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A HEART LED BY
GOD

1 Timothy 4:12



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When the life-style of the teacher conforms to the message he teaches, then there is power in his teaching. Paul exhorted Timothy to manifest an example in daily communication in conversation and teaching, daily

Christian behavior, loving concern for the affairs of others, faithfulness or trustworthiness, and maintaining purity in his life.

This month, we are diving deep into the theme that talks extensively about a heart that is being led by God. In fulfilling purpose and living the life that God wants us to live, we must willingly conform to his standard and be discerning to hear his voice.

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The Design of Man

BIBLE PASSAGE: GENESIS 1:26; 1 THESSALONIANS 5:23B

MEMORY VERSE

PROVERBS 20:27 BB

SUMMARY

Man is not merely a physical being made of flesh and blood. At creation, God formed the body of man from the dust of the earth and then breathed into him the Breath of life. This divine breath brought life to the body and established man as a living being. This life from God is what forms the spirit of man, making man a spirit being, just as God is Spirit. This make up of man makes man a tripartite being, consisting of spirit, soul and body. The spirit of man is the part that connects with God and the spiritual realm. The soul is the seat of the mind, willpower and emotions. It serves as the intermediary between the spirit and the body. The body is the physical structure or outer casing that interacts with the physical world.

The spirit gives direction, the soul processes executing the direction, and the body carries out the action. So, as believers willing to be led by God, we must live a life sensitive to the Spirit always. That means at all times, the spirit must take the lead.

PRAYER POINT

Father, I walk in the consciousness of the spirit-made man and I ask that my spirit is revived and empowered in Jesus' name. Amen

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The Holy Spirit

BIBLE PASSAGE:

JOHN 16:7-12; ACTS 1:8

MEMORY VERSE

ROMANS 8:15

SUMMARY

In the beginning, man sinned and fell short of God's glory. However, in His infinite mercy, God made a way for man's restoration by giving His only Son, Jesus Christ, as a sacrifice for sin. After the death and resurrection of Jesus, He ascended to the Father. Yet, God did not leave us to figure life out on our own. He sent His Spirit which is called the Holy Spirit to dwell within us and to keep our connection with Him alive. The Holy Spirit relates directly with our spirit, enabling fellowship and communion with God.

We receive the Holy Spirit when we believe in Jesus Christ, confess Him as Lord and Savior, and accept Him into our lives. From that moment, the Holy Spirit begins to live in us directing our every step. The Holy Spirit is God's divine provision, a guarantee of our sonship and inheritance in Christ.

In essence, the Holy Spirit is God's presence living within us, giving us the power to live according to His will.

PRAYER POINT

Thank you Father for the gift of your Spirit, I pray for a deeper relationship and sensitivity to the Holy Spirit in Jesus' name. Amen

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The Spirit of Truth

BIBLE PASSAGE: JOHN 16:12–15; 1 CORINTHIANS 2:10–12

MEMORY VERSE

JOHN 16:13

SUMMARY

We live in a world where our morals, definition of success, opinions and even our choices are shaped by the people and culture around us. Sometimes they look like facts or even sound like our own voices but not every voice speaks the truth. The devil, the father of lies is referred to as the prince of this world, meaning this world is filled with deception and unrealistic standard. So, to truly survive and thrive in this world, we must live by the truth. However, only God has complete, unfiltered access to the truth.

Amazingly, He has given us His Spirit to guide us and reveal His truth to us. In every situation you face, there is God's truth and there is the deceptive standard of the world. The Holy Spirit, who is the Spirit of Truth, reveals God's mind and desires to us. This is why His presence in the life of every believer is so important. Through the indwelling of the Holy Spirit, we receive direction, wisdom, conviction, and discernment to walk according to God's will. As believers, we must learn to depend on the Holy Spirit daily to teach us, correct us and help us to distinguish truth from error.

PRAYER POINT

Holy Spirit, Spirit of Truth, guide my heart daily and help me to discern Your will above the standards and distractions of this world. Teach me to walk in truth at all times, in Jesus' name. Amen.

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The Indwelling of the Holy Spirit

BIBLE PASSAGE:

GALATIANS 5:16–24

MEMORY VERSE

GALATIANS 5:22–23

SUMMARY

The same Spirit that raised Christ from the dead dwells in us and He makes our body His dwelling place so that He can work in us and through us. While His work through us may seem more visible and impressive to others, His work in us is significantly more important. Through His indwelling presence, He transforms us to become more like our Heavenly Father by helping us put away sinful ways and desires.

