



**THE WAY**

# **LEARNING TO FOLLOW THE LEADING OF THE HOLY SPIRIT.**



**A guide to help you discover the abundant treasure in  
following God's spirit**



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## PREFACE:

I woke up early one morning when the Holy Spirit spoke deeply into my heart with a strong assurance, to work on a book that centres on following the leadings of the Holy spirit.

Therefore, this book came out of a burden to share with you the way to follow the Lord in the journey of life.

Many have been so confused on the way to hear from the Lord and it has led to so many issues that have crippled certain lives from making notable progress.

This book is born out several years of my own walk with God and the things I have learnt, you will also find in this material express instructions from the word of God, you will equally meet certain gleanings from my own personal life as well as real life issues.

Do well to pay attention and open your heart to what the Lord will minister to your heart, **you will need to read this book over and over again as a manual to increase in understanding on walking with the holy spirit.**

My prayer is that you will receive enlightenment as you study this material.

Following the leadings of the Holy spirit our teacher is a life time learning so get ready.

God bless you.

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## DEDICATION

**This book is dedicated to the Father, the Son and the Holy spirit of whom I have received grace upon grace to be a minister of the gospel.**

**To my wife for labouring on this material and for her incessant encouragement and silent pushes.**

**And to Brother Shola Onafeso the first man to disciple me when I was little, though we never knew about discipleship but the relationship we had together raised me to some certain understanding that has helped me today, thank you for your labour sir,**

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## CHAPTER ONE

### THE FOUNDATION.

There is a powerful statement in the scripture in the king James rendition precisely found in the book of Psalms 11:3 which says, ***if the foundations be destroyed, what can the righteous do?*** Foundation is very key and very important when it comes to any endeavor in life. When a foundation is not properly laid catastrophe is inevitable. The challenge of learning how to follow the leading of the Holy Spirit is because many got it wrong at the foundational level of their Christian Faith.

The foundation of a child starts from the womb and when anything is wrong with that fetus or that baby in the womb, life can never be balanced when that child is born. The growth process will have problem, thinking, reasoning and life perception of that child will be problematic just because there was a problem at the foundation level which is in the womb. Now many things that needs to be settled at the foundational level, if not properly done, will lead to lack of fulfillment and struggles as a man grows.

Therefore, in order to look at and learn about how to follow the leading of the Holy spirit, we need to go back to the foundational matters. In John chapter 3 Jesus Christ made a profound statement and it is very foundational. John 3:3-7

*Jesus answered and said unto him, Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God.*

*(4) Nicodemus saith unto him, How can a man be born when he is old? can he enter the second time into his mother's womb, and be born?*

*(5) Jesus answered, Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be born of water and of the Spirit, he cannot enter into the kingdom of God.*

*(6) That which is born of the flesh is flesh; and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit.*

*(7) Marvel not that I said unto thee, Ye must be born again.*

Jesus according to John 3:6 laid a strong foundation for us that 'being born again is being born of the spirit'. Water been mentioned there in the scripture above is the symbolic representation of **the word** referenced in Ephesians 5:26. You are born again by the word of the gospel that you heard and by the Spirit.

It is when the Spirit of God brings the word of God alive in you that leads you to been born again. And to be born again implies that you were born before i.e. born in the flesh but this time born of the spirit, by the Spirit of God.

Christ said, if you are born again you are born of the Spirit and he said that which is born of the spirit is spirit. This is very crucial to our understanding because following the leadings of the Holy Spirit is only possible when you have also become a spirit yourself. Holy Spirit can only listen and communicate to a Spirit being who carries the nature of God. That which is born of the flesh and remains in the flesh cannot listen to the holy spirit nor can he discern the things of the Spirit. 1 Corinthians 2:14 has something to say...

***“But the natural man receiveth not the things of the spirit of God: for they are foolishness unto him: neither can he know them, because they are spiritually discerned”.***

It is when you are truly born of the spirit that you can listen to the Spirit of God and can be able to discern what is of God and what is not, reason is because you are now born again.

Now, we have a clarification to make which we are going to do in the later chapter but the first thing to take note of is, if you're born again, you are not born of the flesh you are not born with human power or of human making. Let us consider it from NIV translation from (vs 5) it says:

***“Jesus answered very truly I tell you no one can enter the kingdom of God except you're born of the water and the spirit, flesh give birth to flesh, spirit give birth to spirit.***

when you are born again, you're no more of the flesh. You are no more a man or woman under the bondage of the dictates of the flesh or the natural human rational thinking, you're essentially in the nature of God who is spirit. [And that understanding is the foundation that must become a strong conviction in your heart.](#)

Until this scripture becomes a conviction in your heart, you have no foundation in learning to follow the leadings of the Spirit.

what does it mean to be born again, it means to believe the gospel that Jesus Christ died for your sins and he died so that you can be ***forgiven, justified, sanctified and delivered from the power of sin***, take note of the word delivered. You were not saved to be forgiven, justified or sanctified alone. You were saved to be delivered from the power of sin because the word salvation connotes Deliverance.

When you believe on the Lord Jesus Christ that He died, was buried and He rose from the Dead for you and that He is representing you before God the Father, that is when you are saved.

But expressed faith in Christ must agree with your experience in an ever-growing manner according to Romans chapter 6 vs 1-2 which says

***"... shall we continue in sin that grace may abound? God forbid! ....."***

If you have received the grace of God through your faith in the gospel, then you will know that you shouldn't continue in sin, in fact, you should experience a genuine hatred for sin, because sin and Grace can never be together. This is a strong foundation. He who has tasted of the grace of God by faith, can never continue in sin, can never love to commit sin.



This is so important because if you are still struggling with any sinful habit or lifestyle, it is a clear indication that you did not understand the gospel properly and you have not experienced the power of the gospel.

Understanding the gospel is very important before making a decision. There are too many quick and rash decisions today when people hear the gospel message. They say yes to Jesus religiously without understanding.

In Acts 8:30 When Philip met the eunuch of Ethiopia, reading the book of Isaiah, Philip asked him, do you understand what you are reading. And then the eunuch said, how can I understand except a man explains them to me.

The scripture said Philip began at the same scripture and explained. Later on, as brother Philip was explaining the gospel message, it was the eunuch in vs 36 of the book of Acts 8 that saw water and said I would like to be baptized, that was understanding in action.

So proper and correct understanding of the gospel leads you into action and a change of attitude, it is not that you are the one that is trying to change your attitude, No. *Your understanding produces a change because it has formed a conviction in you personally.*

So many people have answered the altar call, many times due to improper foundation of not understanding the gospel. The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ delivers a man from sin.

Again, Romans chapters 6 establishes that we cannot be in sin and ask the Grace of God to abound. And in vs 6 of the sixth chapter of Romans, the word of God says;

***Knowing this that our old man is crucified with him (Christ)... that the body of sin might be destroyed, that hence forth we should not serve sin.***

Take note of the fact that God wants an end to sinfulness and verse 7 of the book of Romans says, **for he that is dead is freed from sin.** Also, scripture confirms that all of us

who received Christ have died with Christ when he was crucified and we were buried and rose with him, this becomes our experience by Faith which is born out of understanding, this I tell you is your foundation.

**We will like to refer you to our book on the settled matter of sin. In case you are having issues on deliverance from any sinful habit. [Download it from the website www.seedsowersmedia.com](http://www.seedsowersmedia.com).**

***Note: do not continue reading if you know that the understanding of deliverance from sin is not yet an experience in your life.***

Look at 2nd Timothy 2:19:

***Nevertheless, the foundation of God standeth sure, having this seal, the Lord knoweth them that are his. And, let everyone that nameth the name of Christ departs from iniquity.***

This is very crucial to your understanding on how to follow the leading of the Holy Spirit. If you have understood the foundation, the foundation has a seal and the seal is that God knows you and once you claim you are born of the Spirit you cannot continue to enjoy the lifestyle of sinfulness nor the works of the flesh. Do not allow any false teacher to tell you that you are born of the spirit and so even if you should keep on committing sin, your spirit is regenerated and there is no problem.

That is a doctrine from the pit of hell. It is not correct. when you are born of the spirit your spirit gains control over your flesh that is why you need sound teaching and the training of your spirit. If you are born of the spirit, you are spirit, and you have capacity to control your life as a result of the power now at work in you.

Once this foundational understanding is not strong and it is not growing in you, you will have problem, and you will perpetually live in confusion. But I tell you this that God is calling your attention to what is true, what is right, and to what is proper.

It is important for you to know, that this foundation is very foundational to all any man will do and become as he/she walks with the Lord on the surface of the earth. **If you do not see the fact that whosoever names the name of Christ, has capacity to depart from sin, then forget about learning to follow the leadings of the spirit.**

I want you to understand that the grace of God, gives you the capacity to depart from sin. Grace does not leave you the way you are in sinfulness. The Grace of God meets you where you are, takes you out of where you are from sinfulness, and transforms you into who you ought to be in Christ Jesus. That is what grace does. Grace does not meet you where you are, stay with you where you are in sinfulness and pamper you and assures you of safety, that is not grace! Several scriptures as written by Paul the Apostle and all the Apostles does not suggest a continuation in sinfulness as a believer in Christ. Look at how profound 1 John chapter 3 verse 2 - 10 explains this...

***[2] Beloved, now are we the sons of God, and it doth not yet appear what we shall be: but we know that, when he shall appear, we shall be like him; for we shall see him as he is.***

***[3] And every man that hath this hope, (the hope of rapture) in him purifies himself, even as he is pure.***

***[4] Whosoever committeth sin transgresseth also the law: for sin is the transgression of the law.***

***[5] And ye know that he was manifested to take away our sins; and in him is no sin.***

***[6] Whosoever abideth in him sinneth not: whosoever sinneth hath not seen him, neither known him.***

***[7] Little children, let no man deceive you: he that doeth righteousness is righteous, even as he is righteous.***

***[8] He that committeth sin is of the devil; for the devil sinneth from the beginning. For this purpose, the Son of God was manifested, that he might destroy the works of the devil.***

***[9] Whosoever is born of God doth not commit sin; for his seed remaineth in him: and he cannot sin, because he is born of God.***

***[10] In this the children of God are manifest, and the children of the devil: whosoever doeth not righteousness is not of God, neither he that loveth not his brother.***

This is the foundation. So, I put it to you, have you been delivered from sinfulness? Did you receive a message that says 'you can say yes to Jesus and still manage your sinful life style', No, that is not the gospel. The gospel sets free. Hallelujah! The gospel delivers. There is joy and freedom when you experience deliverance from all act of pornography, masturbation, lying, animosity, anger and all the works of the flesh. There is a mark in the heart of everyone who receives the gospel by proper understanding and that Mark is deliverance.

If you're born of God, you do not continue to commit sin, you do not continue to live in sin. You will hate sin with passion, this is the working of the Holy Spirit. That is what I experienced and am still experiencing by the grace of God and I keep growing in it.

Do not believe anything less, Satan is all out bringing false teachings, that makes people to continue to love and to remain in iniquity. But this is not the heart of God.

Foundation is foundational, though it is hidden. Therefore, understanding how the Holy Spirit speaks and how to walk with him will be unclear and difficult to you if you lack the correct foundation of a daily walk of deliverance above sin. And until you understand that you're a spirit being when you accepted Christ, you cannot also truly walk with the Holy Spirit.

May the Lord grant you understanding and increase your understanding in the name of Jesus Christ (AMEN).

The other matter to look into, at the foundational level is" **the yoke of Discipleship**".

In **Luke chapter 9 verse 23,**

***"Jesus said to them all, if any man will come after me, **let him deny himself, and take up his cross daily, and follow me**".***

Jesus made us clearly to understand that in order to be his disciple, you must deny yourself, forget yourself, disown yourself, refuse yourself, live no more for yourself, and follow him.

Until you deny yourself and decide in your heart that come what may, I will follow Jesus, come rain, come sun, in hardship, in abundance, and whatever the case maybe, Christ is my focus because **verse 24** says

***whosoever will save his life (that is will keep his life or will count his life for value above Christ) will lose it. But whosoever will lose his life for my sake, the same shall save it.***

This scripture above is one of the scriptures that made me accept the call to be a missionary. The foundational understanding of you been ready to be a follower of Jesus Christ to death if need be, is important in learning how to follow the leading of the Holy Spirit.

There are many who want to be a Christian, but who don't want to follow Jesus Christ as his disciples, and this is not possible because it is only a disciple of Christ that can be called a Christian, and it carries a cost. A disciple of Jesus Christ will follow Jesus Christ to wherever he leads. You cannot decide to love yourself, love the world, and the things of the world above Christ and claim you will successfully learn how to listen or follow the leading of the Spirit.

God demands a total surrender of your desires, your wants, and interest. All the apostles that followed Christ faced persecution and were killed except one who was preserved from death for a purpose his name was **John the beloved**.

That was the price of the cross they carried following Jesus. We also, must be willing to deny ourselves and follow him, and **verse 26** says,

***"for whosoever shall be ashamed of me and of my words, of him shall the Son of man be ashamed, when he shall come in his own glory, and in his Father's, and of the holy angels"***.

Understand that when you came into the kingdom of God by accepting Christ, you came into the kingdom of responsibility. nobody is asking you to come and fight your way to heaven. The Holy Spirit, the helper is always there to help.

In **Matthew chapter 11 verse 28** said,

**"Come unto me, all you that labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest".**

Then the **verse 29 to 30** which is the yoke of discipleship, Christ said

**"take my yoke upon you, (that is, the yoke of discipleship, the yoke of followership) and learn of me; for I am meek and lowly in heart: and you shall find rest unto your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.**

You need to understand that when you become acquainted with Christ, you received rest, you received relief, all the heavy burdens were gone. The responsibility you have now is for you to follow Christ, and abandon your own ways, your own principles and your own interest.

Look at **II Corinthians chapter 5 verse 14 (you can check from other translations)**

***"For the love of Christ constrained us; because we thus judge, that if one died for all (i.e. Christ), then were all dead: And that he died for all, that they which live should not henceforth live unto themselves, but unto him which died for them, and rose again.***

You see that according to the Bible, when Christ died for you and you received the gospel, you must end your own living, and you must now allow Christ to live his life in you by faith. Therefore, you don't have any right anymore, but it is his (Christ) right that will now prevail over your right.

It is Christ interest, the gospel's interest, that prevails over your personal interest. Because he died for you to receive life, you have no life than his life. It is his life you received. Since you received that life, you must now bring it into your understanding that your living is purely for Christ.

And I say again your life must be 100% for Christ. your choice of career, your choice of schooling, every other choice is subsumed in the fact that Christ only is the one that should live his life in you.

