

Led By the Spirit

I. Luke 6:12-16 "Now it came to pass in those days that He went out to the mountain to pray, and continued all night in prayer to God. And when it was day, He called His disciples to Himself; and from them He chose twelve whom He also named apostles: Simon, whom He also named Peter, and Andrew his brother; James and John; Philip and Bartholomew; Matthew and Thomas; James the son of Alphaeus, and Simon called the Zealot; Judas the son of James, and Judas Iscariot who also became a traitor."

Verse 12 says He spent all night in prayer. What do you think Jesus talked to God about all night? What happened after He prayer all night?

1. First, Jesus went to the mountain to pray - and He prayed all night.
2. He then called the disciples to come to Him and from them He chose the twelve calling them apostles. Notice that it doesn't tell us how many total disciples there were, but apparently there were a multitude of followers.
3. Sometimes, as we have successes, we fail to remember that we need God's help and direction to continue in our successes but tend to take over and try and do it our way.
4. Kenneth Hagin said, "Give FIRST PLACE to the Word of God and then ACT on it.
5. Everything God does is forever. When you take into count the Old and New Testament, God seemed to deal with people differently than he does today. But He didn't change, our access to Him changed by the Blood Jesus Christ. We also have better understanding because we have the Holy Spirit guiding us just like Jesus did. Jesus gave each individual the ability to hear what we need to do; what we need to say; and when and where we need to go through prayer and fellowship with the Father. We all have access...it's not just for the fathers of our faith mentioned in the Bible.
6. We need a living relationship with God through the Holy Spirit.

II. Romans 10:17 "So then faith comes by hearing, and hearing by the word of God."

1. This doesn't mean just the written Word of God. It also means that we need to hear from God on some issues concerning our daily living.
2. Keith Moore said that doesn't mean words just bouncing off your eardrums, but the LIVING SPOKEN Word of God.
3. So, what about faith failures? We've all had them. The faith of God doesn't fail, and neither does God. Many time people have tried believing for things that they have just pulled out of the air. Or, sometimes we have given up before we see the promise (or spoken Word from God) come to pass. I'm not talking about healing or the written promises of God here, but all those things in life that aren't specifically addressed in the

Word, such as do I take that new job offer? Choosing a life mate? Buying or selling a home or car? Those kinds of things.

4. The ONLY way to get a good answer is to spend time with Him and hearing what He says. How did Jesus make these decisions? Praying in the spirit and acting on what God said while He was praying. If Jesus needed to pray, we need to pray.
5. God is not obligated to provide for and underwrite every wild idea we have. He will NOT help you miss Him. And he's never going to say, "Oh gee, after looking at your plan, I like your plan better than mine!"

III. John 5:19-20 "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.

1. The Son can do nothing of Himself". The good news is He's doing it as a man, and He's showing us how to do the same thing!
2. Jesus "saw" things while he was praying and then He went and did what the Father told Him to.
3. The Word says seek and you will find. If you spend ANY time at all with God, He will show you things.
4. It's not always sensationalism. We are accustomed to a lot of sensationalism, and we sometimes expect that everything that comes from God must be sensational. Not necessarily so. Some of my most cherished promises and words from God has been a still small voice in my head/heart. Not an audible voice...although God did speak to me in an audible voice once (different story for a different time), but it's sometimes a still small voice or I "just know it in my knower". What my knower? It our spirit coming into alignment with the plan of God when we are spending time with Him on a regular basis.
5. We need to set aside some time when we turn the world off. Unplug and plug into the Holy Spirit and hear what He has to say. We should be led by the Spirit of God, not the technology of the day.

Luke 22:7-13 "Then came the Day of Unleavened Bread, when the Passover must be killed. And He sent Peter and John, saying, "Go and prepare the Passover for us, that we may eat." So they said to Him, "Where do You want us to prepare?" And He said to them, "Behold, when you have entered the city, a man will meet you carrying a pitcher of water; follow him into the house which he enters. "Then you shall say to the master of the house, 'The Teacher says to you, "Where is the guest room where I may eat the Passover with My disciples?" ' 12 "Then he will show you a large, furnished upper room; there make ready." So they went and found it just as He had said to them, and they prepared the Passover.

1. Peter and John had no idea where to go to prepare Passover.

2. Jesus had detailed instructions. Where did He get them? Spending time in prayer with the father. Luke 21:37 says that he taught in the temple during the day but at night he spent time on the mountain called Oliver. What do you think he was doing there? He was finding out those details! Where we go? What are we going to do? Don't lean to your own understanding. You can only find out by praying and "inquiring of the Lord".
3. Spend time with Him to see what His plan is. It's bound to be better than ours. He will give you specific instructions. As we move close to the end of this age, we need His direction on even the very small details of our life.

John 16:13-15 However, when He, the Spirit of truth, has come, He will guide you into all truth; for He will not speak on His own authority, but whatever He hears He will speak; and He will tell you things to come. "He will glorify Me, for He will take of what is Mine and declare it to you. "All things that the Father has are Mine. Therefore I said that He will take of Mine and declare it to you."

1. We need to have some time when we turn to world off. Unplug and plug into the Holy Spirit and hear what He has to say.
2. We should be led by the Spirit of God, not the technology of the day. This is how Jesus lived and since the day of Pentecost, you and I can function just like this -"even as He walked".
3. Use your prayer language EVERY DAY! Start with setting 5-10 minutes a day aside to pray in the spirit and meet with God through the Holy Spirit. You'll be surprised what He will tell you!