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The Leading Of The Holy Spirit

A. Points of doctrine.

- You have to be willing to be led by the Holy Spirit.
- You have to be spiritually sensitive to the Holy Spirit's leading.
- There is that element of faith and trust in the Spirit's leading.
- You have to be filled with the Spirit to be in the Spirit to be led by the Spirit.
- Humility and trust are the mental attitudes involved in being led by the Spirit.
- You have to be willing to do God's will, not your will.
- Faith, the faith rest dynamic, prayer and fasting (intensification concepts), are used to prepare one's heart to be led by the Holy Spirit.
- Wanting to be led by the Holy Spirit everyday of your life.
- Being led by the Spirit is an individual matter. Don't expect, nor look for, others to be led with you; it's an individual dynamic.
- Conclude that you usually will be alone in this matter.
- Expect opposition from the world system, the flesh nature, (yours and others), the devil and the human viewpoint in others around you.
- Do not look for approval from others: family, friends and other Christians.
- One must turn away from things and people that hinder the Spirit's leading.
- The Holy Spirit leads us in the Father's will for our lives.
- Joy and peace are found in the Spirit's leading.
- One cannot be loving the world and be led by the Spirit at the same time.
- One has to deal with issues involved in cosmic involvement.
- One has to escape from fleshly lusts and emotions to be led by the Spirit.
- One cannot be involved in anything occultic and be led by the Spirit.
- If our lusts are leading us, then we are not being led by the Spirit.
- The Holy Spirit's leading is not coercion, nor force, but gentle persuasion. Hence, the need for being spiritually sensitive.
- There is a need for separating oneself from those who are not spiritual.
- Emotions and lusts distract and prevent us from being led by the Holy Spirit.
- One has to orient to the Lord first before you find out what he wants you to do.
- The Holy Spirit leads communicators to those he's working with in salvation.
- He guides believers in the path of Bible Doctrine.
- He guides Pastors in their studies of the Word.
- One has to believe that the Holy Spirit actually leads believers in Christ.
- One has to believe that he will lead you!
- The Holy Spirit will guide the pilgrim on his journey through life, but the pilgrim needs to be a willing traveler.
- The leading of the Holy Spirit centers around the will of God.
- The leading of the Holy Spirit is connected to the Word of God.
- The Holy Spirit does not lead believers away from the truth.
- Believers can resist the leading of the Holy Spirit concerning the truth.

B. The status of sons. Romans 8:14

1. “*For as many as are led by the Spirit of God,*” - οσοι γαρ πνευματι θεου αγονται

The fact that there are people on earth who are led by the Holy Spirit is an attestation that they belong to God. It is similar to the shepherd leading his sheep. It is the Holy Spirit who led us to Christ; it is he who leads us into all the truth; and it is he who indwelt us and regenerated us when we believed on Christ as our Savior.

This brings out the exclusivity of our relationship to God. Not all people living on earth belong to God, not all people on earth are being led by God the Holy Spirit, but there are those who are being led by the Holy Spirit and it is these people and only these people who belong to God.

And we might make a case for the true filling of the true Holy Spirit. There has been for several decades now a *Christian* phenomenon that they associate with the *Holy Spirit*. In this phenomenon two things stand out, apart from extremely bizarre and undignified behavior, and they are: one, emotions, and two, a complete lack of being centered around the teaching of the Word of God, even a disdain for it.

It is not only non sequitor, but anti the Word of God, that if the Father is the God of Bible Doctrine, and the Son is the incarnate doctrine and lived by every doctrine that proceeds from the mouth of God, and that the Holy Spirit is the Spirit of Bible Doctrine and whose ministry leads God's people into Bible Doctrine that he would lead believers away from the Word and into things that are not Biblical!

2. “*They are the sons of God.*” - ουτοι εισιν υιοι θεου

“*The ones being led by the Spirit of God*”, these are, or have the status quo, of being the sons of God. The present passive indicative is a static present which denotes a perpetually existing condition in their lives. It emphasizes the reality of it and that these people receive the action of being led by the Spirit.

