

## HOW TO BE LED BY GOD'S SPIRIT

**PS.23:1-3** "The Lord is MY Shepherd, I have everything I need. He makes me lie down in green pastures; He leads me beside still waters. He restores my soul. HE LEADS ME in the right paths for His name's sake"

**ROM. 8:14** "ONLY those people who are led by God's Spirit are God's children." (CEV)

### First 5 STOPS

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#### 1. I CAN'T FOLLOW A CULTURE THAT DOESN'T FOLLOW GOD!

**EX 23:2** "Do not follow the crowd in doing wrong." (NIV)

**ROM. 12:2** "Do not copy the behavior or values of this world. Instead, let God transform you into a new person by changing the way you think. Then you will know what God wants you to do, and you will know how good and pleasing and perfect His will really is!" (NLT)

Weakness of Culture – it's temporary! (fads change)

1 Jn.2:17 "The world and its desires pass away, but the person who does the will of God lives forever"

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#### 2. I CAN'T FOLLOW FRIENDS WHO AREN'T LED BY GOD

**1 JN.3:7** "Do not let ANYONE lead you the wrong way! Christ is righteous, so to be like Christ, you must do what is right. And anyone who keeps on sinning is being led by the Devil." (NCV)

**PR.13:20** "Keep company with wise friends and you'll become wise, But if you associate with fools, your life will suffer great hurt." (CEV)

1 Jn.3:7 "Don't let anyone lead you astray."

1 Cor. 15:33 "Bad company corrupts good character."

**JER.15:19** "... you will be my spokesman. You are to influence them but do not let them influence you!" (NLT)

Compare two verses:

**1 JN. 2:15** "DO NOT love the world or anything that belongs to the world! If you love the world, you cannot love the Father."

**JN. 3:16** "God so loved the world ...."

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#### 3. I CAN'T ALSO LOOK TO OTHER SOURCES BESIDES FOR GOD

The Bible warns against this:

**DEUT. 18:10-12** "Never look to psychics or séances or fortunetelling or the stars, or people who claim to contact the dead. People who do these things are doing evil and God hates it with a passion."

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#### 4. I MUST STOP BEING LED BY MY CIRCUMSTANCES

**ACTS 27:10,13-15** "Paul said, 'Men, If we sail now, the voyage will be a disaster. We'll lose the ship, the cargo, and maybe even our own lives.' ... But when a gentle breeze came up, they thought 'This is exactly what we wanted' so they launched out, thinking it would be smooth sailing. But at sea, a violent typhoon storm arose which made it impossible to control the direction of the ship, So we gave up and just let her drift..."

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#### 5. I CANNOT BE LED BY MY FEELINGS

**PR. 14:12** "You may feel you're on the right road and still end up dead." (CEV)

The result of being manipulated by our moods:

**ISA. 53:6** "We've all strayed away like sheep! We have left God's paths to follow our own."

So what should I do? The Bible gives us

### 5 STEPS TO LETTING GOD'S SPIRIT LEAD YOU

#### 1. I MUST WANT TO BE LED! (starts with desire, longing, craving..)

I've GOT to have God's guidance in this!

**PS 40:8** "My God, I WANT TO DO what you want! Your teachings are in my heart." (NCV)

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2. **I MUST BE WILLING TO DO WHAT GOD SAYS**

**JN 7:17** "Whoever is willing to do what God wants and chooses it will know if what I teach comes from God." (TEV)

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3. **I MUST LOOK TO GOD'S WORD**

SO WHAT CAN I DEPEND ON? – GOD'S WORD

**PS. 119:105** "Your Word is a lamp to guide me, and a light for my path."

**2 TIM. 3:16** "All Scripture is inspired by God and is useful to teach us what is true and to make us realize what is wrong in our lives. It straightens us out and teaches us to do what is right." (NLT)

Greek: teaching- reproof – correction –training in righteousness

**PS 119:133** "Guide my steps by Your word, so I will not be overcome by any evil." (NLT)

2 Statements

**GOD'S WILL IS FOUND IN GOD'S WORD!**

"When you open your Bible, God opens-His mouth  
"When you shut your Bible, God shuts His mouth"

We discover the will of God by studying the word of God."  
VOICE/ VERSE

**GOD'S WILL NEVER CONTRADICTS GOD'S WORD!**

**FACT:** God has already told us most of what we need to know in life

**KEY:** Begin doing what you already know to be God's Will

- when we act on God's revealed will-  
we start to understand God's concealed will.

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4. **I MUST ASK THE HOLY SPIRIT TO BE MY GUIDE**

**JAM. 4:2** "You do not have, because you do not ask God for it." (NIV)

**PS. 27:11** "Teach me, Lord, what You want me to do, and lead me down the right path." (TEV)

**ASK HUMBLY**

**PS. 25:9** "God guides the humble in what is right and teaches them His way." (NIV)

**ASK IN FAITH**

**JAM. 1:5-6** "If you want to know what God really wants you to do, ask Him, and He will gladly tell you, for He is always ready to give a bountiful supply of wisdom to all who ask Him; but ... be sure that you really expect Him to tell you ... If you don't ask in faith, don't expect the Lord to give you any solid answer." (LB)

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5. **I MUST LISTEN FOR GOD'S RESPONSE.**

**JOB 33:14** "God does speak - sometimes one way and sometimes another- even though people may not understand it." (NCV)