

Be Very Careful How You Interpret What The Spirit Wants You To Do

Even though we've been taught about our need to be Spirit-led, we may not know how to do it effectively. Effectively following Holy Spirit's lead comes with maturity, and maturity requires practice at being led. There's no other way to follow him properly, except through revelation.

This is why it's so essential to mentor young or immature believers. They need our wisdom from the experiences we've picked up during our own time of being trained. If we can save them time in their journey to maturity (usually many years of time are saved) then they'll progress faster and achieve more of what they're meant to achieve for the Kingdom during their lifetime.

So, what do I mean by being "careful" in how we interpret what the Spirit wants us to do? Isn't being Spirit-led easy because he's gentle with us and knows what's going on in the spirit realm?

The simple answer to that question is: It isn't easy.

The biggest problem for us is learning to hear accurately what the Spirit is saying to our spirit. From my experience, this is where most of us waste years of our life. We either don't want to learn to hear spiritually, or we're lazy in practising it.

Here's another difficulty with being Spirit-led that isn't taught. The Spirit's efforts to move a person in a certain direction to do something doesn't necessarily mean that it's where they are required to move. That may sound confusing, so let me explain.

The Spirit may be putting great pressure in you to do something, as it often happens. His pressure isn't always a request to do what he's 'pressing' us to do. What our King often does is to test us by applying pressure to see if we'll surrender to him and comply. That pressure, then, is really a test, because he's wanting us to surrender to him to do something we definitely don't want to do. Remember Abraham being asked to sacrifice Isaac, but stopped before he did it? That's a perfect example of this type of test.

Our King is looking to break us out of our natural, self-centred mode and get us to the point where we'll do whatever he wants. To 'break' us, he'll often pressure us to do something we doggedly don't want to do. Here's some possible examples:

- Sell your favourite car that you really love
- Invite a homeless person to live in your house
- Go overseas when you have an aversion to flying and overseas travel
- Walk away from your job and lifestyle to live 'lite'

This type of testing isn't always the case when the Spirit is 'pressuring' us, but we must be prepared for such testing to happen. Once we've surrendered to the Spirit's 'pressure', we must find out what he wants next – we aren't to blindly jump into it. We must learn to ask questions about when, where and how, and not rush into things thinking we're being led that way.

Heavenly wisdom, knowledge, understanding and discernment are always available to us, but we must wait for it to be delivered. It can be presumption to step out without it.

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