

Spectacular Guidance

Rom 8:14 For as many as are led by the Spirit of God, they are the sons of God.

Rom 8:15 For ye have not received the spirit of bondage again to fear; but ye have received the Spirit of adoption, whereby we cry, Abba, Father.

Rom 8:16 The Spirit itself beareth witness with our spirit, that we are the children of God:

There are many ways in which God leads that are more common than others. Sometimes there are supernatural things that are not spectacular. We sometimes fail to appreciate the supernatural

Now it is supernatural to speak in tongues but, because it is common, Christians fail to appreciate speaking in tongues.

Even Peter and Paul didn't have visions everyday. Although when we read the book of Acts we tend to think that these disciples had supernatural visions and spectacular things happen everyday. But if you will take the time to do a little research you will be able to quickly see according to the time-line Acts was written over a long span of time.

We need rather we must learn to distinguish between the Lord's voice and our own spirit. God can witness to us in letting us know what we should and shouldn't do. There are times we can hear an inward voice. Our own spirit can tell us things, and your spirit knows things that your head doesn't know. Your spirit communicates with your soul or mind.

- Now let's look at a couple of passages and get some more light 2Pe 1:4 Whereby are given unto us exceeding great and precious promises: that by these ye might be partakers of the divine nature, having escaped the corruption that is in the world through lust.
- 1Jo 3:9 Whosoever is born of God doth not commit sin; for his seed remaineth in him: and he cannot sin, because he is born of God.

The Bible says when we were born again, we are the workmanship of Jesus Christ. Our spirit says we shouldn't sin. Our spirit doesn't want to sin. So if the Word of God was the seed that was used to regenerate your human spirit, that means your spirit does not want to sin.

Now it can be affected by sin, but the sin didn't originate there. We need to develop the sensitivity of our *spirit. Our spirit is a safe guide. But when the Holy Spirit speaks to you, it is more authoritative and when the Lord speaks, it is even more powerful.

Now let us take a look at another area and that is Visions, there was no one in Israel who had experienced an open vision, there are three types of visions there are:

1. Spiritual visions, this is the lowest type of a vision,

2. A Trance- your physical senses are suspended -*Numbers 24:2*
3. Open Vision this is the highest type for you are aware of both worlds at the same time and are seeing into them.

Covenant, the Spirit did not live in everyone like today. A prophet had to lead and guide. The guidance was spectacular when it did happen. Today, people try to find prophets for a Word from the Lord, now it is true there are prophets in the Church today and they can have a Word from God for you. But we shouldn't do that for our guidance.

1Sa 3:1 And the child Samuel ministered unto the LORD before Eli. And the word of the LORD was precious in those days; *there was* no open vision.

1Sa 3:2 And it came to pass at that time, when Eli *was* laid down in his place, and his eyes began to wax dim, *that* he could not see;

1Sa 3:3 And ere the lamp of God went out in the temple of the LORD, where the ark of God *was*, and Samuel was laid down *to sleep*;

1Sa 3:4 That the LORD called Samuel: and he answered, Here *am I*.

1Sa 3:5 And he ran unto Eli, and said, Here *am I*; for thou calledst me. And he said, I called not; lie down again. And he went and lay down.

1Sa 3:6 And the LORD called yet again, Samuel. And Samuel arose and went to Eli, and said, Here *am I*; for thou didst call me. And he answered, I called not, my son; lie down again.

1Sa 3:7 Now Samuel did not yet know the LORD, neither was the word of the LORD yet revealed unto him.

1Sa 3:8 And the LORD called Samuel again the third time. And he arose and went to Eli, and said, Here *am I*; for thou didst call me. And Eli perceived that the LORD had called the child.

1Sa 3:9 Therefore Eli said unto Samuel, Go, lie down: and it shall be, if he call thee, that thou shalt say, Speak, LORD; for thy servant heareth. So Samuel went and lay down in his place.

1Sa 3:10 And the LORD came, and stood, and called as at other times, Samuel, Samuel. Then Samuel answered, Speak; for thy servant heareth.

