a man of lowly spirit gains honor

2. Don't be provocative – Provocation is any word or action that creates annoyance, irritation, jealousy, envy, anger, and hatred in the heart of others. **Ephesians 6:4**
3. Don't be envious – Envy is the feeling of unhappiness and despair over the blessings of others. **Proverbs 14:30**

CONCLUSION

Galatians 6:7 Do not be deceived: God cannot be mocked. A man reaps what he sows. **8**The one who sows to please his sinful nature, from that nature will reap destruction; the one who sows to please the Spirit, from the Spirit will reap eternal life. **9**Let us not become weary in doing good, for at the proper time we will reap a harvest if we do not give up. **10**Therefore, as we have opportunity, let us do good to all people, especially to those who belong to the family of believers.