Until the foundation of discipleship is laid whereby you are willing to follow Jesus Christ to death if need be and you're willing to submit under leaders and elders who will guide you aright, you cannot learn to follow the holy spirit.

One of the principles of discipleship is for you to have a mature Christian whom you will be accountable to. Because *anyone who wants to follow the Holy Spirit but don't want to follow mature leaders and elders who follow Christ is not yet ready because one of the key qualifications for God to teach you his ways is **Humility**.*

If Jesus could be humble enough to be baptized under John the Baptist respecting the authority of that day, then who are you not to humble yourself to be guided under mature leaders and elders who are following the Lord.

Take note that, when the Lord encountered Paul the Apostle on the way to Damascus, Jesus could not tell him directly what he wanted him to do, the Lord had to make him to submit under the hand of believers like Ananias so that he can be instructed on what to do. You cannot fully know how to receive instruction from the Holy Spirit if you don't learn how to receive instruction from men and women who are following the Lord faithfully.

Scriptures confirms that if you don't love the men you can see, how can you love God you cannot see. So also, if you don't follow instructions under a certain authority that you can see, how can you follow instructions from the Holy Spirit that you cannot see.



Therefore, have you made up your mind to be a disciple of Christ? Are you willing to follow Jesus Christ to death if need be? This is the strong foundation upon which the church is laid. And this must be strong in your heart , in Philippians 3:10

**that I may know him, the power of his resurrection and the fellowship of his suffering, been made conformable unto his death.**

Paul was saying I want to know the power of his resurrection and I also want to know the fellowship of His suffering. The word fellowship connotes two people coming together. Paul was simply saying I have something in common in the suffering of Christ.

Look also at 1 peter 2:21.

***For even hereunto were ye called: because Christ also suffered for us, leaving us an example, that ye should follow his steps.***

Therefore, to conclude on this point, if you have decided to be a disciple of the Lord Jesus Christ then take note that a disciple is a follower of Jesus, a person who fellowships with the brethren, accountable unto mature elders, who is humble and willing to receive and carry out instructions given.

When this foundation is properly laid in you, my dear brother and sister you have laid the proper foundation to know how to follow the leading of the Holy Spirit effortlessly. May the Lord Grant you understanding.

Remember, foundation is the most important part of any building though hidden. And until what we have shared in this chapter is followed then, you're not ready to learn how to follow the leadings of the Holy Spirit.

**WILL YOU PRAY AND MAKE A FRESH COMMITMENT?**

## CHAPTER TWO

### WHO CAN GOD SPEAK TO?

Now we move to something very important that will further lay the foundation of, how to follow the leading of the Holy Spirit. Take note that before you begin to deal with the subject of the Holy Spirit, we need to understand that the Holy Spirit represent Jesus and God. Whatever God says or God wants to say is what the Holy Spirit will do, or say.

The Holy Spirit does not work outside the will of God the Father and Jesus Christ the Word, but it is crucial for us to trace a profound understanding which many have ignored thereby leading to confusion. Open your spirit as we take another clarification on this crucial point, who can God speak to?

We'll take our bearing from the old testament. The old testament times is an era of God's dealing with mankind through the nation of Israel that was established upon the law that God gave to Moses, it was established on the blood of bulls and rams, which is the seal of the old testament.

Take note that the old testament books of the bible reveal to us God's dealing with Abraham and his descendants before the old covenant law was given through Moses and God's dealing after that. So, we found God's dealings with mankind in the book of Genesis before we have the enactment of the covenant which we refer to as the old covenant in the book of Exodus.

God loves to speak, He has been speaking, He is still speaking, and He will yet speak. He is the living God not a dead God, that's why Genesis chapter number one brought a very profound understanding to us which is, in the beginning when God saw the problem of the Earth in **Genesis chapter 1:1- 3**. God began to solve the problem of

the earth by speaking. He said let there be light, and there was light. This connotes the fact that God provided the solution to the problem of the earth through speaking. In **Genesis 1 verse 1** he created, in **verse 2** there was a challenge not from him but it is a mystery hidden that will be revealed to us in the ages to come.

But in verse three, **He said let there be Light** "and since God said let there be light, He has never stopped speaking. This is important to your understanding that God longs to speak to his creation. Now He went on with his creation work and when He came to the creation of Man, God spoke again and said, let us create man in our image... You see He's been creating and He's been speaking.

The whole of creation was a combination of him creating and him speaking. In the creation of the Earth, the restructuring of the earth, the realigning of the restoration of the Earth, we find God speaking and God kept speaking in the whole of chapter 1.

God spoke, let us make man in our image after our likeness. The word 'let us' refers to the Godhead which includes the Father, the Word and the Spirit.

Therefore, Man is a product of communication and man will survive on communication such that even after the Fall of man in the garden of Eden, God was still communicating with mankind. We saw his communication with Cain and Abel, Noah and Abraham, Moses etc.

But take note of the fact that when Adam and eve sinned, they lost a strong level of communication and relationship with God, and by this mankind lost his authority and ruler ship. Rather than become the one who dominates, man became the one dominated by the Devil. Since then, whenever God wants to communicate, He does it selectively by choosing whom he had to speak to.

We saw in particular that in every generation He chooses to be intimate with a particular man, men like Enoch, Noah, Abraham... and then he went on in his selective choice by speaking to Moses but it was through Moses that God gave a new template, a new order because God longs to restore his relationship, and communication with man, but He needed to go through a process.

He chose Moses to be his mouthpiece, and Moses was now speaking to the people whatever God wants to say to them. So, from that order, we find the **establishment of the prophetic office.**

Before Moses, we never really had the ministry of a prophet. We only found out that God was selecting people to speak to, He never really called them his prophet. In a way, everyone selected operated in a dimension of a prophet. But He never truly called them his prophet.

God began to demonstrate the office of the priest and the prophet from the establishment of the Old covenant which began through Moses. Moses is a prophet because it was established that he was sent to the people of Israel for their deliverance. The prophetic office enables a man to stand on behalf of people to hear from God and to speak back to the people on behalf of God, Bbcause the people themselves do not have the capacity, the qualifications and have not been selected by the Lord so that he could reveal his mind to them.

So, God began the ministry of the prophetic and priesthood beginning from the book of Exodus. The book of exodus was the transition of a people called Israel, God established them as his own people and from his own people, He wanted to fulfill the promise he gave to Abraham *that in you shall all the family of the Earth be bless.*

God established the prophetic and the priesthood office from the family of the Levites. So, anyone born into the tribe of Levi, they know they are a tribe of priesthood. Now take note that all through the old testament, God operated through prophets, Kings, and through the priests. The priests are those who stands in the place of atonement, communicating with God on behalf of the people, because the people have no capacity to go to God directly, except there is an intermediary called the priest.

Prophets receive from God and they tell the people. we have numerous prophets in the Bible sent by God to the people. Isaiah, Jeremiah, Ezekiel, Daniel, a host of them. When God began to establish the prophetic, with the priesthood office, it became the only legitimate means in the old testament by which God speaks, even prophets were sent to Kings for them to carry out the mind and will of God.

Anytime God wants to do anything on the Earth or say anything, He must pass through the prophet, and the priest to the Kings. This became the order of all what God was doing in the old testament.

Now, take note that the New testament books contains the life of Christ and the last prophet of the order of the old testament. The last prophet before the coming in of the Son of God who was to usher in the kingdom is **John the Baptist**. Matthew, Mark, Luke and John details the transition of the old covenant into the new. And the last prophet to end the old covenant is John the Baptist who is the fore runner and the preparer of the way.

Take note that God used John the Baptist to begin to turn the heart of the people into the new order of the kingdom of God, even in our present time, God still continues the ministry of the prophet to even reveal Christ the Word and the son.

**Take note that it was the testimony of the prophetic (John the Baptist) that make us to see the revelation of the Son.** We will not have known the son except that he spoke through the prophet John. But this is how the transition took place, Immediately John introduced Christ, the voice came from heaven. Take note that not everybody heard it. It was only John who was standing in the prophetic office that heard the voice, *'this is my beloved son in whom I am well pleased'*.

And then, after that, the focus shifted from the prophetic office to Christ, the Son. Take note that the voice of the last announcement from the prophetic era, was pointing to Christ the son, not as another prophet, because pointing to Christ as another prophet means that God will still be selective in the matter of how he relates with people.

But pointing to Christ as the Son, shows that God is beginning to change the style of his relationship. For God to send a prophet, is alright. But for him to send His Own Son, means God is ready to communicate the depths of his heart that he has kept as a secret for a long time, for prophets cannot reveal the heart of God in fullness, Only the son of God can.

You will discover that the first ministry that Christ began to do was to raise people to be with him, which we saw as he raises his own disciples. One was lost but he was replaced. Judas Iscariot was lost not because God made him Lost. He was lost because his choice was involved. **For God did not create any man to be a robot. Our choices determine our outcomes.**

The book of Hebrew 1:1 says "God who at sundry times... had spoken by the prophet, and in the last days, spoken to us by His Son by whom he made all things. So, Christ Jesus who carries the same nature with the father (God) is the express image of God

to us. When you look at Christ, you see his willingness to speak, in fact, of the names that people call Christ, he was practically called the teacher, Rabboni or Rabbi.

A teacher is a communicator. A teacher is someone that guides and explains till you are able to come to the level of understanding that propels proper action. But take note that though others called Jesus teacher, only his disciples continued in the revelation of his son ship. So, it is only his disciples that have the privilege to be called, to be raised, and to see deeply into the life of the person called Christ who is God in the flesh.

Please listen, don't be confused. God in the flesh means, the one who carries the nature of God the father in the flesh. So, Christ began his work on earth by relating with men, setting people free, touching lives, impacting people and God through Christ enacted the ministry of the Apostles. Take note, it was Christ who commissioned them as Apostles as those that should lead the church.

But it's amazing to see that after Christ left the scene, they were still guided by the Lord, and they were told to wait till the day of Pentecost for the promise of the father Acts 1. Now, there is something you need to understand, it may be a little strange to you, but what God has shown us has given us his light.

Take note that, the way we who are following the testimony of the Apostles received Christ and have become saved is because of the fact that we believe that Christ is the son of God and we believe he rose from the dead. But in the case of his disciples they were not yet saved until they believe his death and resurrection, so it was after Christ rose from the dead that the new life was impacted into them by faith. He called the disciples his friends before resurrection, but after Christ rose from the dead, He called them brothers.

That was when they were born again because ***nobody is born again until he/she believes in the death and the resurrection of the Lord and chooses to follow Christ as a disciple***. The death of Christ on the cross was not a mistake. He was not killed because he was hated by the Romans, and by the Pharisees or the Sadducees. He was killed because he is the lamb of God and by death, that is the only way he can deliver us from the tyranny of sin and sinfulness and break the power of the devil who has the key of death and hell.

Therefore, Christ's death was not casual. His death was both symbolic and it was the accomplishment of the purpose of God in dealing with the power of sin. Even when he told Nicodemus, that except you are born again, you cannot enter the kingdom. He was preparing Nicodemus' heart to believe in him and so that as Christ said, if you continue in my words, then are ye my disciples indeed. (John 8:31)

After the completion and the fulfillment of the things the prophet has said about Christ death and suffering, then the new era begins, which is the era of those who have received Christ as the Lord and savior which is called **the church**. Now take note, God will not leave the church without a guide.

In lieu of this, after Christ rose from the dead, we became born of the spirit and born of the Word, by the word of the truth he had begotten us to a lively hope by the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead. (I Peter 1:3) and this is by the working of the spirit, when we were born again, we ourselves became priest all hinderances has been broken by Christ we ourselves now became priests who now have access to the father by faith. Consider Eph 2:18

**For through him we both have access by one Spirit unto the Father.**



Check up the following scriptures, Heb 9:24, Eph 3:12, Romans 5:2.

In 1 Peter 2:9:

**But ye *are* a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, an holy nation, a peculiar people; that ye should shew forth the praises of him who hath called you out of darkness into his marvellous light:**

Therefore, In the new testament, no more is God selective in speaking and communicating with certain people. Anyone now found in Christ qualifies to hear the Holy Spirit's leading, to hear the Holy Spirit's guidance because God is no more leading a nation. When He selected Israel as his people, he needed a prophet. But now, God is no more leading just a particular nation, He is looking for all people to be in relationship with him from all tribes, all lands, all ethnic groups, and with that, there can't be a single prophet that would be called world prophet.

Israel is no more the only nation God prefers, through Christ all the families of the earth became blessed because the promise God gave to Abraham which is call '**the blessing**', *that in you shall all the family of the earth be blessed.* (Genesis 28:14)

The fulfillment is that '**All**' **people** that is found by faith in '**Christ**' enters into the real blessing given to Abraham. That is why when Christ died, the cloth that leads to the holies of holy in the temple was torn into two Matt 27:51. It was death that accomplish that, because when he said it is finished, it was an opening of a new day. ***You cannot separate the death of Jesus Christ from His resurrection. It was his death that created the access to the father, it was the resurrection that authorized us to move in into the created access.***

The death of the Lord Jesus Christ broke the barrier between us and God the father; the resurrection of Jesus Christ ushered us in. By you believing the gospel, which is

believing that Christ died for your sin and that he broke the power of sin in your life and believing he rose from the dead, you have unrestricted access. ***Hearing the Holy Spirit henceforth, is no more a privilege but a right created in Christ Jesus.*** We must stop thinking that hearing from God is a work of pity from God, that is, if God chooses to speak to you, it is because he had pity on you, No! God chooses to speak to us because;

1. He loves us.

2. Because the access has been created by his son Jesus Christ.

***Take note:*** Christ has finished the work and given us the privilege to relate with the father, this is an act of grace and mercy. Therefore, hearing from the Lord and been directed by his spirit is no more a matter of begging as beggars, we only need to receive it as inheritors in Christ Jesus. This of course makes our heart humble and to glorify him.

You can hear the Lord if you are born again and you understand what it means to be born again. Yet, God knows that the church must be guided because everyone born is a new creation. And because you're a new creation, there is a growth process, and because of growth, you need a guide. And for the purpose of been guided, he gave us ministry gift in the body of Christ.