The Holy Spirit brought us to Christ; he indwelt us; he regenerated us; he fills us; he empowers us; he convicts us; he leads us into all truth; he reveals the Father's will to us; he leads us in the Father's plan; he renews our spirits; he produces spiritual fruit in our lives and he places us in the ministry he has prepared for us.

Every believer in Christ has the Holy Spirit living in them, and every believer in Christ, at one time or another, has had the Holy Spirit lead them in their lives, but not all believers follow the leading of the Holy Spirit due to their worldliness, carnality and willful resistance. Just as not all believers are filled with the Spirit.

But the fact still remains that the Holy Spirit leads the sons of God throughout their lives here on earth. Some follow the Spirit's leading by positive volition, walking by faith and remaining filled with the Holy Spirit. But some, due to their lusts, emotions, worldliness

and carnality resist the leading of the Spirit.

C. The Spirit led the Lord. Matthew 4; Luke 4

“Then was Jesus led up of the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted of the devil.”
Matthew 4:1 *“And Jesus being full of the Holy Ghost returned from Jordan, and was led by the Spirit into the wilderness,”* Luke 4:1

Matthew's account has Jesus at the Jordan river where he was being baptized by John the Baptist. As soon as he came up from the waters the heavens were opened up to him and he saw the Holy Spirit coming down to him from God and resting upon him. Then he heard the voice of the Father saying, *“This is my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased.”* Matthew 3:17

It was thereafter when came up out of the water that the Holy Spirit descended upon him and then immediately the Spirit led him out into the wilderness. We want to note the **suddenness** at times of the Spirit's leading. We also want to note that the Spirit led the Lord out into the wilderness for the purpose of being tested by the devil.

We don't know whether the devil was already out there waiting for him, or if he came out later on. But we do know that he drew near to the Lord to test him at the end of the forty days. Note also that the devil's strategy is to target believers at their weakest.

We want to note that when Jesus submitted himself to John's baptism he was submitting to the Father's will for his life, at which time the Father bestowed upon him the Holy Spirit. Now that the Spirit had come upon him he was full of the power of the Holy Spirit when the Spirit led him out into the wilderness to be tested; he was full of the Holy Spirit for those forty days and nights; he was full of the Holy Spirit when he was hungry; he was full of the Holy Spirit while he was being tested by the devil; and he was full of the Holy Spirit when he came back into town.

(We need to note in passing that the Lord had the fullness of the Holy Spirit that no other person had ever experienced on earth. Christ was filled by the Holy Spirit to the maximum and he never barked like a dog, howled like a wolf, laid on the ground going into convulsions, or walked around on all fours like an animal. His inner demeanor was perfect peace and love and his outer behavior was one of absolute **integrity** and **dignity**!)

We must not make the mistake of assuming that the leading of the Holy Spirit always results in pleasant surroundings and concepts. It can entail testing, suffering, deprivation and hardship. **But there is one consistent concept involved whenever the Spirit leads the believer in Christ and that is it is always the Father's will for that believer's life!**

And his will is in keeping with his eternal purpose for that believer, not only for the believer's divine production here on earth, but also in putting him or her through the things in life that they need to go through, so that their inner man can grow to the place of maturity and conformity to the image of Christ by the utilization of the doctrinal, spiritual

provisions that the Lord gives them.

D. The Spirit leads us into Bible Doctrine.

“Howbeit when he, the Spirit of (the) truth, is come, he will guide you into all (the) truth:”
John 16:13a

1. *“The Spirit of (the) Truth”* - το πνευμα της αληθειας

We want to note of most importance that the Holy Spirit is connected to the truth, the Bible, the truth of God's Word, to the teaching of God's Word, or what we refer to as Bible Doctrine. Martin Luther used to put it as, “the Holy Spirit comes riding in the carriage of the Word of God”. Where the truth is, there will be the Holy Spirit. And where the Spirit is, there will be freedom! *“Now the Lord is that Spirit: and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is liberty.”* 2 Corinthians 3:17

A little comment on the rise of tyranny of government in America and other nations, and our subsequent loss of freedoms, can be directly connected to the failure of the pulpits across the land to teach God's Word and the negative volition toward Bible teaching by those who attend those churches! They have their emotionalism; they have a pseudo spirituality; they have their programs and religiosity; they have their legalism, but they aren't teaching the Word of God.