The work of the Holy Spirit within us shapes, prunes, and refines our character according to the Father's will. He deals with our desires, appetites, passions, thoughts, and attitudes, ultimately molding our personality into one that reflects Christ. This inward transformation matters deeply to God because He is more interested in who we are becoming.

Our anchor text beautifully explains that the fruit produced by the Holy Spirit has no law against it. However, the Holy Spirit requires our willingness and surrender in order to produce desirable results in us. Hence, we must daily choose to yield to His leading, correction, and instruction.

PRAYER POINT

Holy Spirit, help me to yield more to you daily. Work in me and transform my desires, thoughts, and character until my life fully reflects Christ, in Jesus' name. Amen.

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05

Holy Spirit – Prayer Partner

BIBLE PASSAGE:

ROMANS 8:26; LEVITICUS 6:12

MEMORY VERSE

ROMANS 8:26

SUMMARY

Although the Scripture commands that the fire on the altar must never go out but have you ever sat to pray but felt so overwhelming that you couldn't find words? This is a common moment in our walk with God but this is not a sign of a brokenness rather, it is an invitation. This implies that for us to maintain a consistent and fervent prayer life, we need the Holy Spirit. Beyond making requests, prayer is a medium of fellowship and communication with God and the Holy Spirit is our partner that makes the communication easier.

Many times, we do not know what to pray for beyond our personal needs, desires and other beautiful things of life, which are not inherently wrong as God wants us to have a good and comfortable life. However, there are moments when God desires a man to stand in the gap or intercede for others. In such moments, the Holy Spirit helps us to pray according to the will of the Father. We do not need perfect words, we only need to come to God with a willing heart.

This means that when words fail us or when we are unsure of what to pray about, the Holy Spirit becomes our guide and partner in prayer. He aligns our hearts with God's desires and empowers us to pray effectively into the will of God. He helps us keep the fire burning even when we feel weak.

PRAYER POINT

Holy Spirit strengthen my prayer life, help me to keep the fire on my altar burning and helps me to remain sensitive to the leading of God.

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The Holy Spirit Leads

BIBLE PASSAGE:

ROMANS 8:14

MEMORY VERSE

ROMANS 8:26

SUMMARY

We make several minute and important decisions everyday. And most of the time, our decision making is based on what we feel or what our environment dictates is right. But God never intended for us to do life that way. He desires to walk with us and guide us through life. God promises to teach, instruct, and lead us in the way we should go.

As children of God, divine leading is one of our heritage in Christ if God indeed is our Father and He leads us by His Spirit in us. In this world, man can only survive and navigate life by the knowledge he has; otherwise, he may become lost and overwhelmed. This is why God leads us through the Holy Spirit. Being led by God starts with acknowledging the need for His guidance and trusting the Holy Spirit to guide our everyday live, choices, and even crucial life decisions. He can lead a person regarding profession, marriage, business, relationships, and even seemingly little things such as our manner of dressing. This is one of God's ways of shepherding us.

Our responsibility is to yield and obey His leading.

When we do, we enjoy His guidance just as sheep are guided safely by their shepherd.

PRAYER POINT

Thank You, Lord, for the gift of Your leading. I ask that You guide me all the days of my life in Jesus' name. Amen.

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Fellowship with God

BIBLE PASSAGE:

GENESIS 5:24

MEMORY VERSE

JAMES 4:8:

SUMMARY

The Bible says that a man named Enoch walked with God. That means Enoch did not just pray once a week or only think about God when he was in trouble. Rather, he spent time with God every single day, like walking closely alongside a dear friend. And because of that close friendship, God led him in an amazing way. That is what fellowship with God looks like.

Fellowship with God means spending regular time with Him: praying, worshiping, reading His Word, and sometimes just sitting quietly in His presence. Jesus describes it as a branch staying connected to its vine. The more time you spend with God, the more familiar you are to His voice, His love, and the more discerned you are to know clearly which way He is leading you.

If you do not have a relationship with God, recognizing His leading will be difficult. Do not just visit God, walk with Him every day and watch Him lead you!

PRAYER POINT

Lord, I want to walk with You every single day, not just on Sundays. Help me to make time for You and grow closer to You step by step. Amen.

