

Pursuing God in 2009

Monthly Theme: Pursuing God's Pathway

Today's Title: The Spirit of God - The Believer's Unfair Advantage

John 16.5-15/ 2 Kings 6.8-23

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There are several issues to address when you desire to be led by the Spirit of God.

- Remember that God wants to lead you more than you want to be led. He is committed to seeing you walk in His plans and purpose for your life.
- He is constantly speaking and the issue is the "noise" in our lives that "clutters" our ears. We must get on "His frequency" so we can get the message He's sending.
- We must be diligent in following the leading already given and being faithful where we already serve in order to gain more clarity and direction.

REVIEW: Making Spirit Led Decisions

14 For all who are being led by the Spirit of God, these are sons of God. 15 For you have not received a spirit of slavery leading to fear again, but you have received a spirit of adoption as sons by which we cry out, "Abba! Father!" NASU

1. Following the Spirit frees us from death
 - When life follows the flesh and its dictates it leads to death
2. Following the Spirit releases the inheritance into our lives
 - Adoption into His family defeats fear!
3. Following the Spirit is a test of patience.

Prov 3:5 Trust in the LORD with all your heart and do not lean on your own understanding.

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REVIEW: Making Spirit Led Decisions (continued)

Step 1 – Determine if this is even something you should be considering.

Step 2 – Decide from the beginning that if He doesn't want it neither do you!

Step 3 – Don't make the decision before you make the decision.

Too often our prayer is more akin to "Lord bless this mess"

Step 4 – Delight yourself in the Lord where you are.

Ps 37:5 Commit your way to the LORD,
Trust also in Him, and He will do it. NASU

Intro – So many people misunderstand the Holy Spirit and His place in our lives. A simple study of God's word reveals some very powerful yet fundamental truths about this mysterious member of the Godhead.

The Nature of the Holy Spirit

1. Part of the Godhead Mt. 3.16,17 All three present
2. He is God Acts 5.3,4 Lied to the Spirit
3. He is a Creator Ge. 1.2 Active in creation

Water is one of the clearest analogies of the Godhead. It is one compound yet it exists in three distinct forms- fluid, gas and liquid. All three are water but manifest differently. There are not three waters but one. Three manifestations of ONE GOD.

The Work of the Holy Spirit in the Believer

1. He lives in the believer John 14.17
2. He connects the believer with Christ Ro. 6.3,4
3. He seals the believer. Eph. 4.30
4. He connects the believer with other believers 1 Cor. 12.13

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1. He convicts the world of sin.

- Jesus didn't say He would convict the Christian of sin but the world.

The world needs Him to show them their wrong for the purpose of leading them back to Him.

2 Peter 3:9 not willing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance. KJV

- While He may correct you when needed this is not His primary ministry to us.
- His primary work is to lead us into truth and when we see truth this causes us to get right.

2. He leads us into all truth

- Teaching us the truth is His primary role because this shapes us for purpose.
- This means that He wants to reveal to us what we do not know. *Vs.17*

Elisha makes clear the Spirit's will to open our eyes when he prayed for his servant.

- The goal of the Spirit is not just to give power but make us understand the power we have.

The army was not around the other army but around Elisha.

The reason I refer to the Holy Spirit as the secret weapon is two-fold. He is not understood by the world and not understood by the church, He is a double secret!

His ability to reveal truth to us and guide us in ways beyond our comprehension are unlimited!

3. He will glorify God. John 16:14-15

14 "He will glorify Me, for He will take of Mine and will disclose it to you." NASU

- The release of our inheritance glorifies God
- The destruction of our enemies glorifies God
- Our perseverance glorifies God