You cannot have reject, or ignore, the teaching of the Word of God in “church” services and expect the Holy Spirit to be present. He comes with the Word of God and if the Word of God is not wanted, then he isn't wanted! He is the Spirit of Bible Doctrine! That passage in Revelation 3:20, *“Behold, I stand at the door, and knock: if any man hear my voice, and open the door, I will come in to him, and will sup with him, and he with me.”*, refers to Jesus Christ being outside the “worship” service of some church because the Word of God is not being taught in that church regardless of how churchified it is!

The next thing that we want to note is our failure to recognize the obvious. All too often we think of the leading of the Holy Spirit in reference to going to this town, or talking to that person, and that's all true, but we fail to notice the most important aspect of the Spirit's leading is **always in conjunction with the will and Word of the Father!** The Spirit always leads the believer in Christ, if they're willing, into the will of the Father for that believer's life, never away from it! And he always leads the believer into the path of the truth of God's Word never away from it.

Believers in Christ need to realize the importance of the teaching of the Word of God in their churches. In a time when churches are centered around gratifying the lust and emotional patterns of the flesh natures of believers with their musical programs, dramas, pageantry, legalism, tabooism, big extravaganzas, dancing, hollering and all the rest; they need to realize how vitally important the truth is to God and to their spiritual lives.

The truth is none of these things will set us free! It is only through knowing the truth

that we are set free from legalism, the devil and the tyranny of the flesh! “***And ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free.***” John 8:32

2. “*He will guide you into all (the) truth*” - οδηγησει υμας εις πασαν την αληθειαν

We want to note that the Spirit of God leads us into **all** the truth, not just into a few doctrines that churches put forth to show themselves as being different from the others, but into all the truth of God's Word. That is, if the believer is willing, and not arrogant, and allows themselves to be led by the Spirit to learn new truth.

The active voice of *hodegeo* tells us that it is the Holy Spirit who does it and the future indicative emphasizes the absolute certainty of the action. The word *hodegeo* meant to lead someone in the sense of guiding. If someone was going to go to a place that he had never been before, then he would need a guide to lead him on the way.

It is connected to the word, *hodos*, the word for the way or a path. Originally Christians were known as the *followers of the way*, *ho hodos*, derived from Christ as being the way to God. *Hodos* is the way or the path that we are to follow in life; it is the path that the Father wants us to take; and it is the Holy Spirit who will guide us on this path. He defines here what this path consists of and that is **all** the truth, the whole counsel of God's Word. Now it's true that the Holy Spirit will lead us to certain towns, people, jobs, etc., but here it's telling us that he is our guide in the Word of God.

When Christ said that man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceedeth out of the mouth of God, what he was saying is that man shall live by **every doctrine** that proceeds out of the mouth of God. A statement, that those who go to churches where doctrine is denigrated, rejected, despised, or scorned, should consider.

Now it's true that the Holy Spirit does lead believers to live in certain towns, to meet certain people, to work at a specific job, etc., but here it's telling us that the Holy Spirit will be guiding us into the knowledge of the truth, the teaching of the Word of God.

When believers pray to God for wisdom, and Pastors pray to God in regard to their studies, they are in essence asking for the Holy Spirit to guide them in the doctrines they need. We must understand that the Holy Spirit's leading always centers around the truth, for the path he is leading us on is the path of truth.

We must also realize that he does not lead us away from the truth; but the believer can react or rebel against the Spirit's leading and go away from the truth to follow his own carnal or worldly desires. Realizing also that the flesh does not want the truth! It only wants to live in its emotions and follow its lusts. It is only the new man, which was created in us at the moment of salvation, that wants the truth.