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Heart-to-Heart With God

BIBLE PASSAGE:

PSALM 62:8

MEMORY VERSE

PSALM 62:8

SUMMARY

Your best friend is someone you trust and can tell everything to. When you are happy or sad, your fear or insecurities, and even mistakes you hope no one ever finds out. Do you know that God desires that exact relationship with you? He wants to be the first thought that crosses your mind when you want someone to talk to.

Psalm 62:8 says you can pour out your heart to Him. That means you can tell Him absolutely everything, even the things you think are too small or too embarrassing to say out loud.

God is never too busy to listen to you, and He never laughs at what you bring to Him. When you drop the act and just talk to God, it brings down the wall between you and the relationship gets more real. Try talking to God today the way you talk to your very best friend: honestly and from your heart and watch your relationship blossom and you begin to hear Him respond to you like a friend will. And gradually, you start to recognize His voice more clearly.

PRAYER POINT

Lord, help me to always be open and honest with You. Remind me every day that I can tell You anything, and that You always listen. Amen.

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Shutting Down the Distractions

BIBLE PASSAGE:

HEBREWS 12:1-2

MEMORY VERSE

PSALM 46:10

SUMMARY

Have you ever tried to listen to someone in a really noisy room? It is really hard to make out what they're saying despite every attempt made to hear them. That is exactly what happens when we try to hear God with our lives full of too many things like games, videos, noise, screens, social media that makes up noise.

Hebrews 12:1 tells us to lay aside every weight that slows us down so we can run well. Weight here doesn't emphasize sin alone but are things that are not necessarily wrong but slows us down. Watching an unending social media reel, a movie series, reading a novel or playing a video game. None of which are evil but together, they can choke out the one voice that matters more.

God speaks but He will not compete for your attention. He will not climb through all of the noise in your life to get to you. When we turn off the distractions and get still before God, we can hear His voice much more clearly. Today, try finding a quiet place to be spend time with the Lord, even for just five minutes.

You will be surprised at how much He has to say!

PRAYER POINT

Lord, help me to put You first. Teach me to quiet my heart and mind so I can hear Your voice clearly every day. Amen.

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God—My Shepherd

BIBLE PASSAGE:

PSALM 23:1-4

MEMORY VERSE

PSALM 23:1

SUMMARY

A shepherd is someone who takes care of sheep. He guides them to fresh grass and clean water, and he protects them from danger. He doesn't just point the way but, He leads the way and the sheep follow not because they know their way but because they know the shepherd's voice and they trust him to lead them to safety. That is how God desires to lead you as your shepherd. He knows exactly where you need to go and He makes sure you are always safe.

King David being a shepherd himself, describes God as his Shepherd based on the understanding of a shepherd's willingness and ability to lead his sheep. God as a shepherd is not only interested in showing you the way but, He also wants to hold you by the hand and guide you through your daily experiences. He knows exactly where you should go, who you should do life with and how your life should go. He guides patiently just the way a shepherd does with a purpose in mind.

You can trust the leading of God the very same way a sheep trust it's shepherd, to follow where He leads without being afraid. Whenever you feel lost or confused about something, remember: you have the best Shepherd in the whole world watching over you!

PRAYER POINT

Lord, thank You for being my Shepherd. Help me to trust You fully and follow You wherever You lead me. Amen

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The Fatherhood of God in leading

BIBLE PASSAGE:

LUKE 15:20-24

MEMORY VERSE

1 JOHN 3:1

SUMMARY

When you don't know God as a Father, His leading feels like a restriction on your life. In the famous story of the prodigal son, the younger son asked his father for his portion of inheritance, went to a country far away from his father and squandered it. He regretted his decisions and decided to return home to his father not minding becoming a slave. His father saw him from a long distance away and ran straight toward him, not with a lecture of his wrong or punishment, but with excitement and he hugged him tightly, celebrated loudly, and welcomed him back with great joy. That is exactly how God feels about you. He is not a scary Father who is waiting to punish you for your wrong doings. He is a loving Father who celebrates your existence and wants to be close to you every day.

No matter what mistakes you have made, God's arms are always open wide for you to run into. His pace might seem slower than you want but trust in Him as your Father. He knows your capacity, what you're ready for and what will break you. He is your Father and He desires a relationship with you even when you feel unworthy like the prodigal son. Find your way back to His warm embrace today and remember that His leading is never careless, neither is His restraint punishment. It's always with a destination in mind.