But the ministry gift in the body of Christ do not override your personal right in Christ Jesus, No. The ministry gifts which are Apostles, Prophets, Pastors, Evangelists and the teachers. *They are there to nurture and to guide us to realize what we already have in Christ Jesus. They don't override our rights in Christ, they don't take away from us our right in Christ. They show us who we are, what we are, and how to grow into them, that is what the ministry gift is meant for.*

## Look at Eph 4:11-13

And he gave some, apostles; and some, prophets; and some, evangelists; and some, pastors and teachers;

**For the perfecting of the saints, for the work of the ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ: Till we all come in the unity of the faith, and of the knowledge of the Son of God, unto a perfect man, unto the measure of the stature of the fulness of Christ:**

You do not take the ministry gift as the legitimate authoritative means by which God deals with you. The ministry gifts are not the authoritative means by which God deals with mankind. The Holy Spirit in every believer which we receive after Jesus Christ rose from the dead, the spirit of God who came to the Earth and began to work through the gospel, that is the authoritative means by which God deals with every believer. ***Every ministry gift is a guide not an imposition.***

The prophet is there to guide, the pastor is there to guide and to show, the teacher is there to guide, the evangelist is there to guide. Take note, that with respect to the ministry gifts, God uses the evangelist to guide into the truth of salvation.

God uses the pastor to care for you in real life situations, and to stand with you. God uses the teacher to expose you to deep things in the word of God, he is used by God to open your understanding to realities in Christ and your purpose in the body of Christ so that you can be relevant.

God uses the apostles to open new frontier where the kingdom of God and the gospel has not reach, God uses the Apostles to launch new spiritual movement and planting of church communities in different tribes and locations where the gospel does not exist or has little relevance. God uses the prophet in different local assembly to edify and hear from the Lord certain things that has to do with the body of Christ in that locality and beyond. Prophets in the new testament are no more relevant to be sent

as the final authority to man. When God sends a prophet to an individual, it is because God wanted the individual who is a babe and immature to take an action quickly, when a prophet speaks to us now as new testament believers, we are to judge whatever he says by the standard of the word of God.

The way prophets were received in the old testament is not the way prophets are to be received in the new testament. The new testament prophet speaks, and when they speak, we judge, we confirm through our own spirit if the things which are said are true. Prophets in the New testament will bring the mind of God for a time, for an age, for an era, for the body of Christ, for a local setting, for a group of people, but when they speak, we don't just accept. Why? because this is the new testament.

*In the old testament, when the prophet speaks, you move. In the new testament, when the prophet speaks you check before you move.* Why? It is that everyone

carries what enable us to hear from God and that is Christ Jesus. You know after Christ bodily ascended to heaven, but Christ still dwells in us now by the Holy Spirit.

The fivefold ministry (apostles, prophets, pastors etc....) is meant to raise and train each member of the body of Christ to be useful and to advance the course of Christ.

The prophetic have been abused in the present days. People prophesy bank accounts and other irrelevant things that has no bearing on kingdom matters and has no eternal significance. I dare to say that money has become the focus of several who call themselves prophets.

But does God still send prophets today to nations? Yes, He does. But every prophet function within the body of Christ. He/she does not speak in isolation for or against any member of the body of Christ. Prophets must allow their words to be tested by pastors, teachers, and by members in the body of Christ. It has to be checked and

observed. Now, God does not send a prophet to speak to you secrets about your life. No! Except you are just growing in the faith. Though a Prophet can also be sent to confirm the things that the Lord have spoken to you. but the truth is you have capacity to be led by the spirit of God and there is no other qualification that makes you hear from the Lord. It is that you believe in Christ and that is enough. Never you think that you do not qualify, because you're already qualified.

## CHAPTER THREE

### THE MAN.

Understanding man is so crucial when it comes to following the leading of the spirit. In order to go deep into this, we need to look at man at creation and man at recreation. Understanding the composition of man is important in your general knowledge of how to follow the leading of the Holy Spirit.

Looking at the book of Genesis chapter 1, you saw God Himself, saying let us make man in our image. The word **'our'** there connotes that he was not just talking to Himself (the Father); he was talking to the son, and Holy Spirit. So essentially, the image of man is a spirit and it has the resemblance of God.

By creation man is a spirit, he has a soul and he lives in a container called the body. You will note that, God who is a spirit began to fellowship with this man. The fellowship of Adam with God was possible because of his spirit, because his inner man was practically dominating his soul and body.

Now, let us break down the three components of man:

- **The spirit is the realm of conscience, intuition and inner witness.**
- **The soul is the realm of intellect, will and emotion.**
- **The body is where you have the blood and water and the bones and the likes, the physical; the material world is the body.**

Now with the spirit man contacts God, with the soul man contact reasoning, intellectualism and emotion which is the affectionate part of the soul and with the body man contacts the physical world. This is man. Before the fall, man could talk directly with God. God and man were speaking the same language. There was no such thing as God dwelling in him, for what he had in him was perfectly in the image of

God. God will come in the cool of the day and the knowledge of the holy one was in him, that's why you saw that man was able to name all the animals of the earth.

Man was functioning in a very different class on the earth because of the nature God in him. Now, you must essentially know that these three components (spirit, soul and body) of your life have voices; there is the voice of the spirit, which is where the Holy Spirit dwells if you are born again. There is the voice of your soul, and there is the voice of your body. These three components have voices, when you do not learn to differentiate them you would be having problems.

Now, the spirit supposed to dominate the soul and the soul dominates the body. Whatever the spirit is getting from God, it is released to the soul for understanding. Until understanding is born in the soul, the body cannot do anything. It is the soul based on understanding that transfers the message to the body and the body responds. This is the trinity of man.

Understanding this helps you to leverage on a proper foundation when it comes to following the leading of the Holy Spirit. Now after the fall, man disobeyed God, Adam and eve ate of the tree of knowledge of good and evil. Now, take note it is not the tree that made them fall, it is the disobedience. God had a good intention, everything God does is good. That is the conclusion of genesis chapter one; when God saw all he created; he saw that it was good (Gen 1:31).

God had an intention which he kept in store, but when eve chose to listen to the devil, we saw the devil in sighting the soul of eve. The devil woke up her thinking which is the soul realm, thereby making her spirit to be subject. So, we saw the fall of eve as making the soul, the thinking realm to supersede the spirit, which is the realm that understand God's instruction.

After eve saw that the tree was good for food, she ate and she gave to Adam. Adam deliberately ate because he knew, he could have refused, he ate and God had already warned that; in the day ye eat, ye shall surely die. when the Lord said; ye shall surely die, Adam still lived for several years, precisely 930 years. (Genesis 5:5) So when he said the day ye eat, ye shall die, you will find out that he actually died, because what died was his spirit.

Death here is a cessation i.e. cutting away from an environment. that's the meaning of death. That was how it was defined by watchman Nee in his book, **The Spiritual Man**. Adam was cut away from his environment, which environment? the presence of God. He was sent out of the garden; his soul now gains ascendancy.

For thousands of years the soul kept ruling practically. Since then Everything God was trying to do with man could not work, check all through the old testament, you will see that especially with the children of Israel, today they are serving God, a little time they would go back into idolatry, immorality and so on. When God will punish them, they will repent, and they would go back again to their vomit; that is the soul realm dominating the body.

And at times, the most terrible part is when the body now begins to dominate the soul; that is the base realm. It is the realm where by, the soul now also is subject to the body, that is the realm where you now have addictions and some other things dominating the soul.

When Christ came, born of human, he had flesh and blood, he had spirit, soul. the bible calls Jesus Christ the last Adam (1 Corinthians 15:45) meaning that he is a man, and he practically came to demonstrate the kind of victory God was expecting Adam to demonstrate over the devil. Jesus Christ is a spirit; he had a soul and also lived in a



body when he was here. But in the case of Jesus it was his spirit that was always in charge and the scripture is replete about that, we saw that Jesus kept following the Father, you will see him speaking always about the Father, doing what the Father wants, and always referring to the scriptures. He lived all his life controlled by his spirit. His soul never dominated him at once.

When Christ died on the cross and he said it is finished, the cloth that demarcated the holy place from the most holy place and the outer court, that cloth was torn into two because what was hindering man before from entering into the most holy place is that his spirit is dead. Initially, it was only a chosen priest, the high priest that have that capacity to enter the most holy place.

But when Christ died on the cross of calvary, our spirit was regenerated, recreated, Because the cross is where the end of the era of the soul having legitimate authority over the spirit of man ended. That is why 2cor 5:17 says; if any man be in Christ, he is a new creation.

Jesus Christ: through His death and resurrection brought about a new creation and a new era. This new creation also now has a new spirit, that's why we call it regeneration, which means it's been generated before, Christ's death brought a regeneration. So, our dead human spirit was made alive. i.e. made anew. That's why the bible says we who were dead in our trespasses, we hath he quickened. (Colossians 2:13). He quickened our spirit.

Man now becomes a new spirit being when he receives Christ Jesus genuinely as lord and savior and he believes the finished work of Christ on the cross, so when you received Christ you became a regenerated spirit but you still have a soul and you live in a body. Now, when you receive Christ the Holy Spirit dwells in your human spirit,

that is why the book of Romans 8:16 says; *the spirit bears witness with our regenerated spirit*. that we are children of God.

And we want to draw a very strong emphasis here, when you receive Christ as Lord and savior from that day you have been delivered from sin. ***If you find yourself still loving to commit sin after you confess and believe the lord Jesus Christ, you truly have not come to understand the message of salvation***, because salvation in its root word means deliverance.

So, you cannot encounter Christ and not be delivered from sin. (Encounter here means you deeply understand and have a solid and personal conviction which now produces an experience that affects your body) i.e. you will practically discover that you have lost appetite to sin, and a genuine hatred for sin wells up within you as you grow in understanding.

Every attachment and link with affinity for sin is broken. As a little child in the faith you may have issues with your growth, you may have been locked up in some certain habit, you may find it hard for them to leave you at once, but from day 1 you received Christ the first deliverance that occur is, you will have genuine hatred for that sin or that habit, if you don't have genuine hatred, am not just talking about a feeling of remorsefulness. remorsefulness is not the same thing as repentance, remorsefulness is when you are feeling sad because of your guilty conscience, repentance is turning away.

so, if a man has not turned away, he has not heard the gospel, he has not surrendered to the gospel. There must be a turning away, a putting away of old things or old materials that can lure you into sin. The man who has experienced the cross is the free man, the man at the cross is the man with a new spirit, a regenerated spirit.

A spirit that gains ascendancy over the soul, a spirit that the Holy Spirit can now live in. The beauty of the New Testament is in the flesh of Jesus Christ that has been broken for us at the cross and in the offering of his blood this is redemption.

So, redemption qualifies you to hear God and to follow him, to recognize his voice. Take note of what Jesus said in (John chapter 10:27),

**My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow me:**

It is when you receive Christ you become a sheep. **Every sheep from day one has capacity to hear the lord, you must believe this by faith. There is no such thing as I don't know how to hear the lord, NO! Christ said emphatically that My sheep hears my voice.**

So, the real problem here is your ignorance, not your inability to hear. **Your challenge is lack of knowledge not incapacitation.** The first thing is aligning yourself to hear. if you are truly saved there is capacity in you to hear the Lord, it must be settled. Until that conviction is established there will be no progress in your walk with God.

*Let me help you with this illustration; take for example two different people at different location listening to the same radio station, let say 95.7 f.m, but one person seems to hear clearly with no interruption but the other person at the other location seems to have problem connecting to the same frequency, can we say the problem is from the radio station? No, we can say it is the network of the location of other person that is not too good, so until the person finds a good position or location, he won't have access to hear not that the radio or radio station has problem. So is it with you, you must align yourself to hear.*

*And the way to align yourself is for you to have a strong conviction by saying to yourself; I can hear the Lord; I am a sheep. You must be repeating that to yourself*

constantly, I can hear the Lord because am his sheep and because am his sheep, I don't hear the voice of strangers, I have capacity to hear the Lord.

Knowledge problem is a terrible problem, it's a foundational problem, and it's a problem that once it's not solved it will always show up at every crucial junction of your life. Do you know you are a sheep once you Have accepted Christ as lord and savior? Do you know that has a sheep you already know how to hear? The solution is that; you only need knowledge on how to hear, not that you are incapacitated to hear.

Take note that since the Holy Spirit dwells in you all He wants to say is from your inner man, your spirit, and your spirit transfers that to your mind.

When your spirit receives any information from the Holy Spirit, until it comes to the realm of your mind, you cannot understand it, because understanding, intellect, volition, will, choice is in the realm of your soul. Therefore, that which is in your spirit, does not profit you in practical decisions in the journey of your life until that which is in your spirit is brought into your soul for understanding, conviction, and for your soul to be able to process it, it is after this that your body can respond.

This is important when it comes to listening to the voice of the Holy Spirit. The Holy Spirit talks on your inside; your inner man now speaks to your soul for understanding. When this becomes clear to you, you will stop using this popular phrase; by saying ***something told me...*** You are not something, so something cannot be talking to you, you are a person, a Spirit being, so as a spirit being, you can only be spoken to by a Spirit which is the Holy spirit that is in you. He is real, you need to learn to listen.

Now take note that we would delve deeply into each matter that has to do with the person of the Holy spirit and the necessary understanding needed in following the

leading of the Holy Spirit. We would go deeply into these in the subsequent chapters. But at this level you need to understand where you are? Of course you are not at the inception of creation any more, you are not in the time of Adam, but you may need to check, are you still a man under the fall, or you are a man that has experienced the cross, because the man that has experienced the cross is the man that is separated from the world.

Many don't understand the essence of the cross, and listen, you can't progress in listening to the voice of the Holy spirit until you understand the crucified life, that when Jesus died, the ruler ship of the devil, the ruler ship of sin, the power of Satan and darkness ended. When it ended, man became delivered and free. That's why the scripture uses; [who the son shall set free is free indeed.](#) (John 8:36)

And it is this understanding that makes you genuinely free. Paul said in Galatians 6:14, I am crucified to the world and the world is crucified to me. Another translation says; as far as the world is concerned, I am dead and as far as am concerned the world is dead.

Until you are totally free from worldliness and the flesh by the revelation and understanding you have gain on the death, burial and resurrection of Christ, you cannot truly learn how to hear the Lord. You will mix things up.

Therefore, I ask again are you delivered from sin, are you a man that has experienced the cross, can you boldly say there is no attachment between you and this world. Yes, you are in the world, but scripture says: essentially that by nature having received Christ you are not of the world. This is important as a foundation in following the leadings of the holy spirit.

## CHAPTER FOUR

### UNDERSTANDING THE HOLY SPIRIT

Now, there is a concept that must be well understood. It is the concept of **THE GODHEAD**; the Father, the Son, and the Holy spirit. The three make up the Godhead.

And God said; **'let us'** make man in our image. That 'let us' signifies more than one person. You know I first heard it from a servant of God Benny Hinn that in Genesis 1:1 which says; in the beginning **'God'**, the word **GOD** there is translated **Elohim** and its plural, which means from the beginning the three were involved. That's why John 1:2 says; without him was not anything made that was made. So, that John 1:2 which says; without the word was not anything made that was made will corroborate the Hebrew translation of Genesis 1:1, in the beginning, Elohim which is plural to connote the Godhead Father, son and the holy spirit were fully involved in the creation of heavens and the earth and in your creation as human being.

