

HOW TO BE LED BY GOD'S SPIRIT

Living in the Goodness of God - Lesson 5

“The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not want. He makes me lie down in green pastures. He leads me beside still waters. He restores my soul. He LEADS ME IN PATHS of righteousness for his name's sake.” Psalm 23:1-3 (ESV)

“Only those people who are led by God's Spirit are God's children.” Romans 8:14 (CEV)

5 STOPS: I MUST STOP BEING LED . . .

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

“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!

Romans 12:2 (NLT)

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

“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.”

1 John 3:7 (NCV)

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

“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.”

Deuteronomy 18:10-12

4. I MUST STOP BEING LED BY MY CIRCUMSTANCES.

Example from Paul: Acts 27:10,13-15

5. I CANNOT BE LED BY MY FEELINGS.

“You may feel you're on the right road and still end up dead.” Proverbs 14:12 (CEV)

“We've all strayed away like sheep! We have left God's paths to follow our own.” Isaiah 53:6 (LB)

5 STEPS TO GETTING GUIDANCE

1. **MUST WANT TO BE LED.**

“My God, I want to do what you want. Your teachings are in my heart.” Psalm 40:8 (NCV)

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

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

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

“Your Word is a lamp to guide me, and a light for my path.” Psalm 119:105

“Guide my steps by your word, so I will not be overcome by any evil.” Psalm 119:133 (NLT)

- God’s Will is found in _____ !
- God’s Will _____ God’s Word!

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

“You do not have, because you do not ask God for it.” James 4:2 (NIV)

“Teach me, Lord, what you want me to do, and lead me down the right path.” Psalm 27:11 (TEV)

- **ASK** _____

“God guides the humble in what is right and teaches them his way.” Psalm 25:9 (NIV)

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“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.” James 1:5-6 (LB)

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

“God does speak — sometimes one way and sometimes another — even though people may not understand it.” Job 33:14 (NCV)

“Your way was through the sea, your path through the great waters; yet your footprints were unseen” - Psalms 77:19 (ESV)