PRAYER POINT

Father God, thank You for loving me like a perfect Dad. Help me to always run to You and never run away from You. Amen.

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You Can Ask For His Leading

BIBLE PASSAGE:

JAMES 1:5, PROVERBS 3:5-6

MEMORY VERSE

PROVERBS 3:5-6

SUMMARY

Have you ever been confused about something: what to do, which friend to spend time with, or a big decision about your future, and you did not know who to ask or what to do? Most people try to figure it out alone or talk to friends who are just as confused as they are, forgetting the very one who has the answer to it all.

James 1:5 that if anyone needs wisdom, they should ask Him and He will give it generously without finding fault. God is not too big or too busy for your questions. You can pray about little things and big things like your friendships, your schoolwork, even what to do when someone upsets you. He won't mock you for not knowing or remind you of the last time you got it wrong. He is not too big or too busy for all of the questions you have. He cares about it all. If He takes count of the hair on your head, what is that aspect of you He's not interested in?

He loves when you include Him in your everyday life. Do not try to figure everything out by yourself when you have God to ask!

PRAYER POINT

Lord, I do not always know what to do. Teach me to always ask You first before I make decisions. Lead me in the right direction. Amen.

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Discerning the Voice of God

BIBLE PASSAGE:

1 SAMUEL 3:1-10

MEMORY VERSE

1 JOHN 4:1

SUMMARY

When Samuel was just a young boy, he heard a voice calling his name in the night. He kept running to Eli thinking it was him, but it was not! It was actually God speaking to him. Samuel had to learn to recognize God's voice, and that is something all of us need to learn too. Discerning the voice of God is something we grow into. Something we develop.

How do we know if a thought or feeling is from God in a world of so many voices? First, it will never go against what the Bible says because God will never contradict Himself. So, be sure it aligns with the Scripture. Second, it will never lead you to sin or hurt someone else. Third, when you pray about it, you will feel a real peace inside and not restlessness.

Do not follow every voice or thought. Take time to test it and pray about it first. You don't always have to figure it out alone. Sometimes, God put people in your life to help you identify His voice like Samuel did.

PRAYER POINT

Lord, give me wisdom to know when it is You speaking and when it is not. Help me to always test what I hear by Your Word. Amen.

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How He leads {1}: The Word

BIBLE PASSAGE:

PSALM 119:105; 2 TIMOTHY 3:16

MEMORY VERSE

PSALM 119:105

SUMMARY

The Holy Spirit leads man in several ways, one of which is through the Word of God. This is the most reliable and valid channel of the Holy Spirit's guidance. The Scriptures are a compendium of wisdom and knowledge inspired by the Holy Spirit to give clarity, correction, instruction, and direction.

The Holy Spirit causes light to break forth from the Scriptures, thereby bringing illumination and understanding concerning a matter. Through the Word, He helps believers to properly discern situations and make godly decisions.

As believers, we must be diligent students of the Bible in order to be led through God's Word. Many times, the Holy Spirit may bring a Bible verse we studied long ago to our remembrance in order to guide us through a situation. However, we must first study the Word for Him to bring it to remembrance.

Therefore, it is important that we study the Scriptures daily and meditate on them continually. Through this, we become more sensitive to the leading of the Holy Spirit.

PRAYER POINT

Lord, help me to daily study and understand Your Word. Let Your Word continually guide my thoughts, choices, and decisions in Jesus' name. Amen.

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How He Leads {II}: The Mind

BIBLE PASSAGE:

ROMANS 12:2; 1 CORINTHIANS 2:16

MEMORY VERSE

PROVERBS 4:23

SUMMARY

The soul, especially the mind, is very important in the life of a believer. This part of man plays a major role in being led by the Holy Spirit because it is the center of our thoughts and imaginations. The Holy Spirit does not only speak through the written Word; He can also minister to us through thoughts, impressions, and inspirations. At times, He lays certain burdens or impressions upon our hearts, or gently directs our thoughts as a means of communicating with us. Sometimes, He may direct our minds toward a business idea, a decision to make, or even toward someone He wants us to pray for.