If you want a leading, you are going to have to acknowledge the Word of God. You must say, "I am ready to hear your voice." God's not going to direct you until you acknowledge Him. Look at Samuel, he was waiting for direction and when he acknowledged God, he got his answer, it may take fasting and praying, it may mean you will need to get quiet and and get your spirit quiet and settled and listen for His still small voice.

Just take a look at 1 Kings 19:1-9

Elijah became afraid of Jezebel and thought she was going to kill him, now the anointing was on Elijah and the anointing lifted when he submitted to fear, remember fear connects you to the thing you are fearing. Elijah fled to Horeb. The Lord asked him, "what are you doing here?" And just what was he doing there, he had went there because that was where Moses heard from God. But Elijah placed more importance on the place then to his own heart. And so it is many times people travel all over the world to find the leading of the Lord, but do nothing out of the leading of the heart. God can and does find you or perhaps you find Him right were you are.

Now turn in your Bibles with me to 1 kings 19 and look at verses 10-13 Did you notice God did not speak to Elijah through the earthquake, fire or wind? Nope He spoke to him through His still small voice. It doesn't have to be spectacular to be real. God can speak to us through an inward witness or perception or what you would call your consciosus.

Acts 27:9-26

Paul saw this storm and destruction ahead of time. When you hear in inward voice, you sense things in your spirit, sometimes you might have a feeling but it won't be God. We must if we want to be successful learn how to judge these things so we won't be confused. We don't want satan to lead us into confusion and torment. (*1Co 14:33 For God is not the author of confusion, but of peace, as in all churches of the saints.*) We need to be patient and listen for Gods voice.

The highest level of leading is being able to see things in the spirit. The inward voice would be the next level and the next would be the inward witness. Sometimes God gives people visions about something they are going to do in the future He won't show them steps A, B, or C, He will show them "Z." But you have to go through "A" first. You have to learn to judge things.

1Jo 4:1 Beloved, believe not every spirit, but try the spirits whether they are of God: because many false prophets are gone out into the world.

Correction can come from God.

Act 10:9 On the morrow, as they went on their journey, and drew nigh unto the city, Peter went up upon the housetop to pray about the sixth hour:

Act 10:10 And he became very hungry, and would have eaten: but while they made ready, he fell into a trance,

Act 10:11 And saw heaven opened, and a certain vessel descending unto him, as it had been a great sheet knit at the four corners, and let down to the earth:

Act 10:12 Wherein were all manner of fourfooted beasts of the earth, and wild beasts, and creeping things, and fowls of the air.

Act 10:13 And there came a voice to him, Rise, Peter; kill, and eat.

Act 10:14 But Peter said, Not so, Lord; for I have never eaten any thing that is common or unclean.

Act 10:15 And the voice *spake* unto him again the second time, What God hath cleansed, *that* call not thou common.

Act 10:16 This was done thrice: and the vessel was received up again into heaven.

Act 10:17 Now while Peter doubted in himself what this vision which he had seen should mean, behold, the men which were sent from Cornelius had made enquiry for Simon's house, and stood before the gate,

Act 10:18 And called, and asked whether Simon, which was surnamed Peter, were lodged there.

Act 10:19 While Peter thought on the vision, the Spirit said unto him, Behold, three men seek thee.

Act 10:20 Arise therefore, and get thee down, and go with them, doubting nothing: for I have sent them.

Act 10:21 Then Peter went down to the men which were sent unto him from Cornelius; and said, Behold, I am he whom ye seek: what *is* the cause wherefore ye are come?

How does Peter judge this vision? Does it contradict what the Word of God states? When you're being led by the Lord, there is confirmation all the way. There will be something to let you know you're on track.

God leads leads you into success not failure. If we should ever get to a place where the Word of God no longer becomes our judge and guide, then we are opening ourselves to satan and his cohorts. We have a responsibility to handle things according to the Word of God and not whatever leading we might have. We need to be still and listen to the voice of the Holy Spirit.

*(for further insight on doing this read Bro. Kenneth E. Hagin's book "How you can be led by the Spirit of God")