



WestPointe

“A Global Word Church”

“THE 7 PILLARS OF OUR CHURCH”

7 Pillars Part 4: The Spirit-Filled Life - Part Two Being Led By The Spirit

- ❖ Being led does not mean you don't have prophetic insight about where God is taking you.
- ❖ Being led does not refer to the destination you're going to but the route that's taking you there.
- ❖ We need the Spirit to lead us. However, there is no need to be led where Biblical principles apply. **James 4:17**
- ❖ We must be connected to a prophet that is led by God. To be led by the Spirit is synonymous with obeying or listening to the Spirit.

I. IS IT POSSIBLE TO BE **SAVED** AND NOT **LED**?

A. It's **impossible** to be saved and not be led, but possible to be saved and not **following**.

B. You have access to the leading of the Spirit but **access** does not mean acquisition.

Romans 8:14

C. Many people are afraid to be **led** because they have a problem **trusting**. **Matthew 15:14**

D. So how do I know if I'm going to decide **follow**? You can trust a leader by **evaluating** his or her track record.

II. THE SPIRIT LEADS US IN STAGES.

- A. What you were dealing with then you're not dealing with now. God leads us on the level we are on.
- B. In some areas where the Spirit led you before you don't need him to lead you anymore.
- C. If the Spirit is LEADING you, you only need to be led where you have never been or areas where you need truth revealed.

Most people cannot be Spirit led because they know too much!

III. THE SPIRIT CAN LEAD US DIRECTLY (AFTER SALVATION) AND INDIRECTLY (BEFORE SALVATION)

An example of the Spirit indirectly leading us to Him is Saul's conversion in Acts chapter 9. In verse 2, we see going to Damascus being Saul's idea! So if Saul was not saved at the time, if he wasn't Spirit led, if he did not have the Holy Ghost, then what got him to where God needed him?

IV. DOES THE SPIRIT LEAD US IN GOOD PLACES ONLY?

- A. Most of the time when we refer to wanting to be led, subconsciously we are saying I want to go to better. **Matthew 4:1**
- B. Jesus was not led to anywhere pleasant, he was led to an old rugged cross, it was a grim place for a glorious outcome. **Matthew 6:13**
- C. While being led, the problems are necessary. **Psalms 23:2-6**
- D. He leads us in the pristine, the precarious, and the promise because the Spirit has what happens in the process covered. He cares about the results of the destination.

V. THE OPPOSITION TO BEING LED... WHAT'S STOPPING YOU?

- A. The flesh is the biggest opposition to a Spirit-led life. **Romans 7:19, 20**
- B. When we get saved we do not lose our flesh, we gain the Holy Spirit.
- C. The enemy knows how powerful you can be if you are led, so he tries to hold you back with your flesh. Can I suggest to some of you that the Holy Spirit has gone ahead while you are lagging behind? God says He needs some people to catch up with His Spirit.