This is why it is important for believers to guard their hearts against pollution and corruption. Apostle Paul admonished believers to renew their minds daily and be transformed from the inside out. A renewed mind becomes more sensitive to the leading of the Holy Spirit. The thoughts and impressions inspired by the Holy Spirit often bring peace, clarity, wisdom, conviction, and insight. However, we must understand that every thought or impression must be subject to the Word of God. It must be tested through the lens of Scripture to confirm its source and validity. As believers, we must remain spiritually discerning and allow the Holy Spirit to continually purify our hearts and minds.

PRAYER POINT

Lord, purify my heart and renew my mind daily. Help me to discern Your voice clearly and align my thoughts with Your Word in Jesus' name. Amen.

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How He Leads {III} The Inner Witness

BIBLE PASSAGE:

JOB 32:8; PROVERBS 20:27

MEMORY VERSE

ROMANS 8:16

SUMMARY

Another channel through which the Holy Spirit communicates with believers is through our spirit. This is possible because man is essentially a spirit being. The Holy Spirit communicates the will of the Father to our spirit, which we often perceive as peace, an inner knowing, conviction, or a gentle inward witness. Since the spirit of man is the core of his being, the Holy Spirit often communicates safely and deeply through this channel. Many times, this leading may not come through an audible voice but through a strong inward impression or restraint.

In Acts 16:6-7, Apostle Paul and his companions were going about preaching the gospel, yet they were restrained from entering certain regions. The Holy Spirit did not appear physically to stop them; rather, there was an inward restraint and lack of liberty in their spirit despite their good intentions. This demonstrates how the inner witness of the Holy Spirit operates.

As believers, we must ensure that our spirit man remains sensitive and aligned with God through consistent study of the Word, prayer, and continual fellowship with the Holy Spirit. A healthy spiritual life helps us to clearly perceive what the Holy Spirit is communicating at every point in time. May the Lord help us to remain spiritually sensitive and responsive to His leading.

PRAYER POINT

Lord, help me to remain sensitive in my spirit and continually aligned with You. Let my spirit clearly discern Your leading at all times in Jesus' name. Amen.

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How He Leads IV: Dreams

BIBLE PASSAGE:

GENESIS 37:5-7

MEMORY VERSE

ACTS 2:17B

SUMMARY

As believers, God speaks to us even while we sleep through a channel called, dreams. He did exactly that with a young boy named Joseph! Joseph had a dream that showed him what God had planned for his future.

It looked strange at first so much that his father questioned it and even his brothers hated him for it. But everything God revealed to Joseph in that dream eventually came true.

God still speaks to His children through dreams. The Scripture reveals that in the age of the Holy Spirit, dreams and visions are ways God communicates with His people and that includes you. Not every dream comes from God. Some are just a product of what you feed your spirit. God's dreams always point to His love and His good plans for your life.

When a dream points toward something beyond you or something you cannot shake off, it is worth paying attention to. Dreams, because they are a channel of God's communication, must align with His word.

PRAYER POINT

I know You can speak to me in many ways, even through dreams. Help me to be sensitive to what You might be saying and give me wisdom to understand it. Amen.

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How He Leads V: Circumstances – Kairos of God

BIBLE PASSAGE:

ESTHER 4: 1 - 14

MEMORY VERSE

ESTHER 4:14B

SUMMARY

Have you ever found yourself in a completely hopeless situation, and suddenly, there's a turn around you never saw coming? That moment that feels like a coincidence, yet was far too timely to be one? That is Kairos.

It's a Greek word that means God's appointed time. A moment so precise that it could only have been orchestrated by God. And that, was the story of Esther. She was orphaned at a young age, made to compete with many other young ladies as the queen and became one. All of these circumstances were God positioning her for a time when a voice would be needed to save her people. Esther could have seen her life as a series of unfortunate events but what looked like hardship was actually preparation.

God doesn't just allow circumstances in your life, He leads through them. Kairos, to an ignorant mind might seem like coincidence but we have a God that leads us even in the most confusing, odd and hard moment.

PRAYER POINT

Father, help me to trust that my circumstances are not accidents and help me to see Your hand in every detail of my life. Amen

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How He leads VI: Other People

BIBLE PASSAGE:

1 SAMUEL 3:8-9 / PROVERBS 11:14

MEMORY VERSE

PROVERBS 11:14

SUMMARY

As Christians, we were never called to do life alone and we ought to surround ourselves with people of like minds because, sometimes God uses the people around us to give us very important messages. When Samuel was confused about the voice he kept hearing at night, it was his teacher, Eli who helped him understand that it was God speaking to him. God can use your parents, your pastor, your teacher, a trusted friend or an elder in faith to guide you in the right direction.