Walking, a path, and a guide are interconnected concepts. The path consists of righteousness and truth. The path consists of grace and truth. The path reflects the will and plan of God for our lives. Faith is the means of travel on this path. Because the path

is unseeable to human eyes, and because it must be walked by faith, then we will need a guide to lead us on it. One wagon rut of grace, the other one of truth, and we travel it by faith with the Holy Spirit leading the way.

It was the Father who determined his will for us back in eternity past. It is the Holy Spirit who reveals his will to us as he leads us. As we allow ourselves to be led. The Spirit's guiding us on the path is for today. Seeing that we only exist in the present, not the past nor the future; he can only be leading us **today!**

As any journey down a path goes it's usually one step at a time. Sometimes we can see a few steps down the path, sometimes we can see further down, sometimes one can catch a glimpse of the next place you're going to as you travel on. In the Christian life of walking by faith we basically have no idea where the path of God is taking us; we don't know what's down the road or around the bend. We might catch a glimpse of where we think we're going, only to find that the road takes us off in another direction. But our faith tells us that we're on the right path.

When we are being led by the Holy Spirit on the path of God for our lives, he might reveal to us that we're heading over to that ridge, or going around that lake, or over that hill, or through those woods, all short term concepts. Or he might point out to us to be careful where we put each step as we go through something harmful to us. But he doesn't reveal to us the end of our journey here on earth from the beginning.

Many Christians today have been led away by the *Pied Pipers* of the *prosperity gospel* movement. They have been led astray by the **spirit of falsehood** by believing that the Holy Spirit will be leading them into fame and fortune. “*We are of God: he that knoweth God heareth us; he that is not of God heareth not us. Hereby know we the spirit of truth, and the spirit of error.*” 1 John 4:6

Planes, πλανης, meant to lead astray. Astray from what? From the will of God, the path of God, and the teaching of the Word of God. And what leads believers away from the path of Bible Doctrine? The promise of wealth, prosperity and success. And who are the agents, the *Pied Pipers* of all this? The false teachers teaching false doctrines.

When we look at the believers who were led by the Spirit in their lives, we find that they suffered many things, there was testing, trials, pressure, opposition from others and not a lot of riches and fame, except for the Laodicean crowd, who were apostate to the max. Now this is not to say that the path of God will be a miserable one. But what it does say is that it does not mean that there will necessarily be fame and fortune on it!

We tend to forget that the most important thing to God is not how much money we make, nor the things we accumulate in life, or our positions in society, **but that we are conformed to the image of his Son**. This he ordained for us in eternity past! And for this to be accomplished there must be the filling of the Holy Spirit, the teaching of the Word of God, and yes, trials and suffering.

There are spirits attached to teachings. The Holy Spirit is attached to the teaching of the Word of God. But demonic spirits are attached to false teaching! The Holy Spirit will be leading us on the path of God for our lives, which centers around the teaching of the Word. And the *leading astray spirits will lead us away from the path of God!*

E. The Spirit leads us into glory. Hebrews 2:10

“For it became him, for whom are all things, and by whom are all things, in bringing many sons unto glory, to make the captain of their salvation perfect through sufferings.”
Hebrews 2:10

The word *ago*, **to lead**, is used once more here in the context of the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit. Concerning the **Son**, it was fitting that he was perfected in his faith by his suffering because of his eternal union with the Church. Concerning the **Father**, it was he who planned all these things in eternity past according to his eternal purpose. Concerning the **Holy Spirit**, it is he who leads us in all this.

Now we've been talking about how the Holy Spirit is leading us every step of the way on our journey through this life on the path God has ordained for our lives. **The final step** of this journey is where he will lead us into the glory that the Father has prepared for us in eternity past.

And even though some believers fight God in his will for their lives, and even though some believers stray from the path, but never get very far away from him, **at the end of it all the Holy Spirit will lead them into glory!**

Leading us is a basis for the correct understanding of the concept of biblical faith and trust. What did we do? What could we do? Can't we see that it was the Holy Spirit who led us to Christ? And if he led us to Christ and is going to lead us into glory at the end of our lives, what else can we do **but trust him to lead us through our lives in the interim!** If the two major issues of being saved and going to heaven are the results of the Holy Spirit's leading and ministry in our lives, then we can trust him for the in between.

