

## The Holy Spirit – Part 9 – The Spirit Led Life

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**Proverbs 20:27 (NKJV)** The **spirit** of a man *is* the **lamp of the LORD**, Searching all the inner depths of his heart.

### MAN IS AN ETERNAL SPIRIT

**Genesis 1:26-27 (NKJV)** Then God said, "Let Us make man **in Our image**, according to Our likeness;... So God created man **in His own image**; in the image of God He created him; male and female He created them.

**John 4:24 (NKJV)** **God is Spirit**, and those who worship Him **must worship in spirit** and truth."

**1 Thessalonians 5:23 (NKJV)** Now may the God of peace Himself sanctify you completely; and may your whole **spirit, soul, and body** be preserved blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.

**Philippians 1:23-24 (NKJV)** For I am hard pressed between the two, having a desire to depart and **be with Christ**, *which is* far better. Nevertheless to **remain in the flesh** *is* more needful for you.

**2 Corinthians 4:16 (NKJV)** Even though our **outward man** is perishing, yet the **inward man** is being renewed day by day.

## GOD'S WORD IS OUR FOUNDATION

**Hebrews 4:12 (NKJV)** For the word of God *is* living and powerful, and sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing even to the division of **soul** and **spirit**, and of **joints and marrow**, and is a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart.

**James 1:21 (NKJV)** ... receive with meekness the **implanted word**, which is able to **save your souls**.

**Romans 12:2 (NKJV)** And do not be conformed to this world, but **be transformed by the renewing of your mind**, that **you may prove what *is*** that good and acceptable and perfect will of God.

**Romans 12:1-2 (PassionNTPsa)** Beloved friends, what should be our proper response to God's marvelous mercies? I encourage you to **surrender yourselves** to God to be his sacred, living sacrifices. And live in holiness, experiencing all that delights his heart. For this becomes your genuine expression of worship.

**Stop imitating the ideals and opinions** of the culture around you, but be **inwardly transformed by the Holy Spirit** through a **total reformation of how you think**. This will **empower you to discern God's will** as you live a beautiful life, satisfying and perfect in his eyes.

**1 Corinthians 9:27 (NKJV)** But I **discipline my body** and bring *it* into subjection, lest, when I have preached to others, I myself should become **disqualified**.

## HOW TO BE LED BY THE SPIRIT OF GOD

**\* Too often, believers are looking for something spectacular instead of a leading of the Spirit.**

**1 Kings 19:9-13 (NLT)** There he came to a cave, where he spent the night. But the LORD said to him, "What are you doing here, Elijah?" Elijah replied, "I have zealously served the LORD God Almighty. But the people of Israel have broken their covenant with you, torn down your altars, and killed every one of your prophets. I am the only one left, and now they are trying to kill me, too." "Go out and stand before me on the mountain," the LORD told him. And as Elijah stood there, the LORD passed by, and a mighty windstorm hit the mountain. It was such a terrible blast that the rocks were torn loose, but the LORD was not in the wind. After the wind there was an earthquake, but the LORD was not in the earthquake. And after the earthquake there was a fire, but the LORD was not in the fire. And after the fire **there was the sound of a gentle whisper. When Elijah heard it**, he wrapped his face in his cloak and went out and stood at the entrance of the cave. And a voice said, "What are you doing here, Elijah?"

**Romans 8:16 (NKJV)** The **Spirit Himself bears witness with our spirit** that we are children of God,

### 1. The Inward Witness.

**Romans 8:14 (NKJV)** For as many as are **led by the Spirit of God**, these are **sons of God**.

**Acts 10:34 (NKJV)** Then Peter opened *his* mouth and said: "In truth **I perceive** that God shows no partiality.

**Acts 27:10 (NKJV)** saying, "Men, **I perceive** that this voyage will end with disaster and much loss, not only of the cargo and ship, but also our lives."

## 2. The Inward Voice

**Acts 8:29 (NKJV)** Then **the Spirit said to Philip**, "Go near and overtake this chariot."

**Acts 10:19 (NKJV)** While Peter thought about the vision, **the Spirit said to him**, "Behold, three men are seeking you."

**Acts 13:2 (NKJV)** As they ministered to the Lord and fasted, **the Holy Spirit said**, "Now separate to Me Barnabas and Saul for the work to which I have called them."

### What about Visions and Dreams?

**\* We are never told to pray for visions or dreams. We are told to seek God and His Will.**

**John 5:19-20 (NKJV)** Then Jesus answered and said to them, "Most assuredly, I say to you, the Son can do nothing of Himself, but what **He sees the Father do**; for whatever He does, the Son also does in like manner. For the Father loves the Son, and **shows Him all things that He Himself does**; and **He will show** Him greater works than these, that you may marvel."

**Acts 2:16-17 (NKJV)** But this is what was spoken by the prophet Joel: 'And it shall come to pass in the last days, says God, That I will pour out of My Spirit on all flesh; Your **sons and your daughters shall prophesy**, Your **young men shall see visions**, Your **old men shall dream dreams**.'

### What about Angels?

**\* We are never told to pray for an angelic appearance.**

**Acts 8:26 (NKJV)** Now an **angel of the Lord spoke to Philip**, saying, "Arise and go toward the south along the road which goes down from Jerusalem to Gaza."

**Acts 8:29 (NKJV)** Then **the Spirit said** to Philip, "Go near and overtake this chariot."

**2 Corinthians 11:14 (NKJV)** And no wonder! For **Satan himself transforms** himself into **an angel of light**.

**Acts 27:10 (NKJV)** saying, "Men, **I perceive** that this voyage will end with disaster and much loss, not only of the cargo and ship, but also our lives."

**Acts 27:21-24 (NKJV)** But after long abstinence from food, then Paul stood in the midst of them and said, "Men, you should have listened to me, and not have sailed from Crete and incurred this disaster and loss. And now I urge you to take heart, for there will be no loss of life among you, but only of the ship. For there stood by me this night **an angel of the God** to whom I belong and whom I serve, saying, 'Do not be afraid, Paul; **you must be brought before Caesar**; and indeed God has granted you all those who sail with you.'

**\* Feelings are the voice of the flesh**

**\* The Word of God is the final authority. Without the boundaries of the Word of God, we do not know what is of God or Satan.**

**\* No matter how "supernatural" something seems, it must bear witness to your spirit and it must not violate God's Word.**