This is why isolation is dangerous for anyone trying to be led by God and why it is so important to listen respectfully to the godly adults in your life.

Sometimes they are carrying a word from God just for you!

Be careful who you allow speak into your life and of course, always measure what people say against the Bible. If it agrees with God's Word and brings peace to your heart, receive it with a thankful heart.

PRAYER POINT

Lord, help me to be humble enough to listen to the people You have placed in my life. Help me to recognize when You are speaking through them. Amen.

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The Leading of the Holy Spirit

BIBLE PASSAGE:

EPHESIANS 4:30

MEMORY VERSE

EPHESIANS 4:30

SUMMARY

There are several ways through which the Holy Spirit leads a believer, including through spiritual gifts and divine promptings. However, every leading must always be subject to the Word of God, because God will never contradict His Word.

A believer can hinder the guidance of the Holy Spirit through disobedience and carnality. In the Scriptures, Jonah disobeyed God's instruction, and this nearly led to destruction for him and others around him. This shows the importance of yielding completely to God's leading. As believers, there are certain things we must continually do in order to enjoy consistent guidance from the Holy Spirit:

1. Constant Obedience
2. Sensitivity
3. Holiness and Purity

Our God is holy and cannot behold iniquity. Sin clouds spiritual perception and weakens fellowship with the Holy Spirit. Therefore, believers must pursue holiness and purity daily.

4. Faith Without Doubt

A doubtful mind is unstable and unsettled, like a stormy sea tossed to and fro. Such a person struggles to receive clearly from God. We must learn to trust God completely and believe in His guidance.

PRAYER POINT

Lord, help me not to grieve the Holy Spirit. Teach me to walk in obedience, holiness, sensitivity, and faith so that I may continually be led by You in Jesus' name. Amen.

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The Key to More

BIBLE PASSAGE:

LUKE 5:4-6

MEMORY VERSE

1 SAMUEL 15:22B

SUMMARY

Obedience is key to continuous leading. When we obey one instruction, God entrusts us with further direction.

In this story in Luke, Peter and his friends had been fishing all night long and caught absolutely nothing at all. They were tired and probably very frustrated! But when Jesus told Peter to throw his nets back into the water, Peter obeyed, even when it made no sense to him. And what happened? They caught so many fish that their nets almost broke! That is what obedience does; it opens the door to more blessings.

When God tells you to do something, even if it seems strange or difficult, choosing to obey brings amazing results. Obedience is not just about following rules; it is about trusting that God always knows best and it gives room to hearing more from God. Delayed or partial obedience can hinder divine guidance.

PRAYER POINT

Lord, give me a heart that loves to obey You. Even when I do not fully understand, help me to trust You and do what You say. Amen.

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God's Voice over Other Voices

BIBLE PASSAGE:

JOHN 10:4-5

MEMORY VERSE

JOHN 10:27

SUMMARY

Every single day, we hear so many voices: friends telling us what to do, things we see on social media, music with all kinds of messages, and sometimes even our own feelings. Not all of these voices are helpful or true.

Jesus said His sheep know His voice and will not follow a stranger's voice. How do we know which voice is God's? God's voice always agrees with the Bible, it brings peace inside your heart, and it never tells you to do something wrong.

The more time you spend with God in prayer and by reading His Word, the easier it becomes to recognize His voice above all the others.

PRAYER POINT

Lord, help me to know Your voice clearly. When other voices try to confuse me, let Your voice be the loudest and clearest one I hear. Amen.

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Grieving the Spirit

BIBLE PASSAGE:

EPHESIANS 4:25-32

MEMORY VERSE

EPHESIANS 4:30

SUMMARY

Have you ever completely ignored a message from someone who genuinely cares about you or done something behind their back that you knew would hurt them? That feeling isn't just guilt, but a realization of a damaged relationship.

Ephesians 4 says "do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God." This speaks so much of the Holy Spirit because it is impossible to grieve a force. You can only grieve a person. Someone who has real feelings to give. This means that the Holy Spirit is a person. He reacts, He feels and cares about how you live your life and respond to His leading.