**THE HOLY SPIRIT** is the spirit of God and the spirit of Christ and he has the same eternal nature as God the father and Jesus the word, he is so important to you and you cannot look down or side line his work or ministry.

**Jesus been "the Word"**. Does not mean **jesus is in the mouth of God, Word means intention and you can't separate a man's word from his intention. So, Jesus is the word which means the representation and intention of God.** So also, there is nothing that God and the word will do with man or on the earth, if the Holy spirit is not involved, it isn't possible.

It is the holy spirit that enacts and seal up what the Father and the Son does. There is the understanding of the Spirit from the old testament, He is first the one that moves upon the surface of the waters from the beginning, he is the secret behind prophet

speaking because a mortal man cannot speak the things of God unless the spirit comes on him. The holy spirit is the merger of the heavenly [spiritual] and the earthly [physical not carnal], he is the one that makes transaction possible in the two realms.

For example, all that a computer understands is 0 and 1. Whatsoever you send into the computer goes into the computer as a machine language which is 0's and 1's because that's all that a computer understands and when the computer is sending feedbacks, it also sends it in 0's and 1's but it would be converted by an agency into letters so that you can understand.

This in a way explains what the Holy spirit does. He brings heavenly things and makes it real on the earth and also takes earthly things and send it back to the spirit realm, it is through him that transaction is made possible. That's why at the beginning of God's restructuring order of the earth, you find him operational *...and the spirit moves upon the surface of the waters...* he has to be involved, because nothing can be done on the earth without the agency of the spirit.

Actually, when an angel appeared unto Mary saying; *...and the glory of the Lord shall overshadow you....* the agency that forms the glory is the Holy spirit. He is the one that does anything on earth that will be from the heavenly realm. That's why Jesus said I can of my own self do nothing, as I see my father do. What he meant by as I see my father, he was referring to the Holy spirit doing the work through him.

The Holy spirit inside Jesus is the direct representative of the Father. This is not heresy. Actually, the father he was referring to is the Holy spirit (by representation). It's not as if the father came and left heaven and when Jesus said my father is in me and I am in my father, what he was saying was possible because of the holy spirit dwelling in him, remember the scripture says;

***Then was Jesus led up of the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted of the devil. (Mat 4:1)***

***How God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Ghost and with power: who went about doing good, and healing all that were oppressed of the devil; for God was with him.***

***(Act 10:38)***

The spirit of God was in Christ. It means Jesus could not do anything except he was anointed with the Holy ghost. Jesus Christ minus the Holy ghost, will be an empty ordinary man. That's why in John 17, he had to pray to the father to glorify him with the glory he had with him from the beginning.

While on earth Christ lived like a normal man, a natural man. He didn't come with the shekinah glory that's why Satan could not recognize him. Satan saw Jesus as a natural person and didn't know the mystery behind that flesh.

Looking at the lives of the prophets, when the spirit of the Lord comes upon them, they would say things that are not natural. For instance, Prophet Isaiah prophesied saying: a virgin shall be born, he saw hundreds of years ahead and how was he able to do that? By the help of the Holy spirit. He [the Holy spirit] is the one that brings revelation, he makes the Bible carry life. Bible would be a normal text book to anyone who does not have the Holy spirit helping them.

The operation of the Holy ghost in the old testament is that the spirit will come upon them in order to empower them to do something, and then he leaves [nobody in the old testament had the Holy spirit remaining on him], but in the new testament we saw John the Baptist declaring:

And I knew him not: but he that sent me to baptize with water, the same said unto me, ***Upon whom thou shalt see the Spirit descending, and remaining on him, the same is he which baptizeth with the Holy Ghost.*** (Joh 1:33)



*The desire of the Lord is that he wanted the holy spirit to dwell in men and abide forever, and that was the pattern Christ came to lay down for us.*

After Jesus rose from the dead, he appeared unto his disciples for 40 days, when they were all gathered together with Him on top of the mount, However, before he left, Jesus gave the believers a very special and wonderful promise. Now look at this, in John 14:16-18

*Verse 15-16: If ye love me, keep my commandments. **I will pray the father and he shall give you another comforter**, that he may abide with you forever.*

*...and I will ask the father and he will give you another comforter, counselor, helper, intercessor, advocate, strengthener, and standby... (Amplified)*

Now, let's take note of what the bible says, by saying ANOTHER COMFORTER the root word for "comforter" is **parakletos** [i.e. counselor, helper, intercessor, advocate, strengthener, and standby]. The word **another** would mean that the initial [Jesus] is leaving. Although, Jesus said he will send the Holy spirit to us but his first statement is that he will pray the father. Jesus cannot just send the Holy spirit on his own accord; he must report to the head-quarters [NB. There is no argument about this neither is there any confusion about it].

*Verse 17: Even the spirit of truth, **whom the world cannot receive** [welcome, take to its heart], because it does not see him or know and recognize him. But you know and recognize him, for he lives with you [constantly]*

Take note of these words "**But you know and recognize him**". How is it possible to know and recognize someone that has not come? But Jesus is already saying; you know and recognize him.

Note that since Jesus has said; I will pray the father, we should be expecting statement like 'you will know him', 'he will live with you', and so on, but he switched to 'you know him', 'he lives with you' and so on.

Verse 17: *Even the spirit of truth; whom the world cannot receive, because it seeth him not, neither knoweth him: **but ye know him, for he dwelleth with you, and shall be in you.** [KJV]*

Look at that; Jesus said; you know him, he dwelleth with you. he was referring to himself [that's Jesus], since he(the holy spirit) is another like me, you already know him, since you know me, the same way I told you that he who has seen me as seen the father so also he who has known Christ has known the holy spirit, so understand that the day you received Christ, it was the holy spirit that came into you. and he cannot come into you and be quiet he is a person, a spiritual being therefore, he can speak. Jesus said: ye know him, He dwelleth in you, but the dimension of shall be in you has not happened, because at that time Jesus has not risen from the dead but immediately after that we saw the holy spirit at work in the disciples.

The main ministry of the Holy spirit is **to be in you** not around because what makes you essentially of Christ is the abiding presence of the Godhead.

Jesus said in Verse 18: *I will not leave you comfortless: **I will come to you***

Note that Jesus said; I will pray the father, he will give you another comforter..., ...I will come to you. Now, who is the 'I will come to you'? another comforter, which is Jesus in another form. This can also be said to be the Holy spirit appearing to people as Jesus because that's the person we know. Everyone who saw Jesus, saw the Holy spirit. NOTE THIS: if you say the Holy spirit is Jesus you are correct, if you say the father is Jesus you are correct, if you say Jesus is the father you are correct, if you say

the Holy spirit is the father you are correct. **Also, this is not one personality acting as three but three persons united as one, and agreeing as one. For they are one. i.e they agree and are united.** Jesus didn't say I and my father is one, but he said; I and my father **are** one, this shows two persons united as one.

So, it is important for you to know that, Jesus Christ is in union with the father and in union with the Holy spirit. Jesus didn't say: I will come at the last day, but he said: I will not leave you comfortless, I will come to you.

*Verse 19 yet a little while, and the world seeth me no more; but ye see me: because I live, ye shall live also.*

John 16:5-7 [it's so beautiful to note that: John the beloved was the one who wrote explicitly about the Holy spirit, although we might have account of the holy spirit in the other books but you can't want to talk about the Holy spirit and not quote John. ]

*Verse 5-6 but now I go my way to him that sent me; and none of you asketh me, whither goest thou? But because **I have said these things unto you, sorrow hath filled your heart.***

Just like my wife, whenever am travelling, she doesn't like it, even you have spent 2 years with her without going anywhere, my wife always wants me around her. That's because of the union between us. So also, if my wife goes somewhere, and she isn't back in time, I would be so concerned, I would be checking time and also asking about her where about, that shows union. When the Lord said; he was going the disciples felt sad. Messiah is going, our master is going, they remember his love, provision, protection, the miracles and so on... they were sad.

Verse 7 nevertheless ***I tell you the truth, it is expedient for you that I go away:*** for if I go not away, the comforter will not come unto you; but if I depart, I will send him unto you. [KJV]

***But I tell you the truth: it is for your good that I am going away. Unless I go away, the counselor will not come to you; but if I go, I will send him to you.***

Jesus was simply saying if I stay here again it is not good, if I [Jesus] should stay 2 seconds more than necessary, it is no longer good, it would have scattered something. It is better for a man to leave once he is done. As for me, once heaven says; am done, I want to leave, because 2 seconds after that is nonsense. I don't care what people says, if it is that heaven says; done and I should come home to my savior and the witness is clear. Father take me now, I don't mind.

***However, I am telling you nothing but the truth when I said it is **profitable [good, expedient, advantageous] for you that I go away.** Because if I do not go away, the comforter [counselor, helper, advocate, intercessor, strengthener, standby] will not come to you [into close fellowship with you]; but if I go away, I will send him to you [to be in close fellowship with you]. Amplified***

Look at orderliness in the Godhead, they don't compete. The two cannot be in the same place struggling for space. No! God the father will come on the scene, we saw that much in the old testament, once he was done, he leaves the scene for the son, when the son finishes, the holy spirit resumed. When I say leave, I don't mean that they out rightly left but they were still behind the scene working together and you can also see orderliness, because that orderliness shows the uniqueness of their personality, God the father gave the law, Jesus the son fulfilled the law and purged and redeemed us, The holy spirit abides in us and empowers us to obey the law of

God. **God the Father the initiator, Jesus the son the administrator, holy spirit the executor.** it's such a beautiful togetherness. **If every marriage should understand this, no marriage will crash.** If the church can be taught the unity of the Godhead and they catch it by revelation...it would be so wonderful, that's why Paul said I tell you a mystery, because that which is happening within the Godhead is what ought to happen between Christ and the church and should also be in any godly marriage.

If there is a proper understanding about this, there can't be a day that there would be a fight, fighting is a result of lack of revelation of your origin, no home would break; and it's a shame for a Christian home to break. Take a look at Jesus' prayer in John 17; *...that they may be one as we are one*, and that was one of Jesus' highest prayer.

*...if I do not go away, the comforter will not come to you **into close fellowship with you**, but if I go away, I will send him to you... (Amplified)*

*But I tell you, am going to do what is best for you, this is why I am going away; the holy spirit cannot come to help you till I leave. But after I am gone, I would send the spirit to you. The spirit will come and **show the people of this world the truth about sin** and God's justice... (CEV)*

Does that mean that despite all that Jesus did, he didn't show the world the truth about sin? He has not. It is when he [Holy spirit] comes, he will really show the world the truth about sin, *(also take note that Jesus was limited by space and time, he couldn't be everywhere at the same time, but the Holy spirit cannot be limited)* but [Jesus] being the truth has revealed himself to his disciples, but to reveal himself to the world; it's not his duty. Until the spirit comes into you, the world doesn't have a message yet. They won't understand what sin means, we are the agency by the help

of the Holy spirit to help show how sinful the world is, By the holy spirit in us. Our lives should point to the sinfulness of people and disturbs their conscience, yet this is not the case because many do not know the holy spirit and his role but they want to be led by him.

The first introduction of the Holy spirit by Jesus was as "**ANOTHER**" i.e. somebody like Jesus [ but take note: Jesus said; "you know him", that is because you know me already; "he dwells with you", am with you right now but am not in you, he is the one coming to be in you.

***...The spirit will show them that they are wrong about sin, because they didn't have faith in me. John 16:9 (CEV)***

Who will show them that they are wrong? *The holy spirit.* How will he show it?  
*Through the believer [i.e. A DISCIPLE].*

***...they are wrong about God's justice, because am going to the father and you won't see me again. John 16:10 (CEV)***

Why are they wrong about God's justice? They are wrong about because they don't know am going to the father to represent, plead for mercy and for reconciliation.

***...and they are wrong about the judgement because God has already judged the ruler of this world. John 16:11 (CEV)***

***...in regards to judgement because the prince of this world now stands condemned. (NIV)***

Who is the prince of this world? *Satan.* Who will show the condemnation of the prince of this world? *The Holy Spirit, through the believer [i.e. A DISCIPLE].* That is

3-fold assignment of the holy spirit. So, a real believer or a disciple must walk in the revelation that the devil has been condemned already.

***...judged and condemned and sentenced already is passed upon him. (AMP)***

He has been sentenced, illegitimate, he has no power, he is like a lion without a tooth such that; brother James can say: **resist the devil and he shall flee.** (James 4:7) This is somebody that was a prince before. Can you tell a prince what to do? But because he has been condemned, you can walk into a place and say; Satan leave this place and he would leave. May our eyes be opened to our authority.

It pains God when Satan is influencing your mind [something must have been lost in your understanding]. **Imagine you that is to be used to explain the condemnation of the devil and you are now been manipulated. Do you want the death on the cross to be a waste? Do you want to useless the ascension of Christ? Satan knows he is only operating by the ignorance of men and he knows that once a man has full understanding of his place and who he is, he [Satan] becomes nothing because his secret has been exposed.**

#### **THE MINISTRY OF THE HOLY SPIRIT IN A BELIEVER.**

So, if Jesus does not go, the world will remain in their darkness, they won't know what is right, they won't know that Christ is the truth, they won't know the mind of God. It's the holy spirit that is coming to do that in the believer. So, Jesus said it is for your good. (***...it is profitable that I go away). But it is a pity that we have reduced our understanding of the holy spirit only to speaking in tongues and people often wonder what are we saying yet the real ministry of the holy spirit to the world we are so ignorant of it.***

***...I have much more to say to you, more than you can now bear but when he...(KJV)***

There are things that you cannot bear now Jesus said to his disciples. Why can they not bear it please? *Because the holy spirit is not yet in them and they will not understand.* Do you know it will shock you to know that the disciples will not understand some of the things we know now, about Christ if the holy spirit never came to them Supposing the holy ghost did not come and the holy spirit was delayed to come in our time, things we will know they will not know. Jesus said; there are things I want to tell you, but if I start saying it, you won't get it, you will not understand it.

So, how can a Muslim understand what we are saying? Note: Jesus wasn't dealing with the Jews here, he said; even you my disciples, without the holy spirit you can't understand.

***...but when he, the spirit of truth, comes, he will guide you into all the truth***

***John 16:13 (NIV)***

Jesus was simply saying the things I could not say now; I will still say it but I will say it through the holy spirit. Those were the things he said through the apostles [their writings, letters, epistles]. These are depths and there are still depths we will go and know after rapture.

