



KIB 510: The Importance of Being Led by the Holy Spirit in the Last Days - Part 1

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Introduction

As we read the Word of God, especially the New Testament, we discover the importance of being led by the Holy Spirit. Yet many believers are never taught its significance or the safeguards to prevent other spirits from leading them. The result is that today we have believers with little or no discernment and a tidal wave of those on the internet who claim to be led by God but are being led by the enemy.

In Matthew 24, Jesus warned us of several things in relation to this topic:

- There would be those who would come, claim that Jesus is the Messiah, and then lead their followers astray.
- There would be a rise in false prophets.

In the days ahead, it will be essential that believers learn the voice and leading of the Holy Spirit. They must also be able to discern the voices of the enemy, whether in their own lives or through the mouths of others.

Daniel 11:32 – An End Time Reality We Must Strive For

Daniel 11:32 (ESV)

32 He shall seduce with flattery those who violate the covenant, but the people who know their God shall stand firm and take action.

The Amplified Bible does an excellent job of expressing the truths from the original language:

“...but the people who know their God shall prove themselves strong *and* shall stand firm and do exploits [for God]. ¹”

Know: Strongs #H **03045** yada` (yaw-dah')

Meaning: 1) to know 1a) (Qal) 1a1) to know 1a1a) to know, learn to know 1a1b) to perceive 1a1c) to perceive and see, find out and discern 1a1d) to discriminate, distinguish 1a1e) to know by experience 1a1f) to recognise, admit, acknowledge, confess 1a1g) to consider 1a2) to know, be acquainted with 1a3) to know (a person carnally) 1a4) to know how, be skilful in 1a5) to have knowledge, be wise 1b) (Niphal) 1b1) to be made known, be or become known, be revealed 1b2) to make oneself known 1b3) to be perceived 1b4) to be instructed 1c) (Piel) to cause to know 1d) (Poal) to cause to know 1e) (Pual) 1e1) to be known 1e2) known, one known, acquaintance (participle) 1f) (Hiphil) to make known, declare 1g) (Hophal) to be made known 1h) (Hithpael) to make oneself known, reveal oneself

Origin: a primitive root; TWOT - 848; v

Usage: AV - know 645, known 105, knowledge 19, perceive 18, shew 17, tell 8, wist 7, understand 7, certainly 7, acknowledge 6, acquaintance 6, consider 6, declare 6, teach 5, misc 85; 947 ²

The Hebrew word *yada* conveys the idea of an intimate relationship, not a casual one. In fact, the same word is used in Hebrew to describe marital relations. No one knows you better than your mate. You know how they think, their desires, likes, and dislikes, and you can pick up his or her voice over a crowd of people.

¹ The Amplified Bible (La Habra, CA: The Lockman Foundation, 1987), Da 11:32.

² Strong's Enhanced Lexicon. BibleWorks for Windows 10.0. BibleWorks, LLC, Norfolk, VA. Copyright © 2015.

This is the level of intimacy that we must develop with God. As the days get prophetically darker, the voices of the enemy will grow louder! We must be able to discern God's voice from all the other voices.

1. Being Led by the Holy Spirit is Not Optional and is a Sign of Sonship

Romans 8:14 (ESV)

For all who are led by the Spirit of God are sons of God.

John 10:27–28 (ESV)

My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow me. I give them eternal life, and they will never perish, and no one will snatch them out of my hand.

To be led by the Spirit is not optional—it is a defining characteristic of the children of God. The Spirit isn't merely an influence; He is a divine Person who guides God's people into living as members of His household. Being led by the Holy Spirit provides divine protection against the flattering tongue of the antichrist and his followers.

2. Being Led by the Holy Spirit Always Leads Us into Holiness

Romans 8:12–17 (ESV)

So then, brothers, we are debtors, not to the flesh, to live according to the flesh. For if you live according to the flesh you will die, but if by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body, you will live. For all who are led by the Spirit of God are sons of God. For you did not receive the spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received the Spirit of adoption as sons, by whom we cry, "Abba! Father!" The Spirit himself bears witness with our spirit that we

are children of God, and if children, then heirs—heirs of God and fellow heirs with Christ, provided we suffer with him in order that we may also be glorified with him.

Being led by the Spirit involves:

- Resisting the flesh
- Putting sinful habits to death
- Walking in obedience

This is the foundational meaning of Spirit-led living.

3. Being Led by the Spirit Means Walking According to the Spirit, Not the Flesh.

Galatians 5:16–18 (ESV)

But I say, walk by the Spirit, and you will not gratify the desires of the flesh. For the desires of the flesh are against the Spirit, and the desires of the Spirit are against the flesh, for these are opposed to each other, to keep you from doing the things you want to do. But if you are led by the Spirit, you are not under the law.

Here, Spirit-leading refers to:

- Desiring what the Spirit desires
- Producing the fruit of the Spirit (Gal 5:22–23) - Christlikeness
- Living a life free from the domination of sin



Important Note: “Under the Law” is a Jewish colloquialism. It is used for those who are guilty of violating the Law of God in the community of God. If you are faithfully walking in the commandments, you are under the canopy of “grace” or “Under

Grace.” “Under the Law” also speaks of a perversion of the Law into a manmade legalistic system. Note how the Complete Jewish Bible translates verse 18: But if you are led by the Spirit, then you are not in subjection to the system that results from perverting the Torah into legalism.³

4. The Spirit Guides Believers into All Truth. The Holy Spirit leads God's people by illuminating Scripture and revealing Christ.

John 16:13 (ESV)

When the Spirit of truth comes, he will guide you into all the truth, for he will not speak on his own authority, but whatever he hears he will speak, and he will declare to you the things that are to come.

This includes:

- Understanding the Word
- Recognizing truth from error
- Discerning God’s will and purposes

The Spirit's guidance is always consistent with Scripture.

1 John 3:19–24 (ESV) (Emphasis Added)

By this we shall know that we are of the truth and reassure our heart before him; for whenever our heart condemns us, God is greater than our heart, and he knows everything. Beloved, if our heart does not condemn us, we have confidence before God; and whatever we ask we receive from him, because we keep his commandments and do what pleases him. And this is his

³ David H. Stern, *Complete Jewish Bible: An English Version of the Tanakh (Old Testament) and B’rit Hadashah (New Testament)*, 1st ed. (Clarksville, MD: Jewish New Testament Publications, 1998), Ga 5:18.

commandment, that we believe in the name of his Son Jesus Christ and love one another, just as he has commanded us. Whoever keeps his commandments abides in God, and God in him. And by this we know that he abides in us, by the Spirit whom he has given us.



Note: These verses from John often pose a paradox for the modern Church. Our prayers are answered because we keep God's Commandments. We also abide in God by keeping His commandments. How is this addressed by a theology based on

Marcionism that has rejected the Old Testament and the commandments of God because they were only for the Jews? We once again draw from the heretic Marcion, who later taught that the God of the Old Testament is different than the God of the New Testament. Thus, Jesus gave new commandments that superseded the commandments in the Old Testament. The problem is that the apostolic witness is that Jesus is the God of the Old Testament made flesh. He was the one who gave Moses the commandments!