So much emphasis on **works** is found in Christianity today that most believers really don't understand, or live by, the biblical concept of faith and trust. They think **they** came to Christ; they think that it was **their** free will, that it was **their** faith, when all along it was the Holy Spirit who brought them to Christ and that it was God who gave them the faith to believe on Christ!

The believer's volition regarding the Holy Spirit leading them in their lives is a very important aspect. He is not going to force them to follow the Father's will if they don't want to. But when it comes down to the end of our lives, and it's time to depart this life to go be with God, there are many believers who don't want to die. Even though they are going to a far better place, it's hard for them to leave loved ones behind.

Here the sovereign will of God comes in, and instead of leading these believers into

heaven, he brings them into heaven. But even in this they are still surrounded by the lovingkindness of God. You see the one who has been with us throughout all our lives will be with us as he takes us from this earth and brings us to heaven. “*Whither shall I go from thy spirit? or whither shall I flee from thy presence? If I ascend up into heaven, thou art there: if I make my bed in hell, behold, thou art there.*” Psalms 139:7,8

F. Not under law. Galatians 5:18

“*But if ye be led of the Spirit, ye are not under the law.*” εἰ δὲ πνεύματι ἀγεσθε οὐκ ἐστε ὑπο νόμον Galatians 5:18

If you are being led by the Holy Spirit, and you are, first class condition of if, then you are not under law. It can also be translated as since, “*Since you are being led of the Spirit*”. So the question is, who are these who are being led by the Holy Spirit?

It is very clear in Romans 8:14, “*For as many as are led by the Spirit of God, they are the sons of God.*”; it is those who are being led by the Spirit, and only those people are led by the Spirit, that they are the sons of God!

Since you (Galatians) are being led by the Spirit, (and you are), then you Galatians are not under law, because you (Galatians) are sons of God. Expanded.

Now we know that if we're filled with the Holy Spirit we will not be controlled by the flesh nature and be able to please the righteous demands of the Father, but this is talking about something else. It's speaking of a personal relationship with God as his sons and daughters, as well as an active dynamic with a specific group of people. Since you are being led by the Spirit, shows that you are saved sons of God. The Spirit of God leads the sons of God through life, but he doesn't lead the unbelievers.

The nation of Israel was identified as being the people of God. And in that nation the concepts of the Law and the temple played a central role. Many of the Jews believed that they were the people of God, but were they? They diligently sought to keep the Law in the hope that they would attain to the resurrection of the dead. “*And now I stand and am judged for the hope of the **promise** made of God unto our fathers: Unto which **promise** our twelve tribes, instantly serving God day and night, hope to come. For which hope's sake, king Agrippa, I am accused of the Jews.*” Acts 26:6,7 But would they attain to the resurrection of the dead?

The promise that God made to Israel centered around the **Righteous Branch** that would spring from David's line, who was the Lord Jesus, and the giving of his Spirit, the Holy Spirit to them. “*Behold, the days come, saith the LORD, that I will perform that good thing which I have **promised** unto the house of Israel and to the house of Judah. In those days, and at that time, will I cause the **Branch of righteousness** to grow up unto David; and he shall execute judgment and righteousness in the land.*” Jeremiah 33:14,15

So who were the true people of God? Who were the true sons of God? Was it those who

were still under the Law? Or those who were being led by the Holy Spirit? The fact that they were identified with Jesus Christ through faith in him, the Righteous Branch, and the fact that the Holy Spirit was leading them reveals that they belonged to God. Many references in the OT and the NT were made about the promised Spirit, or the Spirit of the Promise. The fact that they had the Spirit demonstrated that they were saved.

F. The principle of the Open Door.

1. *“These things saith he that is holy, he that is true, he that hath the key of David, he that openeth, and no man shutteth; and shutteth, and no man openeth;” Revelations 3:7b*

The principle of the open and shut door begins with Jesus Christ. It is he who opens and shuts doors. When seeking the leading of the Holy Spirit in our lives, we must have the faith that the Lord will open the doors that he wants us to go through and close the doors that he doesn't.