What does it mean to grieve the Spirit of God? It means to live in a way contrary to God's will and leading. So, every time you ignore His warnings or continue in a habit that contradicts His Word, you are gradually creating distance. The Holy Spirit doesn't leave but you become less sensitive to Him. Your ability to hear Him dulls but, the moment you turn back, you realize He's been waiting for you all day long.

PRAYER POINT

Father, help me never to grieve Your Spirit and to be sensitive to Your leading all day long.

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When God seem silent

BIBLE PASSAGE:

PSALM 46:5-10

MEMORY VERSE

PSALM 62:5

SUMMARY

Imagine a phone call with a friend you've been eager to talk to but you're the one doing the whole talking with no response from your friend. The longer the silence, the more worried you are. There are times in our walk with God when we experience this uncomfortable silence which makes us question our walk with God and His presence.

With God, silence is not rejection. It's not a result of your shortcomings. It can also be a form of communication. When God is silent, He often desires to draw us closer. It's a time to return to the most potent way God speaks and leads; His Word. God's silence is also a period of growth and refinement.

Never trust your feelings when you think God has abandoned you due to silence. Remember that God is more willing to lead us than we are more willing to be led by Him. And one of the ways He leads us, is silence. It is not the absence of leading; it is a way He leads.

PRAYER POINT

**Lord, when you seem silent, help me to trust that You are with me in the quiet.
Amen**

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Respond With Faith not Fear

BIBLE PASSAGE:

HEBREWS 11:8

MEMORY VERSE

II TIMOTHY 1:7

SUMMARY

Have you ever received an instruction from God but because you felt it was way beyond you, you hesitated? And somewhere in the waiting, fear became the driving force and then, you realize there was nothing to be afraid of. The path He was leading you towards was much safer than the one you were trying to stay on. Every time God leads you, you have to make a choice to follow with faith or fear. Fear says the path is uncertain, faith says the path doesn't have to be certain, fear says wait until you have the whole manuscript before you take a step, faith says take a step, the next one will appear when you need it. Fear is loud and will sometimes dress itself up as wisdom to keep you exactly where you are but the Scripture says that spirit did not come from God.

When God called Abraham to leave his father's house to a place unknown to him, he obeyed, not minding traveling without a destination. That is faith in leading. He decided to trust the one leading him rather than having the fear of where He might be taking him. Little wonder he was referred to as the father of faith.

God doesn't always show you the full design before He asks you to move. Leading comes one step at a time and faith is what makes you take that step even before you can see the next one. Fear always procrastinate but faith moves anyway.

PRAYER POINT

God, grant me the grace to ultimately put my trust in you. In situations where fear seems powerful, lord help me to put my trust and faith in you.

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Running from God's leading: Jonah

BIBLE PASSAGE:

JONAH 1:1-3

MEMORY VERSE

JONAH 1:3

SUMMARY

Sometimes, we know what God is asking of us but we do the opposite making excuses or even convincing ourselves we didn't hear God because the instruction is inconvenient and out of our comfort zone. God spoke to Jonah clearly and directly, instructing him to go to Nineveh but Jonah was unwilling because of how wicked the people were and made an attempt to run by going in the exact opposite direction.

While running, his ship encountered a great storm that resulted to loss of property for all that were in the ship. Then, he spent three days in a fish until he surrendered and told God he was ready and he ended up exactly where God wanted him. God didn't write Jonah off or looked for someone else but He pursued him and redirected him.

God's leading can contradict our plans and not seem convenient at the moment but we ought to always remember that it takes less to obey than it cost to run from God's leading and disobedience affects the lives of people around us as well.

PRAYER POINT

Father, forgive me for all of the times I chose my comfort over Your leading. Give me the courage to do your bidding even when it doesn't make sense.

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Surrendering to God

BIBLE PASSAGE:

PROVERBS 3: 5-6

MEMORY VERSE

PROVERBS 3: 5

SUMMARY

Everyone wants to be led by God but they are not willing to surrender. Most times, we pray for leading secretly hoping that God will approve the plans we have made but true surrender is laying down our desires, aspirations and opinion while choosing to trust God's wisdom above our own. For us to be led by God, we must first be yielded to Him.

