

I. Review of Previous Sessions

A. The Significance of the Holy Spirit

B. The Role of the Holy Spirit in the Believer

C. A Different Spirit with You

D. The Word and Spirit Connection

E. How the Spirit Works

F. The Supply of the Spirit

We may access the Supply of the Spirit through the God's Word, prayer, and especially by staying close to God.

G. How to Be Led by the Spirit

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

2. Practice Hearing

The first step to being led by the Spirit is to develop in hearing.

We will never be led by the Spirit if we do not know how to hear from the Spirit.

II. Being Led by Practicing Obedience

Practice Obedience

Once we begin to hear the voice of the Lord it is important that we become obedient to the things He says to us. Refusal to obey will silence His voice for future directions.

A. Obedience is not just a response to being led, it is a key to future leadings of the Spirit.

- B. Ephesians 4:25-32 (NKJV)** – ²⁵Therefore, putting away lying, “Let each one of you speak truth with his neighbor,” for we are members of one another. ²⁶“Be angry, and do not sin”: do not let the sun go down on your wrath, ²⁷nor give place to the devil. ²⁸Let him who stole steal no longer, but rather let him labor, working with his hands what is good, that he may have something to give him who has need. ²⁹Let no corrupt word proceed out of your mouth, but what is good for necessary edification, that it may impart grace to the hearers. ³⁰**And do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, by whom you were sealed for the day of redemption.** ³¹Let all bitterness, wrath, anger, clamor, and evil speaking be put away from you, with all malice. ³²And be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, even as God in Christ forgave you.

Note: Notice all of the things the Holy Spirit is attempting to deal with in the life of the believer.

Lying, anger, stealing, corrupt communication, bitterness, wrath, clamor, and evil speaking, and unforgiveness.

The Holy Spirit is grieved when the believer will not follow His leading to deal with these things. (When the Holy Spirit deals with us to do something, He empowers us for it).

Ephesians 4:30 (NLT) – Don’t bring sorrow to God’s Holy Spirit by the way you live.

Kenneth Hagin – “We grieve the Holy Spirit when we do not allow Him to do what He has been sent to do.”

- C.** The commanded blessing upon obedience

Deuteronomy 28:1-2 (NKJV) – ¹“Now it shall come to pass, if you diligently obey the voice of the LORD your God, to observe carefully all His commandments which I command you today, that the LORD your God will set you high above all nations of the earth. ²And all these blessings shall come upon you and overtake you, because you obey the voice of the LORD

your God:

Joshua 1:7-8 (NKJV) – ⁷Only be strong and very courageous, that you may observe to do according to all the law which Moses My servant commanded you; do not turn from it to the right hand or to the left, that you may prosper wherever you go. ⁸This Book of the Law shall not depart from your mouth, but you shall meditate in it day and night, that you may observe to do according to all that is written in it. For then you will make your way prosperous, and then you will have good success.

D. Be quick to obey, but not in haste.

While we need to quickly give heed to what God tells us to do, we also need to take necessary time to be assured we are following His voice.

1 John 4:1 (NKJV) – *Beloved, do not believe every spirit, but test the spirits, whether they are of God; because many false prophets have gone out into the world.*

Pastor's Note: *In this context it is speaking primarily of deception through the spirits working in false prophets. However, many have been deceived by a false inner voice that led them astray. Just as we need to prove the spirit leading ministers, we need to prove the spirit that is speaking to us through the inner voice.*

E. Test the voice.

- A word/impression from the Lord will not be one that puts you under stress or pressure. *His voice is gentle and persuasive, free from pressure.*
- *Satan's voice is loud and always demanding an immediate response.*
- Direction from the Lord is not self-promoting.
- Instruction from the Lord is not a fleeting thought, but one that abides.