Look at the way we have now abused and reduced the ministry of the holy spirit to him leading you just when you need to marry, or choose a career or travelling to a place, His ministry in us and through us is way far beyond that. The ministry of the holy spirit is to guide you into all truth, to counsel you. What Jesus is simply saying is that; from now on you can never lack counsel [there is nothing like; I don't know what to do].



If Jesus had died and he remained on the cross, the holy spirit would not have come. If he was buried and he never arose, holy spirit will not come [it is not yet profitable, it is not yet advantageous]. But when Jesus rose and he ascended, then everything he ever did became meaningful and impactful. We will not understand the cross and our union with it except the holy spirit comes to dwell in the believer.

When we teach you the cross, it would be meaningless. It is the holy spirit that helps us understand the cross. Do you know why you can repent? *The holy spirit*. Take note he is the counselor, helper [i.e. there are situations in your life that you are helpless and you won't know what to do. This is beyond natural counselling. There are situations that warrants divine help even after counselling because you have lost hope].

So also, He is an intercessor. Who is our intercessor? Jesus! He constantly intercedes for us; isn't that what the bible says. Who is also our intercessor now on the earth? Holy spirit! Do you know that the holy spirit, even when you are tired, he is interceding so that you can come back to be prayerful? This is what make you see that as long as you yield to the help of the holy spirit, you can never backslide.

When Jesus Christ said; he whom the father has given to me, no one can take them out of my hands [he was talking about security for those who have cooperated with him]. You must yield, once you remove yielding to the holy spirit you will remain in error. For the will of man cannot be by passed but when you say God, I will follow you, He (God) says don't worry my son, my daughter you are secured.

Even when you have weakness and it is a genuine weakness not a deliberate one, he [holy spirit] will be praying for you, I am here until you stand back on your feet).

**ADVOCATE!** this case of advocate is when a genuine disciple of Christ is weak as written in 1 John 2 [described as a baby], rather than lose him or lose her to sinfulness and the devil, Jesus and the holy spirit advocates till he/she can be strong on his or her feet. Do you know some people have used guilt to kill themselves when they ought to rise back and cooperate with the advocate?

That's what holy spirit does to you he disciplines you, trains you and raises men to train and disciple you while you are small in spiritual strength, he builds you till you reach a point where your feet are so strong and voice so clear.

But someone who chooses to remain a baby for years can't be advocated for because Jesus and the holy spirit don't advocate for intentional sin [it's never in the bible] because immediately 1 John 2:1 says: *if any man sin, we have an advocate...*

1 John 3:9 now says

***whosoever is born of God does not commit sin...***

You see, it a progression of thought, let me ask you do you advocate for a notable armed robber in the environment, stealing and killing and enjoys doing it?

**There is no sensible lawyer who advocates for wrong, that your client intentionally did wrong...** You know it's a perversion that makes a lawyer to defend you when you are deliberately wrong. You know if you are a Christian lawyer and you ask your client did you kill and he says; yes! You can only plead as an advocate for the reduction of his or her punishment, that's a real advocate. Advocate is someone standing on your behalf, and **you see the way Jesus Christ advocated, is that the judgement and the punishment of sin that was supposed to be upon us we cannot bear so, he took the judgement upon himself** and through the person of the holy spirit now when you are really wobbling and struggling as you walk with God, the holy spirit helps you to

stand, and when the devil wants to accuse and strike you, he cannot strike, because there is an advocate for you interceding and defending as well as training you until your feet are strong. The holy spirit will encourage and equip you until you are bold again to say, heavenly daddy, thank you because you can receive me again, thank you because I can come back again.

The holy spirit will now help you to grow in your love for the father much more and hatred and empowerment against sin will also grow, THIS IS THE WORK OF HOLY SPIRIT OUR ADVOCATE [Note: am not talking about someone who claims to follow Christ, knows what it means to follow Christ and yet also listens to Naira Marley and others and love the acts of worldliness ].

They are different and such people are not in these categories of people whom the holy spirit shall advocate for.

**STRENGTHENER AND STAND BY!** The holy spirit is also called Strengthener which means you would be weak and so you need strength he is the Strengthener! If the holy spirit was dwelling in Elijah, he will not run away from Jezebel, he would have been strengthened. Have you read foxes books of martyrs Imagine how people face persecution and are set on fire for the sake of Christ and the gospel and they are singing [whenever I read stories like that, I know that of a truth, JESUS is not a liar].

How can people be burning and they are singing, that shows to you that there is a strengthener, there is a stand by. Do you know what stand by means? Do you know what is called a stand by generator? It starts once electricity goes off [hmm... this is a very crucial part of the holy spirit which I love so much], A stand by generator or inverter starts working once electricity goes off, nobody goes there to on it. Even when Satan wants to send curses to your life, your stand by [the Holy Spirit] will stand

for you, he is your “senior partner”. I have experienced the holy spirit standing by me on so many occasions but this experience am about to share stood out:

***I struggled for many years on the issue of having sex in the dream. This experience destroyed me; it destroyed my confidence. How can you have pollution in the dream and you wake up in the middle of the night and begin to pray, cast, bind and destroy and you go back to sleep and it continues [there is nothing as terrible as that]. The night I don't pray will be a very terrible night. It was a real pollution. I remember praying for some hours in the night crying for the fire of the holy ghost I prayed for years and it still continued. At a time, I got tired because I have really prayed and fasted, called the name of Jesus and shout fire and even call the holy ghost and nothing happened. I will never forget that fateful day, I was to do my quiet time, my bible was on the table while I was standing and I got tired of life [am a man passionate for holiness], imagine: a preacher leading others to Christ, but yet in bondage it was really terrible for me.***

***I stood that morning, look at my bible [I was speaking in tongues but it looked like even my tongues were now empty and I was losing my faith]. I told myself, how is it that I am not in lust towards any lady but every night am messed up, I would be full of guilt, why this guilt? Condemnation! For what I didn't do. God what's going on? Have called you and you aren't answering.***

***Then that morning, I looked at my bible and I was about to say this bible, speaking in tongues is RUBBISH!!! And that there is nothing there, I was about to say that. I will never forget that day, it was like my spiritual light was about to go off, I was about to backslide, I have struggled for years. And I know that if I backslide at that time, you can't preach to me again [what is it that you want to preach that I have not preached, except the mercy of God prevail].***

*Then suddenly, a voice rose from my inside, the Holy spirit said; I will not stand aloof and watch you decay. Those were His exact words. I suffered all these years because I was not depending on him, I was going about with my own personal effort.*

*Immediately after that voice, I cannot explain how fresh life is from the holy spirit, life came back to me, my fire was refreshed, fresh tongues rose from my inside, I was bubbling in tongues and that was the end.*

*That was the stand by. Sincerely I was tired and down but He [the holy spirit] is there. Do you know after he strengthened me, that was when the message of the cross start making more sense. Initially, it was looking like everything was falling down. it was really a joyful day because the stand-by stood by me [the bible began to make sense, the cross of calvary also began to make sense, death of the old man began to make sense] and I began to walk again, I began to scream at the devil: 'you are a liar' 'you have been condemned'.*

*Thank God for the holy spirit, he is the comforter, strengthener and standby.  
Hallelujah!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!*

**COMFORTER:** I tell you; how can they kill all your family members remaining only you and you can still go to church, that is the case of some Christians in Asia, North Africa and some nations, that is the work of the holy spirit. There is a comfort of the holy spirit you cannot explain no matter how hard you try to explain it; it is not just explainable! You would be shocked when you see those comforted by him, He [holy spirit] is the one responsible for peace that passes all understanding, there is a peace that schools and academic professors cannot analyze. If the church has been introducing us to the holy spirit, are we going to be crying unnecessarily or people committing suicide because they lost their husband/wife? NO! immediately a man has

experienced any problem, who should he call? Holy spirit I need your comfort. Will the holy spirit answer? He will. Children who lost their father, if they have been introduced to the holy spirit when things begin to crumble, no help coming from the family, who should they speak to? The holy spirit. They may be in pain and in sorrow but since they have the comforter, what will they notice? He can't fail in his assignment; he will comfort them. **It would be absolutely wrong for us to reduce him [the holy spirit] to just language. Holy spirit is not a gifting i.e. his definition is not in the gifts but rather in his person.**

*Jesus said ...he will glorify me... ...he will not speak on his own, he will speak only what he hears and he will tell you what is yet to come... (NIV)*

...he will not speak on his own, he will speak only what he hears... this tells you that holy spirit is still in contact union with Jesus to be hearing.

*The spirit shows what is true and will come and guide you into the full truth. The spirit doesn't speak on its own, he will tell you what he has heard from me and he will let you know what is going to happen. The spirit will bring glory to me... John 16:13 (CEV)*

*For he will not speak his own message on his own authority but he will tell whatsoever he hears from the father, he will give the message that has been given to him and he will declare to you the things that are to come that will happen... (AMP)*

So, the holy spirit also is not doing something by himself, it's what he receives from the father. And do you think that when Jesus Christ was here, did he break his own fellowship with the father? No. do you think the holy spirit will break fellowship with the son? No, they are still constantly in touch. He is not speaking what he wants to tell

us, he is saying what Jesus wants to tell us. The things that are revealed in the word is what the holy spirit talks. When Jesus left, was there any epistle? No. Any word written by the apostles? No.

so, what the apostles were receiving as epistles was what Jesus was telling the holy spirit to tell them. As he [Jesus] was telling the spirit, the spirit was telling them. As they wrote it down, because they are foundational apostles, it became the template.

*No one can write us another bible; you can only go deeper in the scripture already given to the body of Christ. The HOLY SPIRIT gave authority to the church and the authority are the apostles. ...**you are built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets... Eph 2:20** to be built upon this foundation means; everything you do is from their bearing. Everything that happens must be from the bearing of what the apostles told us through the spirit.*

These apostles have to listen to the holy spirit dictating and revealing things to them. Now that they are sealed and they have gone, you can't take a bearing outside the holy spirit and what he told the apostles who were themselves laid upon the chief corner stone which is Jesus Christ. You can't get something from the spirit that is outside the Bible. If there were no foundational apostles, anybody can say anything, thank God for apostles who were the ones Christ chose as the seal to bear the message. Don't joke with the apostles' statement.

***The Holy spirit glorifies Christ, any dimension of the spirit that is not glorifying Christ is not the spirit of God, they will say this is a new realm of the spirit; we are not dealing with making disciples here, this is beyond discipleship. We are dealing with higher realms here! When ministers begin to deal with quotes and symbols in the***

*spirit realm, without placing it on scriptures in light of the new testament, and the finished work of Christ on the cross. **This is dangerous.***

The Holy Spirit that is connecting the heaven to the earth has a standard, and the standard is The Word revealed through the apostles, and which apostles?

Foundational apostles. So, if anybody claims he saw Jesus now, it is the Holy Spirit he saw...**for He shall reveal all things to you...** and whatsoever Holy Spirit reveals to you, it is He (Jesus) that is revealing it to you.

Whatever the Holy Spirit is doing is what the Father is doing in Christ that HE is revealing to us. Anything the Father is not doing in Christ is nothing, even the lame man walks, if this is not for the glory of the father in Christ by the spirit it is nothing,

***Some people have now lifted up Angelic ministry above Christ and his person revealed and been revealed to us by the Holy Spirit. Angels cannot dwell in us, in fact Holy Spirit is the controller, He is the one controlling/instructing angels to do whatsoever they are doing, Angels are called to be ministering spirit and you don't have to see them.***

***Don't let someone make it look big because he saw an angel because the focus of the holy spirit is to glorify Christ and make you grow in him, throughout your life, you may or may not see an angel but it does not deny that they are with us. The church goes into error when she gets away from the word.***

Christ said; he will not speak of his own and do you know what that means? It is whatever he hears from me [Jesus] and since I [Jesus] hear from the father. So, everything proceeds from the father and the father will always point to the son because you cannot know the father until you know the son. Holy spirit must point to the son and the son glorifies the father. ***The center is the son because that's the word***



***that became flesh and became like us. So holy spirit points us back to the son because that's the standard. Holy spirit did not become flesh; he only came to dwell in our flesh so that we also can be like the son who came in the flesh and had the spirit dwelling in him.***

The holy spirit is so concerned about the glory of Christ, therefore, in learning to follow the leading of the holy spirit, you must understand, whatever you desire to do if it is not Christ glorification, and praise and the expansion of the kingdom, then it is nothing.

If you see someone talking more about angels without pointing to the person of Jesus, such a person is gradually moving towards heresy ***[NB. When you talk so much and so passionate about angels and their manifestation, you have officially sidelined the authority of the Godhead]. Instead of you saying what angels love to hear, you are saying what angels hate to hear.*** Whatever angel is appearing to you that is making you talk more of them and you are leaving Christ, is not a genuine experience [check all the epistles which apostle spoke at lent about an angel.

They only mention, they don't explain]. All through the scriptures, there is no deep meditation and explanation about angels all you see is just mentioning, for example: "an angel appeared". But when people begin to lay more emphasis about angels ***[for an illustration: someone say when you are in the fourth level that's when you are dealing with angels, when you are in the sixth level that's when you are dealing with some high level ranking angels ...]***

This kind of statement is not biblical, you may be honest but sincerely you are wrong. the early church stayed on the word [JESUS CHRIST], no wonder they shocked their world. Even brother Paul said [by the help of the holy spirit]; *"I will not say anything,*

*that the message of the cross is not belittled because if truly am speaking by his spirit, I must constantly point to Christ and him crucified and that the gospel is the message of salvation that brings everyone into righteousness from faith to faith. God forbid that I boast in anything lest in the cross of Christ' (**Galatians 6:14**)'.*

All the father wants to communicate to you through who will he do it? Through the son by the holy spirit.

Verse 15

*...all that belongs to the father is mine, that is why I said the spirit will take from what is mine and make it known to you... **John 16:15 (NIV)***

And how will he make it known to you? I have set apostles in the church; these are my foundational leaders. That is why the bible says the church continued steadfastly in the apostles' doctrine and teaching. And what did the apostles teach? Christ.

Brother Paul who went into depths what was his focus? Christ. Christ is the end of all the message. If the lame is walking right now, who must be at the center of it? Christ. Once it is the man of God and his anointing, holy spirit is no more there. There are some miracles that has led the body of Christ astray. Brother Peter once said; *...why are you looking on us as if by our own holiness we have made this lame man to walk (Acts 3:12)* ... lest the attention of people is diverted from Christ to anointing.

### **BEHIND THE SCENE.**

Another important fact to note about the holy spirit is that he is a person. Now, you find something powerful in the bible, you find out that God speaks very expressly and Jesus the Son also speaks but Holy Spirit seldom speak, now I'm going to explain. Despite the fact that He is the agency; you will find out that the Bible very much says

things like ***and God said, and God said?*** And you will also find it very much in your bible that ***and Jesus answered and Jesus said?*** But did you find it very much said that ***and the Spirit, and the Spirit said?*** It is there in the bible but countable.