Surrender is an act of trust. It is trusting in God's plan. Abraham demonstrated this exact surrender when God told him to sacrifice his only son whom he had when he was 100. He did not hold back. He was certain of who was leading him. Jesus is another example of surrender. He was faced with so much suffering on the cross. Yet, His submission to the Father's will brought salvation to mankind.

As believers, the same way Paul said he dies to flesh daily, is the same way we ought to surrender our life to Christ daily. Each day, we must choose to trust God and follow His leading even when it seems obscure.

PRAYER POINT

Lord, I surrender my plans, ambitions to you. Help me to live a life of surrender all my life. Amen.

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Hindrances to Divine Leading

BIBLE PASSAGE:

ISAIAH 59: 1-2

MEMORY VERSE

ISAIAH 59: 2

SUMMARY

Many times we pray for direction concerning our studies, careers, relationships and future. Yet there are times when God's guidance seems unclear which might be due to some obstacles hindering us from recognizing His leading. God takes pleasure in leading us but our hearts must be receptive to His voice.

There are certain attitudes and actions that makes it difficult to discern God's voice. One of the major hindrances to divine leading is disobedience. When we disobey God's written commandment in the Scripture, He will not reveal further direction in other areas of our lives. He requires obedience to what He has said before revealing the next step.

Another hindrance is pride. Someone who thinks knows what is best will struggle to seek and submit to God's counsel. Pride causes us to lean on our understanding rather than trust in God and the Scripture further emphasizes that God keeps the proud far from Him. Once these distractions are removed, we position ourselves to hear Him clearly.

PRAYER POINT

Lord, help me to take away every iota of pride and disobedience so I can hear you more clearly in Jesus' name. Amen

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Leading and God's timing

BIBLE PASSAGE:

ECCLESIASTES 3: 1-11

MEMORY VERSE

HABAKKUK 2:3

SUMMARY

Have you ever heard God leading you towards something but also seeing Him hold you back, telling you to wait? That's a season many believers never want to be but must pass through. But God wants you to know that His timing is not delay, it's a design.

God had called David, chosen him and anointed him as king by the prophet Samuel but he returned to watching his father's sheep in the field and he remained there for many years but he had been anointed as king. God took that time to build him. It was never a waste of time. Saul felt God's leading was too slow and he moved out of God's path but it cost him everything.

Rushing ahead of God's timing doesn't speed things up. Trust that His timing is never late, it is for a purpose. Some of His leading are not for the now, they are just words for you to hold unto and run with.

He is building in you what the next season will require of you. So, don't despise your waiting period. Instead, make the most of it.

PRAYER POINT

Lord, teach me to trust not just Your direction but your timing. Help me to stay faithful in my waiting season.

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The Cost of Following

BIBLE PASSAGE:

LUKE 9:23 -24

MEMORY VERSE

LUKE 9: 23

SUMMARY

Everyone loves the promises that accompanies being led by God but we all overlook the cost. Being led by God sometimes require you to give up your comfort, plans and sometimes relationships. It's not just about going where He sends you, it's about surrendering the right to lead yourself. It's about giving up control.

Jesus said whoever wants to follow Him must first deny himself and take up his cross daily. And that means admitting that your wisdom is not enough to run your life. Following God will cost you your ego, our personal plans because God just might be leading you the opposite path.

It will also cost you your comfort zone. God's leading always leaves us better and remember that when God asks you to let go of something, it's for a greater cause.

PRAYER POINT

Help me to truly deny myself, recognize your voice and surrender my plans to Your Spirit daily. Amen

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A Spirit-Led Life

BIBLE PASSAGE:

GALATIANS 5: 25

MEMORY VERSE

GALATIANS 1:25

SUMMARY

Being led by God should not be a one-time thing in the life of a believer but, a lifestyle. A Spirit led life is a life of daily dependence on the Spirit. A life where every decision, desire, ambition are influenced by the Spirit.

A Spirit led life is a life of surrender and consistency. It is impossible for God to lead a life that is not yielded to him. Having established that God leads through His Word and His Spirit, it takes someone consistent in the meditation of His Word and fervent in prayer to hear Him. The more time we spend with God, the more familiar we become to His voice.

God desires to guide you through life and not just through important decisions. Develop a relationship with the Holy Spirit, He is able to guide you through life and in moments it seems God is quiet, turn to His Word.

PRAYER POINT

Father, take the lead in my life as I look to you for guidance. Help me to live a life of daily surrender. Amen

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