

**The Holy Spirit is...  
The Guide to an Amazing Life  
Discover Church  
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*“But the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you all things and will remind you of everything I have said to you.” John 14:26*

**Finding Guidance to an Amazing Life**

A. The **Promise** of a Helper

*“And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Helper, to be with you forever, even the Spirit of truth.” John 14:16-17*

*“Now an angel of the Lord said to Philip, “Go south to the road—the desert road—that goes down from Jerusalem to Gaza.” So he started out, and on his way he met an Ethiopian eunuch, an important official in charge of all the treasury of the Kandake (which means “queen of the Ethiopians”). This man had gone to Jerusalem to worship, and on his way home was sitting in his chariot reading the Book of Isaiah the prophet. The Spirit told Philip, “Go to that chariot and stay near it.” Then Philip ran up to the chariot and heard the man reading Isaiah the prophet. “Do you understand what you are reading?” Philip asked. “How can I,” he said, “unless someone explains it to me?” So he invited Philip to come up and sit with him. This is the passage of Scripture the eunuch was reading: “He was led like a sheep to the slaughter, and as a lamb before its shearer is silent, so he did not open his mouth. In his humiliation he was deprived of justice. Who can speak of his descendants? For his life was taken from the earth.” The eunuch asked Philip, “Tell me, please, who is the prophet talking about, himself or someone else?” Then Philip began with that very passage of Scripture and told him the good news about Jesus. As they traveled along the road, they came to some water and the eunuch said, “Look, here is water. What can stand in the way of my being baptized?” And he gave orders to stop the chariot. Then both Philip and the eunuch went down into the water and Philip baptized him. When they came up out of the water, the Spirit of the Lord suddenly took Philip away, and the eunuch did not see him again, but went on his way rejoicing. Philip, however, appeared at Azotus and traveled about, preaching the gospel in all the towns until he reached Caesarea.” Acts 8:26-40*

B. We **Receive Guidance** from the Holy Spirit

- Through **Scripture**

*“Your word is a lamp for my feet, a light on my path.” Psalm 119:105*

- Through **Prayer** and **Worship**

*“In the same way, the Spirit helps us in our weakness. We do not know what we ought to pray for, but the Spirit himself intercedes for us through wordless groans.” Romans 8:26*

- Through **Circumstances** and **Wise Counsel**

*“For lack of guidance a nation falls, but victory is won through many advisers.” Proverbs 11:14*

C. **Put** the Spirit-Guided Life into **Practice**

- **Surrender** Daily

*“Since we live by the Spirit, let us keep in step with the Spirit.” Galatians 5:25*

- **Listen** Intentionally
- **Obey** the **Small** Things

D. **Discern** His Voice

- **Testing** the Words

*“Dear friends, do not believe every spirit, but test the spirits to see whether they are from God, because many false prophets have gone out into the world.” 1 John 4:1*

- **Confirmation** of other believers
- **Evidence** of the Fruit of the Spirit

*“But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, forbearance, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control. Against such things there is no law.” Galatians 5:22-23*

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Scripture: *John 14:26; John 14:16-17; Acts 8:26-40; Psalm 119:105; Romans 8:26; Proverbs 11:14; Galatians 5:25; 1 John 4:1; Galatians 5:22-23*