Even though He is the agency that brings the reality of the heavenly things into the physical realm, you find out that out of the Godhead (the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit) you will find out that out of the three, one is very silent, and who is that? Holy Spirit! Throughout the scriptures, you would always find God speaking [***...and God said...***] most especially in the old testament, in the new testament during the documentation of the gospel you would also find ***...and Jesus answered...*** but when you come to the time he [Holy Spirit] resumed actively on the earth, you can hardly find ***...and the Holy Spirit said...*** [They are very few] for example: in ***Acts 13***, the Spirit said: separate me Barnabas and Paul and in ***1 Timothy 4:1*** when brother Paul said: ...now the Spirit speaketh expressly ... Apart from that, where else did you find the Holy Spirit speaking expressly, [most of the time, you find the spirit speaking through believers].

Everything in the acts of the apostles was through him [the Holy Spirit], when brother Peter rose up, in ***ACTS 2*** who was talking in him? The Holy Spirit but did the bible say: and the Spirit said? No. The Bible said ...and Peter said. you find a characteristic of behind the scene with the Holy Spirit. Do you know that the Bible clearly stated that God has a seat, and Jesus is sitting at his right hand? Where is the seat of the Holy Spirit? Prophet Ezekiel said; I saw a throne and one that sat, the similitude of the holy one and so on, brother John in revelation talks about the person of Jesus. Who has ever said he saw the Holy Spirit? Although there are pockets of people that claim they saw the Holy Spirit, but we are dealing with Bible as our standard. Who in the bible

saw the Holy Spirit? Each time the bible mentions him, he is like something. It's either he appears as a dove, or like fire, or like wind.

There is something called **emblem of the Holy Spirit** as revealed in the Bible, emblem means symbols associated with, so the emblem of the holy spirit includes \*oil, \*dove, \*wind, \*fire, \*rain/water, \*wine. Why is it that whenever we want to talk about the Holy Spirit, we have to make use of emblem [i.e. signs], can't he just show up.

Emblems/symbols are used to describe what the Holy Spirit is like.

In the Old Testament, when the oil comes on a king, the Holy Spirit comes upon him most times when the Holy Spirit is being described, the phrase '**like a**' is usually included. Just like in the case of Jesus, John saw the spirit descending on him **like a** dove [NB. The bible didn't say a dove came on him].

And because of this description, people like Jehovah witnesses say he is not a person, they say he is a force. Due to this, **if we are not careful, we will be relating more with the power dimension of the Holy Spirit than the personality dimension.** Some ministries believe that since you can't find his seat in heaven, since we can't know how he [the Holy Spirit] looks like then he is not a person.

When **Genesis chapter 1** described, it says; and the spirit moved.... When Jesus was describing him when he comes, Jesus said; he will not speak of himself, he will glorify me. It was Jesus that told us that he is a person.

You as a believer and a disciple is not to be filled with something. Even Jesus did not tell his disciples to expect to speak in tongues in the book of **ACTS**, he only asked them to wait for the promise of the father. **So, the apostles were not looking for gifts but they were looking for a person [i.e. a personality].**

Error entered the church when we were not looking for the holy spirit as a person but we were looking for a force, a gift, an anointing. When you are no more concentrating on the person, you will lose the essence of His ministry.

One of the reasons why Holy Spirit is the most misunderstood personality in the Godhead is because of obscurity and **what is this obscurity?**

**It means behind the scene.**

At the wake of the early church, the holy spirit was active yet obscure, such that in **Acts 2:14** Peter the apostle started and began to quote the book of Joel [someone who is a fisherman, how is he now quoting scriptures copiously and yet he is not a Rabbi]. It would be understandable if it was Paul due to the fact that he is a lawyer, even Stephen before he died, did you see how he went into a serious theological study and he brought out the word of God, so, who was bringing scriptures to their remembrance? The Holy Spirit.

Yet did you ever hear the bible say that 'the Holy Spirit said' rather the bible says: ...and Stephen opened his mouth. Who was opening the mouth of Stephen or rather who gave Stephen utterance? The Holy Spirit.

Actually, the Holy Spirit does not like to be seen, less you miss the person of Christ because Christ came in flesh and blood, so the one people must relate with is the one who came in flesh and blood. Since Christ has ascended, who is now the flesh and blood? YOU and I! If he [Holy Spirit] comes to the fore front, the crucifixion will not be clear again, we will not value that Christ came in the flesh and dwelt among us, we will not be able to see the glory of the only begotten of the father.

The [Holy Spirit] must stay behind the scene for the son of God to be constantly seen, revealed and glorified. ***because until the word became flesh people can't see glory.***

If the Holy Ghost was to be operating without BELIEVERS, who will sinners and unbelievers be dealing with? Spirit, and that would be too in orderly. but it would be easy to relate with somebody you know, somebody like us. Do you know why salvation could be made possible? God had to make and send the Word as a representative in the person of Christ to come and stay with us and that was when we could understand the law.

Moses who gave the law broke the law, so he could not have been our Savior, and how did he break the law? Moses himself whom God used to bring the law, was not perfect in keeping the law of God. Did he sanctify the Lord on the issue of water coming out of the rock? No, he didn't. Now, what is the real prove that Moses himself that gave the law broke the law? When he brought the law from the mountain what did he do? He broke it. Who wrote that law? The finger of God [i.e. God himself inscribed it on a stone]. Who first broke it? The carrier of the law broke the law.

This man was not afraid to scatter what God just wrote. What did he do when he came down? He broke it, he pounded the golden calf image, and gave them [the Israelite] to drink. What were they drinking? metal. **Exodus 32:19-20.**

Does that look like a leader? [we thank God for Moses but I want you to get something there]. What was the reason why the law was given? So, he [Moses] can teach that law to this misleading people, but when he came down, what did he do? He broke the stone. By drinking the metal from the golden calf can it convert the hearts of the Israelites? [You need to see that the person of Jesus is important to the father].

Who was the example the children of Israel were looking at? Moses. Did you know that when God came down on mount Sinai and everywhere was quaking, what did

the people say? They said: Moses be talking to God; we can't stand this quaking. At least when you are talking to us, we do hear you. **Exodus 20:19.**

This dimension of quaking is too much for us, whatever he [God] tells you, come and tell us. What they were simply saying is that they can relate with Moses, that also gave a clue that if God should be coming down to explain salvation it would be so unbearable.

***So, until the word became flesh and dwelt among us, we could not behold the glory. The glory that is touchable, has to be made flesh. The glory that is relatable must be a glory that is in the human form, if the glory remains in the heavens, we can't touch it, in fact it won't be meaningful, we won't understand it. No matter how God tries to tell us. Until the glory of the father had to be packaged in the flesh [i.e. in a human form] we couldn't touch the glory. Hallelujah!!!!!!!!!!!!***

Who was the agency that helped Jesus to do the ministry that God wants him to do? Holy Spirit. He is the converter, he is the one that allow spiritual things to enter physical realm, but he himself must not be seen. Jesus said: if I don't go the comforter will not come. (John 16:7) What is he coming to do? to make us disciples of Christ in order to become more like him on the earth from day to day.

So, what is the purpose of God in redemption and in sending the holy spirit? it is so that mankind may regain his nature, freedom and authority that was lost to lucifer in the garden of Eden.

Don't think God quickly wants to pack all of us by rapture because if God's intention is rapture; then immediately Jesus died and rose from the dead, what should have happened? Rapture. But there is a dimension that God has in heart, God wanted

Christians who can demonstrate to the devil; that authority over life and death has been given to believers through Christ by the spirit.

Discipleship makes us understand that becoming like Jesus is not outside the Holy Spirit. **So, the Holy Spirit is the most important personality in discipleship. It is his personality that is first important to you before his functionality to the church.**

**So, when Jesus handed us over to the Holy Spirit, it means we also must enjoy obscurity.** i.e. we must not labor for the screen to be seen by men and accepted by men. When Jesus was here [on the earth], because the Holy Spirit was constantly operating in him Jesus was always acting obscure. After his miracles, he instructed them not to tell anybody, who is helping him to do that? the Holy Spirit. Jesus even had to shut the mouth of a demon who was trying to introduced him, because it's not a demon that is to tell us whom Jesus is. If the father has not introduced me, that introduction from a demon is rubbish. **It takes a walk with the Holy Spirit to be obscure because everyman loves to be seen and known.**

Even brother Paul was afflicted [...a torn in the flesh...] so he can always be obscure lest he should boast of the abundance of revelation... so when the Holy Spirit is active in you, what do you notice? Obscurity [always not wanting to be at the front] always ascribing glory back to the father.

*Take serious note of this powerful word: The Holy Spirit has no throne yet he is active, busy, working, serving, representing, comforting, interceding, standby **BUT** he prefers your heart as the throne.*

## **GRIEVE NOT THE HOLYSPIRIT.**

Ephesians 4:30



***And grieve not the Holy Spirit of God whereby ye are sealed unto the day of redemption. (KJV)***

***Do not make God's own completely good spirit sad, he is like a mark to show certainly that you belong to God, he shows God will make you completely free one day] (Easy English translation)***

[do you see that this does not prove that once you are saved you are forever saved, because you see the dimension of "one day" God will make you completely free, which is talking about rapture].

The Holy Spirit is the one that will keep you to that "one day" that is coming.

**WHAT IS SEAL?** It is what preserves from decay. The seal on any product give you the assurance that the product is authentic. The bible says: ...he is the seal *unto* [i.e. it has not come] the day of redemption. It is not just the death of Christ or that Christ has gone to appear before the father, that keeps a believer unto the day of redemption.

But the death of Christ and his resurrection was to ensure he ascended, to represent us before God and so that God can send the Holy Spirit to dwell inside man. The holy spirit is the promise of the Father. How can Christ who died, buried and resurrected say that it is expedient for me to go away.

***Resurrection signifies am going to represent you, if I did not rise, I can't represent you.*** Even when Mary wanted to touch him after resurrection, he refused because he hasn't represented us yet but he told her to go to his brethren and report that he [Christ] goes to his father and their father. I am going there to show the prove, after the father sees this, there is no delay again to send the Holy Spirit who is a representative and a part of the Godhead.

So now, you will have one of the Godhead living in you. ***The body of Christ have not touched the real essence of the Holy Spirit because we have simply reduced him to tongues.*** The essence of the spirit is first in **being** before **doing**.

As the holy spirit indwells believers, we move from mere human beings to spiritual beings in mortal flesh just like Christ. It is until the church comes to the knowledge and unity of this before God will close the age [despite the fact that several heroes and martyrs have been killed] yet God has not closed the age, because there is something God still wants to see on the earth.

Ephesians 3:7-10

***Whereof I was made a minister according to the gift of the grace of God given unto me by the effectual working of his power, unto me who am less than the least of all saint is this grace given that I should preach among the gentiles the unsearchable riches of Christ and to make all men see what is the fellowship of the mystery, which from the beginning of the world hath been hid in God, who created all things by Jesus Christ; to the intent that now unto the principalities and powers in heavenly places might be known by the church...***

Verse 10: ***Then God will use the church to show the powers and authorities in the spiritual world that he has many different kinds of wisdom...***

Verse 9-10: ***And of making all people see how God's sacred plan is to be put into effect, God who is the creator of all things kept his secret hidden through all the past ages; in other that at the present time by means of the church, the angelic rulers and powers in the heavenly world may learn of his wisdom...***

Imagine that principalities and powers would learn through believers the many-sided dimension of the wisdom of God. Why? Because the extension of the God head has returned to the church. You can't learn God from mortal people, you can only learn God from God, you cannot learn divine things from carnal people. So, when the Holy Spirit came, believers became injected with the DNA of the Godhead.

HALLELUYAH!!!!!!

***...learn of his wisdom in all his different form, God did this according to his eternal purpose which he achieved through Jesus Christ.***

So, this purpose achieved through Jesus is to bring the holy Spirit into the church [i.e. into you a believer], so that from us, the devil is supposed to be learning, angelic rulers are to learn, powers in the heavenly realm are to learn.

In Yoruba language ***aditu olorun ninu ta lo kosi?*** In believers. (the English interpretation is that, God kept his secrets in believers) You, a believer, that supposed to show devil the way he ought to think because if he had thought that way, he will not lose his estate and that angels may see the power of the cross.

Imagine, that you are the one that is now been manipulated by negative spirits. This grieves the Holy Spirit.

Going back to Ephesians 4:30

***And grieve not the Holy Spirit of God whereby ye are sealed unto the day of redemption. KJV.***

The instruction is that: the person that has sealed you unto the day of redemption.... don't sadden him [i.e. don't break your seal]. The bible says that: *grieve not...* do you

know that you can't grieve a force? You can only grieve a person, Holy Spirit also has emotion because Jesus has emotion and the father has emotion (but never are they ruled by their emotions),

So, it's not wrong for you to have emotion. Actually, your emotion is a gift from God, you need emotion to pray, you need emotion to heal the sick because emotion when it flows to heal the sick is called compassion and compassion and faith is the only requirement for the healing virtue to flow out of you, our master Jesus always had compassion on the sick.

Grieve not the holy spirit this is important in learning to be led by the spirit, you must be committed to pleasing him, another version says don't make the Holy spirit sad. If the bible had stopped at grieve not the Holy Spirit probably it wouldn't have been much of an issue but *...that he is the seal...* was attached to that scripture that makes it a serious issue.

Take for instance: if you are asked not to go over there because there is a pit there, what will make "don't go there" a serious issue to you? The pit! Right? If it is just "don't go there", you can still ask why, but when it is said that there is a pit there, that pit make "don't go there" a serious matter.

***When you don't know you are dealing with your seal, you can joke with 'grieve not' the holy spirit. You weren't asked to pray for the Holy Spirit to be your seal, he is already your seal for the final day but don't grieve him. Once you understand that, once the holy spirit is in you that is what qualifies you for rapture.***

Don't forget that we are not dealing with when you are making mistakes because you are just growing, your seal is called helper, he will help you. He is your seal and because of that he will want to ensure that you get to heaven.

The instruction here is YOU! don't grieve the holy spirit. There is a difference between you need help [and that's why he is your helper] and making him sad. What are the things that makes him sad should be your question? The bible says: he that is joined with a harlot is one body, he that is joined with the Lord is one spirit (**I Corinthians 6:16**) ... It is the Holy Spirit that makes you joined with the Lord.

What makes marriage between the lamb and the bride possible? The Holy Spirit. The Holy Spirit is the seal that preserves the bride when the bridegroom comes so that the bride will be ready.