The second thing we must believe is that when Jesus Christ opens a door; no one has the power to shut it! And when he shuts a door; no one has the power to open it. And that tells us that we are to leave it at that. If a door is open, we walk through. And if the door is closed, then we don't try to open it in our own works.

The next principle that we employ is that of if a door is open, but it closes on us so we can't go through, then we are to take that as being from the Lord that he doesn't want us to go through and thus move on.

The next principle we are to employ is that if a door is shut we are to knock on it, and if it opens, we walk through. But if it remains closed, then accept it as being from the Lord and move on to the next door! In strict interpretation this is referring to an open door of Christian evangelism and church planting, but in application it can refer to opportunity and the Spirit's leading in every aspect of our lives.

The Holy Spirit will lead us in the Father's will and plan for our lives. And in so doing he will lead us through the doors that Christ opens for us. If a door is opened for us by the Lord, then it is his will and our responsibility to walk through it. Even if we do not know what lies behind the door, we do know who opened it for us.

2. *“Withal praying also for us, that God would open unto us a door of utterance, to speak the mystery of Christ, for which I am also in bonds:” Colossians 4:3*

This passage brings in the element of prayer in our lives concerning the leading of the Holy Spirit and the concept of opportunity. Whether the Lord is leading a believer to live in a certain town, or find a spouse, go to school, get a job, or he is opening up doors to provide the right condition or situation to attain a goal.

Believers do at times have bona fide desires; maybe they want to serve him, or find the right spouse to live life with, or go to a certain school, find gainful employment, or

further their businesses. They try to do it in their own strength, but fail. So they go to the Lord in prayer and ask him to open up a door for them.

This implies that at the present time no door has been opened for them, and they have certainly tried to find one, so they go to God in prayer and ask him for one! This tells us that things can be done for us that we could not do for ourselves. **And it also tells us that things can be done for us that are not done for the rest of the world!**

3. *“For a great door and effectual is opened unto me, and there are many adversaries.”*
1 Corinthians 16:9

The perfect tense of *anoigo* tells us that a door of opportunity had been opened for them and that it remained open. And as we know, it was Christ who opened the door and who kept it open.

But this passage brings out another concept and that there will be those who oppose you. They will oppose you as you seek to walk through the door, and there will be opposition to you on the other side of the door. But, even though there will be those you from going through the door, the Lord will keep it open. And, even though they will oppose you on the other side, the Lord will give you success in spite of their opposition!

Remember this, the Lord opened the door **for you!** There may be those who try to prevent you, (by one means or another), from going through the door; and there may be those on the other side trying to hinder your progress and prevent your success, just remember this, **the Lord opened the door for you – not them!**

4. *“Furthermore, when I came to Troas to preach Christ's gospel, and a door was opened unto me of the Lord,”* 2 Corinthians 2:12

There is the indwelling of the Holy Spirit when he came into our bodies at the moment of salvation. There is the regenerating of the Holy Spirit when he created a new man in us at the moment we believed on Christ. There is the baptism of the Holy Spirit when he placed us into the invisible body of Christ. There is the fruit of the Holy Spirit, such as love, joy, peace, etc.. There is the filling of the Holy Spirit when he is controlling us in our lives and not our flesh natures. There is being in the Spirit when we are living our lives in the sphere of the spiritual life dynamic.

And then there is the leading of the Holy Spirit. Now all believers in Christ have been indwelt, regenerated and baptized by the Holy Spirit, but not all believers are being filled with the Holy Spirit, producing the fruit of the Holy Spirit, nor being led by the Spirit.

To be led by the Spirit you have to be willing to be led and to want it. There is also the matter of being in the Spirit, which has the idea of living within the sphere of the spiritual life dynamic: prayer, confession of sin, the exercise of faith in the Word of God and the exercising of faith that the Spirit will lead you.

Within that sphere of faith, in that sphere of being in the Spirit, there will be peace. And there you will find that the Spirit will be leading you to do the will of God. Follow the path of peace.

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