Since the Holy Spirit is your seal, *grieve not*. The reason why you don't grieve is that they attached that he is your seal [he is the mark of ownership] ...*don't make God's spirit sorrowful because he is the mark of ownership*. The mark of ownership is not the blood, the shedding of the blood only prepared the mark. The shedding of the blood, the crucifixion, the burial, the ascension is to make the father bring the mark. Take note: Holy Spirit cannot function outside the blood, the cross and resurrection of Christ because all this, are the in route to bring the him, the spirit of truth.

Ephesians 4:29-30

***Stop all your dirty talks, say the right thing at the right time and help others by what you say. Don't make God's spirit sad.***

[if you listen to the language of KJV, it started verse 30 with the word '**and**' the word 'and' is a conjunction and it means the joining of two or more words or sentences together.

So, to understand verse 30 we must consider the preceding verse which is verse 29 and it's surprising to see what was said that grieves the Holy Spirit].

Look at it:

**Let no corrupt [dirty, filthy talks, evil, unawesome, worthless, polluting]  
communication proceed out of your mouth, but that which is good to the use  
of edifying, that it may minister grace unto the hearers. (AMP)**

The whole of verse 29 centered upon speech [i.e. your talking] although the word 'communication' is deeper than talking because one can communicate beyond words. Yet it was limited to the mouth because the scripture says: *...let no corrupt communication proceed out of your mouth.*

The Holy Spirit is grieved when a corrupt thing proceeds out of your mouth because out of the abundance of the heart, the mouth speaks (Matthew 12:34). Because he is inside you and you are saying something bad, evil and unwholesome, you are misrepresenting him because your words reveal your spirit, your words reveal what is inside you.

When what you are now saying is polluting, worthless, dirty, corrupt, filthy, evil, unwholesome, it grieves him.

Even in Joshua 1:8, what did God also started with, when he instructed Joshua.  
Mouth.

***This book of the law shall not depart out of thy mouth....***  
(Joshua 1:8 KJV)

Speaking is important to God. I've found myself say some words and the spirit of the Lord says to me: *'I don't like that word'*.

When the spirit of God is grieved and he points your attention to it, you must quickly repent. ...*let no corrupt word come out of your mouth...* because your speaking shows the kind of spirit you submit to.

God wants you to speak because he also speaks? There is something about our words, even the bible says; a man shall give account of every idle word matt 12:36.

Satan intentionally is making the church to begin to corrupt the bible through comedy. The bible is sacred; God's word is sacred but it has become the tooth pick of comedy in the mouth of the church. It's a strategy to grieve the Holy Spirit. Avoid speaking what's corrupt? Worthless, filthy, unwholesome, dirty, what does not edify [i.e. what does not build the church], does comedy build the church? No.

you can make comedy but avoid using words that does not edify, scripture say we should not make jest which are not convenient.

***Neither filthiness, nor foolish talking, nor jesting, which are not convenient: but rather giving of thanks.***

***(Eph 5:4 KJV)***

***Nor should there be obscenity, foolish talk or coarse joking, which are out of place, but rather thanksgiving. Eph 5:4 NIV***

You can laugh but there are jesting's that grieves the Holy Spirit, most times when a man talks too much there is a feeling of emptiness within, because **your words is a means by which virtue flows out of you**. The bible says the words of life are found in the tongue of the wise/the righteous ...*life and death is in the tongue (Proverbs 18:21)* ... this means you can be killing yourself by your talking, you can release death into your own life by what you say because life and death is the power of the tongue but it depends on the side you choose to use.

The essence of the Holy Spirit is to make to come to reality the finished work of Christ, therefore, **you must always consciously say things that agree with the word of God, when you begin to say things that don't agree with the word of God, you are grieving the Holy Spirit.**

The Holy Spirit wait's always on what you say. Even demons too are waiting for you to say un edifying words to carry them out.

How does a man get saved? *If thou shall believe and thou shall confess with your mouth the Lord Jesus Christ, thou shall be saved (Romans 10:9) ...* when you do that, who now enters into you? Holy Spirit. So Holy Spirit waits for your believing and your speaking, and what about those who are dumb; they have their way of speaking. Once they agree in their heart, then they say it with their inner mouth (Just like there is the place of the inner eyes too for the blind) There is the place of confession with the inner mouth, for the dumb.

When the devil came to tempt Jesus, was Jesus humming? No, Jesus spoke, there is a speaking part of our faith.

Eph 4 Verse 31-32

***Let all bitterness, and wrath, and anger, and clamor, and evil speaking, be put away from you, with all malice: And be ye kind one to another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, even as God for Christ's sake hath forgiven you.***

How did God forgive you? For Christ sake not just because he likes you. I was forgiven because of what Christ did, so I must focus on Christ and not myself.

***Stop been bitter*** [i.e. been angry with people easily, been mad at people] ...

Don't you see that when there is also lack of love in your heart, it grieves the Holy Spirit.



Summarizing what grieves the Holy Spirit is;

1) What proceed out of your mouth [this deal with you personally]

Do not allow corrupt words, or unbelief, lies or exaggeration to proceed out of your mouth.

2) ***Do not become angry with people easily. Do not become so angry that you cannot be kind to them. Do not quarrel or fight. Do not shout at anyone or say bad things about them. Stop thinking bad things about anyone.***

An unbeliever cannot grieve the Holy Spirit because it's a believer that has the capacity to grieve [you can't grieve who you don't have]. ***Anyone who say bad things about ministers of God or leaders is grieving the Holy Spirit, even if they are ministers of the gospel. It is better to do more of prayer than speaking ill of them. ...do not shout at anyone... shouting is a sign of anger that is not controlled and the bible says that we should be angry and sin not (Ephesians 4:26).***

I have shouted well at people and am a preacher of God's word but I have to repent because I am grieving the Holy Spirit.

***Whenever you grieve the Holy Spirit, He alerts you, when he alerts you, don't postpone your repentance because that's your seal. No matter the amount of times you HAVE TO ADJUST YOUR SPEAKING, repent. The Holy Spirit does not leave you until you confess that Christ is no more the Lord and when you choose to walk away from him into deliberate sinful lifestyle.*** So, when you grieve him, he corrects you, when he corrects you, repent immediately. If you don't repent, you are hardening your heart and you are not showing the sign that you have the Spirit of Christ in you which is the spirit of meekness, the spirit of truth, the spirit of life.

You must constantly **yield to the Holy spirit, the more you yield the more beautiful and wholesome your walk with the Holy spirit will be. It will come to a stage that**

**you cannot easily grieve the Holy spirit.**

May the Lord grant you wisdom, because all of this is very important in your understanding as you choose to walk in the school of wisdom in learning to follow the leading of the Holy spirit.

## CHAPTER FIVE

### THE HEART AND MIND.

Your heart and your mind are the two most important places that determines the progress or mastery of your following the Holy spirit. The heart and the mind are quite interwoven but they can be separated in understanding, and a proper understanding of the heart and the mind gives you a strong advantage in following the Holy spirit; take note that the heart is very important to God but I will equally tell you that the mind is also important to God.

Now, let's look at it individually: looking at the following scriptures will help you understand the heart. The heart is the real you, your inner man, your spirit man. When God created man, he created him as a spirit. And that spirit is your heart and this is where the Holy spirit wants to dwell. ***Simply put: Your heart is the spirit part of you that connects with God.***

When Adam was created, his spirit was inhabiting his body; don't forget that your soul is the realm of intellect, the realm of the mind, the realm of your emotion, and volition, it is the realm of your thinking but your spirit is your heart.

Look at the following scriptures to see how the bible refer to the heart and mind: Gen 24:45, Deut 6:5, Matt 5:8, 28, Neh 4:6, Isaiah 26:3, Ezek 11:5, Matt 22:37, Mark 14:72, Acts 17:11.

The bible uses the heart and the mind interchangeably because Until Whatever the heart has processed enters the mind it cannot be said to be fruitful. So, there is a strong cord and connection between the heart and the mind.

You find the scripture mentioning heart when in actual fact, it is referring to the mind and you will also find scripture referring to the mind when it is actually referring to

the heart. At the same time, there are instances where it is separated. When you meditate deeply on the scriptures written above, you will see the cruciality of the heart and you may also take note of the interconnectivity of the heart and the mind. As you study the scriptures, the scriptures are replete with the importance of your heart but looking deeply at 1 Peter 3:4, you will take note that the word used is the hidden man of the heart and Ephesians 3:16 used the word, the inner man.

**THE HEART** means: The inner man, the hidden man, your human spirit. Everyone born into this world is born with a corrupted heart, a corrupted inner man, depraved and unregenerated and such a heart cannot hear God.

***So, you will take note that until you can clearly say that you have a definite experience of being born again you will have problem in the school of hearing how to follow the leading of the holy spirit.***

Therefore, the first question is, are you born again? This may be a reoccurring statement in this book because it is necessary. It is he/she who is born with the life of God that has capacity to follow the Holy spirit. Because you cannot improve and help a corrupted heart. There is nothing you can do to the heart born of the flesh, for that which born of the flesh is flesh and whatever is of the flesh is death, it does not have the life of God but when a man is born again, he will find out that as the scripture says: he will have a new heart.

Scripture talks about a new heart [in Ezekiel 36:26], which says:

***“A new heart also will I give you, and a new spirit will I put within you...”***

This scripture is fulfilled in us who receive Christ and this is what enabled the holy spirit to dwell in all genuine believers. Now your heart or your inner man has the following component; which is what makes up your heart, this was clearly stated by

watchman see. ***Your heart comprises of your conscience, your intuition and inner witness, that is what your heart contains. Your conscience, your intuition and inner witness.***

## **THE CONSCIENCE:**

Take note that before you received Christ and you know receiving Christ is being impacted with the life of God by faith and been delivered from the power of sin. Your conscience is like the police man that judges, and which points you to what is right or wrong. It is a strong and deep feeling of rightness or wrongness. Your conscience, whether you are born again or not, is God's way of pointing mankind to wrongness or rightness.

Now let's consider the following scriptures, so that you can know the importance of conscience.

***And they which heard it, being convicted by their own conscience, went out one by one, beginning at the eldest, even unto the last: and Jesus was left alone, and the woman standing in the midst.***

***(Joh 8:9)***

***And Paul, earnestly beholding the council, said, Men and brethren, I have lived in all good conscience before God until this day.***

***(Act 23:1)***

***And herein do I exercise myself, to have always a conscience void of offence toward God, and toward men.***

***(Act 24:16)***

You cannot claim to be born again, and think your conscience is useless although this has to do with knowledge because a conscience can either be strong, weak and seared conscience.

*People with strong conscience are those who as a result of their proper understanding in the word of God have ability to judge what is right and what is wrong, while those with weak conscience are those who as a result of improper understanding of the word of God have their conscience calling what is right, wrong and calling what is wrong, right but nevertheless, your conscience is so powerful in the issue of the leading of the spirit because it forms the first component of your inner man.*

#### **INTUITION:**

Intuition is the part of your heart, that part of your inner man that deals with sensing or sensitivity. It is the part that a possesses a knowing without an information coming from external source. The intuition is the sensitivity part. In the book of Acts chapter 27, Paul was on a voyage to Rome and they had a challenge that distorted and made their journey difficult.

***And said unto them, Sirs, I perceive that this voyage will be with hurt and much damage, not only of the lading and ship, but also of our lives.***  
***(Act 27:10)***

You will find out that he used the word; **I perceive**. That is a knowing that something will take place, or will happen or sometimes the intuition is even a perception that something has happened and it is not that somebody told you. **That kind of knowledge is called intuitive knowledge**. The scripture is also replete with Jesus Christ perceiving, it's a knowledge from your inner man as the holy spirit dwells in you. What makes you to agree with the word of God when you listen to it is partly the function of your intuition. You just know that what you are hearing is the truth. You need this understanding when it comes to following the leading of the Holy spirit, all

of this will be explained deeper. Now, for the fact that we are separating conscience, intuition, inner witness does not say they work in isolation, they actually work in agreement. Whatever knowledge you get through intuition, your conscience will judge whether it is right or wrong and your inner witness will give you the strong assurance to go for it. In fact, the place of final approval is the next point;

### **INNER WITNESS.**

When it comes to the inner witness, the word 'witness' is to testify in order to bring to bear a fact. When people are in the court of law and they want to establish a fact as the truth, they need a witness. If something takes a person to a court, whatever case it is, the judge will treat it as a fact; until there are witness, that fact does not become a truth. So, the witnessing legislates or legalizes or brings authority on a fact, so that it can be accepted as a reality, which is the truth or we can say a witness turns that which is theoretical to a law.

Now the inner witness is the part of your human spirit that testifies and brings to bear an assurance that settles and makes a strong impression and conviction in your heart about a matter. For example, in Romans 8:16 the bible says;

***The spirit beareth witness with our spirit, that we are the children of God.***

The holy spirit testifies, agrees, brings to bear an assurance that we are the children of God, in other words, assurance is what is called witness, and its inner. You can't explain it in physical terms; it's an inner conviction, it's an inner boldness, an inner assurance of the reality of things in the spirit. This is what makes up your heart, your spirit.

We will go deeply now into how the Holy spirit uses these three components to lead you, because that is practically what he is going to be using, in fact 99 percent of the

time, it is these three components that the holy spirit uses to communicate anything to you. They are interwoven but the final end point of all the activities of your inner man must end by the approval of the inner witness, the inner assurance; when it has gone through the passage way of conscience, intuition [knowledge], it must now receive the stamp and the approval of your inner witness. Now, let's go to the mind.

## **THE MIND**

This is so crucial and very important because if whatever is in your spirit will find proper expression in the physical it has to pass through the gateway of your mind. The goal and the importance of following the leading of the Holy spirit is not about you receiving things in your spirit and they stay in your spirit. Everything that is found in your spirit must receive practical expression in the physical.

The agency to translate that which is in your spirit into that which is physical is your soul and your mind is in your soul. The soul of man is the realm of emotion, affection and decision. Your mind is the place of understanding, it's the place where beyond intuition [knowledge], i.e whatever is in the spirit as knowledge must come to your mind as understanding for action to follow; because you cannot follow what you don't understand. You don't have capacity to carry out the knowledge you do not understand. ***That's why until the mind is proper, constantly renewed; you cannot follow the leading Holy spirit.***

Some persons who claim to have spent 5 years or more as a Christian yet uses statement like; I am confused and I don't know what to do, this is because ***until you learn the dynamics of the mind you will have problem in following the leading of the Holy spirit.*** Take note that there is something called mindset, and according to



scripture you must always set your mind on the word of God because the mind is a thinking place.

Biblical terms at times may not be expressed the same as with the biological terms. For example, in biology you use your brain to think but biblically man does not just use the brain to think; actually, man uses the mind. The brain can help to store what you are thinking; it's not the brain that is thinking. The brain stores, it's the store room; its stores whatever has been concluded in the mind as understanding.

It's from the brain we can call it forth and remember again; So, your mind is the thinking place where you gain understanding; it is whatever has been processed into understanding that can be expressed as action.

So, your soul realm is the middle man between your spirit and your body; there is nothing that enters into the physical world and which can find proper expression until it goes through the passage way of the soul where your mind is. For anyone to think your mind is not important in listening to the Lord, have missed it.

Let's look at Romans 12:2

***"...but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind..."***

According to this scripture, if you don't renew your mind to the point that it is well positioned, in a way that readily opens up to what the spirit is bringing, there will be confusion because there will be no understanding and the only way to properly position your mind in order for it to receive information from your spirit is to constantly renew it with the word of God.

To constantly renew your mind with the word of God is an intentional, deliberate decision; that's why the greatest effort of the devil is against your mind. Carnality is measured by the state of your mind, as well as spirituality, according to scriptures:

***For they that are after the flesh do mind the things of the flesh; but they that are after the Spirit the things of the Spirit.***

***For to be carnally minded is death; but to be spiritually minded is life and peace.***

***(Rom 8:5-6)***

Your mindset is too important when it comes to walking with the lord, So ***the mind of man is what the devil targets, that's why satan uses entertainment to focus on your mind so that your mind does not focus on the spirit. You will continually find it hard to hear the Lord once you are a lover of entertainment.***

***you can fast from now till eternity, once your mind loves entertainment you cannot successfully position your mind to hear from the Lord because the mind is a place of pictures; what you see and what you hear is important to your soul as well as your spirit; that's why your body is not also ruled out when it comes to following the leading of the holy spirit.***

So your mind is a place you must jealously guide and guard; your mind is like a farm land; if you do nothing on a farm land, if you don't cultivate it and intentionally choose what to plant on that farm land; that the farm land has capacity to grow something by itself and that thing your mind grows is called weeds [unwanted plants] and it grows strong.

That's why if you leave your mind for 2 minutes, it will practically pick something to think on, without you influencing it, there would be thoughts that will just start up. Satan labors for the media, so as to constantly engage your mind. Take note of what

cable networks are doing. 24/7 your mind is engaged; there was no 24hours 7 days' satellite Tv broadcast before and this has enabled people to sleep in the night but now you can wake up any particular time of the day, and there would be something on the screen waiting to engage your mind. This is one of the most successful strategy of the devil to make people become less spiritual and more confused in the journey of life; until you make a deliberate decision on what you do with your mind then forget a successful journey in following the leading of the Holy spirit.

Your mind is like a ground that both God and the devil are struggling for; for every invention today must be born in the mind. ***Take note, every notable invention today in Science, Philosophy, Art is a function of the mind.*** The mind is like a goldmine that God wants to take charge of and the devil also wants to take charge of and by mankind submitting the mind to the devil, you can see what has been the destructive outcome today;

Also when you submit your mind to your spirit under the ruler ship of the Holy spirit then there are many treasures awaiting you to be discovered. God knows how important your mind is that's why you must pay attention to Romans 12:1-2, you practically renew your mind by choosing to think on the word of God

***Finally, brethren, whatsoever things are true, whatsoever things are honest, whatsoever things are just, whatsoever things are pure, whatsoever things are lovely, whatsoever things are of good report; if there be any virtue, and if there be any praise, think on these things.***

***(Php 4:8)***

And then you take away from your eyes and ears from that which distract your mind; until you make a major decision on what you watch and what you hear; then get ready for a continual life of struggling when it comes to discovering the will of God,

Your mind can also be likened to a satellite dish; there is an angle of positioning to get a particular satellite station when you have a satellite dish, once dish shifts away from correct angle, you cannot receive correct signal; that is the way the mind is; until you position the mind properly by the word of God to the frequency of the spirit, you cannot learn to follow the leading of the Holy spirit and this will lead you to making mistakes or committing errors.

Take note that some of the mistakes and errors made as a result of not following the leading of the Holy spirit are costly and regrettable.

Therefore, your heart and mind are important in following the leading of the Holy spirit.

## CHAPTER SIX

### THE LEADING OF THE HOLY SPIRIT.

As we come to the last chapter of this book, it is important that we revisit and have an overview of the pre-requisite that make a person to grow in his understanding and assurance of the leading of the Holy Spirit. The most critical and the most important among this, is the resolve of the heart to live a life that totally pleases God.

A person who wants to live for self and who does not have Galatians 2:20, as a principle of life which says **‘it is no longer I that live but Christ that lives in me’** if living is not for the glorification of Christ and the purpose of God, then asking for divine direction is useless.

God does not lead rebels. God is not interested in leading a person who will not bring glory to his name. *It is not correct to be seeking for divine direction from the Lord on what is practically for the purpose of self.* For example, people are seeking for divine direction about who to marry, the date of their wedding, a job, and many other things that deals with their own self-interest. People spend days in fasting and praying just because they want to choose who to marry.

Let us settle this fact and settle it again that the day a man became born again, the word of God will come plain in his heart, which says **‘you are bought with a price therefore glorify Christ’ (1 Corinthians 6:20).**

So, your life must be totally yielded to God with a resolve that nothing else will be done with your life that does not glorify God. When the Holy Spirit takes note of this commitment, you will enjoy divine direction effortlessly.

It is not the joy of the heart of our heavenly father to see you as a child struggling with what to do, struggling with how to go. I tell you the truth that divine direction is

the only antidote to end all forms of frustration. There are too many people who struggle, who does not know how to walk. [A singer once said; *how can you walk when you don't know the ways of the spirit...*]

I tell you that you cannot know the ways of the spirit except you have first totally yielded your life for the glory of God, for the kingdom of God and for the will of your heavenly father to prevail totally.

Jesus said: ***Our father in heaven.... your will be done on earth as it is heaven***

I like you to also know that hearing the spirit of God is not hard at all. Many are in the prayer place and they keep complaining that God is not speaking, that is not true. The bible confirms that the God will serve is a living God, he is not dead, he is not passive. He is the everlasting father, the king of glory, the God of all flesh, the father of our Lord Jesus Christ and our own father.

Let it be clear to you that if you don't have a relationship with him, you cannot learn the way of the spirit. That is why, as a point of emphasis again, when Jesus Christ was teaching us on how to pray, he based his prayer on the platform of relationship, '*Our father who hath in heaven*' (Matthew 6:9).

**Understanding the fatherhood of God and growing in your understanding of the fatherhood of God is also important in your enjoying the leading of the spirit.** That brings us afresh to the point that, you must come to a knowledge and understanding that God is not just God but your father.

The way an earthly father is willing to help, instruct, guide, guards protect his children, God is much more. The way an earthly father cares, provides, shelters his own children, God is much more than that. This must become an assurance.

Understand that God's commitment to you as a father is so much weightier, and that should rule and guide your experiences, your challenges and your understanding.

Each time you face any challenging situation and you seem to be confused not knowing what to do, remember the holy spirit who is the father in you is much more willing to help you, therefore, you say words like this:

*I cannot be confused, the father is in me, Christ is me, in the person of the holy spirit, I receive light and direction to this situation and I receive grace to follow divine direction in Jesus name. Amen*

Understand that God's commitment far supersedes our commitment to him. When we take a tiny step towards him, he takes several thousand steps towards us. That is why you must be committed to obeying him. For yet as a father, he has a rule, if you are unwilling to follow him then you will not enjoy the magnificence of his commitment as a father. So, throw away fear, throw away uncertainty; commit your heart afresh, plug in into this reality that God is your father because this understanding is also an important prerequisite to enjoy the leading of the Holy Spirit.

## **I KNOW MY SHEEP**

Our understanding of scriptures also brings us to another important prerequisite.

When I began to learn to walk with the Lord it started on a street in Lagos close to a football field, it was amazing to know the holy spirit speaks, at that time I was so young in the faith, it thrilled me.

One of the scriptures that helped me in learning to hear the holy spirit is

In John chapter 10:2-15 Jesus said:

**Please take note of all underlined words**

*But he that entereth in by the door is the shepherd of the sheep. To him the porter openeth; and the sheep hear his voice: and he calleth his own sheep by name, and leadeth them out.*

*And when he putteth forth his own sheep, he goeth before them, and the sheep follow him: for they know his voice. And a stranger will they not follow, but will flee from him: for they know not the voice of strangers....*

*.... I am the good shepherd: the good shepherd giveth his life for the sheep. But he that is an hireling, and not the shepherd, whose own the sheep are not, seeth the wolf coming, and leaveth the sheep, and fleeth: and the wolf catcheth them, and scattereth the sheep. The hireling fleeth, because he is an hireling, and careth not for the sheep.*

*I am the good shepherd, and know my sheep, and am known of mine. As the Father knoweth me, even so know I the Father: and I lay down my life for the sheep.*

(Joh 10:2-15)

Look at verse 4 and 5 from the NIV translation

***When he has brought out all his own, he goes ahead of them, and his sheep follow him because they know his voice.***

***But they will never follow a stranger, in fact, they will run away from him, for they do not know the voice of strangers.***

***“I know my sheep and my sheep knows me”*** now this is a language of faith, ***I know my sheep and my sheep knows me....*** It now further says ***“the voice of the stranger will they not follow.”***

Now, Jesus Christ the truth when He speaks, all we do is obey and believe. When you try to question God or try to use your natural reason to reason out God, you will miss the power of the word of God. But when the Lord speaks, yours is to believe, obey and you will enjoy the result.



**Jesus clearly said *my sheep knows my voice*. Now, the first thing the Lord did for me was that, in learning to obey the Lord and following divine leadings, I must first accept what the word of God says all the time.**

**When the word of God says since am his sheep, I know His voice, I don't doubt by saying but I don't know how to hear the voice of the Lord, I refuse to say that again.**

These are the foundations that have helped me in following divine leadings, if you keep saying I don't know how to hear the Lord, that confession of yours will soon become an experience for you shall see what you say and believe.

God began to correct my understanding that if I say you know my voice start believing that you know my voice, you see, I found out that the way of God is the way of faith not the way of Reason [natural reason, carnal reason].

My sheep knows my voice and He said the voice of the stranger will they not follow. Another thing I saw is, as a sheep to Jesus He has put in me the capacity to recognize the voice of the stranger in order not to follow, mine is to believe that what He said is true.

**The moment you begin to say is it my mind, is it my heart, hope it is not devil speaking to me? All these are languages of confusion.** Decide to believe what God says .... ***the voice of the stranger will they not follow***. Do you know why they will not follow it? They are his sheep. Until you are a sheep and you know for sure that you are a sheep, then you cannot enjoy divine leading and *you know to be His sheep is to be His disciple, you know a sheep is essentially a follower of the shepherd. You are not just a sheep by name; one thing you note about a sheep is that they follow a shepherd.*

What make them a sheep and not a goat is that most of the time, you find goats roaming about on their own, and you will not find anybody leading the goat and if there was ever, then very few. I have usually found goat moving on their own; they look for food on their own and return home but most of the time I find always a shepherd leading the sheep.

Now, the goat attitude is a feeling and an understanding that you are capable of leading yourself, you are capable of working things out, you are capable of planning things; your energy can carry you, your certificate can place you while your connections can locate you, you would have placed calls to men before you call on God, all these are goatly attitude.

A sheep follows a shepherd, that why the bible talks so much about Jesus being a shepherd, because shepherd knows the language of the sheep, the need of the sheep, where to direct the sheep. That's why you hear some people using the statement "I follow sheepishly". Sheepishly is to follow the shepherd with a total unreserved commitment; a total submission that only the shepherd knows the way,

Psalm 23 is a very powerful scripture that explains this point, study it for your understanding.

A sheep that follows the shepherd does not lack, a sheep that follows the shepherd will always lie down in green pasture, he enjoys the leading of the shepherd. So, understand that it must be totally resolved in your hearts that are you a sheep willing to follow anywhere? When you choose where to follow, then you are not yet convinced about your status as a sheep; a sheep is a follower willing and ready to commit all he is and all he has to follow the shepherd (Jesus) on the basis of His word. When this is done you will enjoy the leading of the Holy Spirit effortlessly, in fact, you

will always find yourself at the center of God's will consciously and unconsciously because of your total resolve to follow Him and Him alone so that all glory about your life will belong to Him.

## **THE DIFFERENT WAYS BY WHICH HOLY SPIRIT LEADS**

Understanding the way, the spirit leads is important for your consistent enjoyment of the benefits that are allotted to a man or woman that follows the Lord. Take note that the Spirit of God is a teacher and He is a comforter, it is His duty to lead; you don't need to beg the Holy Spirit to lead you, He is always willing to lead. Understand that it is one of the privileges of redemption. So, your assurance that He is always willing and ever ready to lead you must be strong, you must not have the feeling that the Holy Spirit is reluctant to lead you until you beg.

***Take note that when you come before the Lord for divine direction, it is a show of your humility; it is a show of your dependency! It not a work as to convince a reluctant father.*** With this I found out that before I ask God of what to do, The Holy Spirit has already spoken to me, and I make bold to say that I've been walking with the Lord for more than two decades and I have found joy and rest in His leading, too numerous to count. So, you must understand that the Holy Spirit's duty is to lead you, because He is always waiting for you to come and ask Him for direction.

Again there are two ways by which the Lord leads His children, the first is not a regular way, is not a regular pattern, it is a very scarce pattern, scarce way except for instances where he needed to do it to conquer the unwillingness and the reluctance of His children to further prove a point that appeals to their natural senses. The first way is the external way by which God leads which involve the followings; audible

voice, angelic appearance then the show of signs and symbols. This is what appeals to the natural senses, and because it appeals to the natural senses, men love it. Now, before the death and resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ the Holy Spirit was not dwelling in anybody so God speaks through these external means almost regularly in the Old Testament.

All these were legitimate only before the cross happened. After Jesus died and rose and the Holy Spirit was given to believers, these external means became more scarce, not that it didn't appear at all but it became more scarce. As we now learn and grow in our conviction to the word of God, we find a sure more means which is His way.

- **AUDIBLE VOICE.**

**Audible voice is a very sensitive means, now every external means by which GOD speaks can be manipulated by the devil because Satan also can speak to you audibly because whatever appeals to natural senses, Satan also have the ability to manipulate it.** Talking of Angelic appearance, bible confirms that the devil himself can pretend as the angel of light and can come to show you a revelation.

***And no marvel; for Satan himself is transformed into an angel of light.***  
***(2Co 11:14)***

Many people go for long fasting and prayers, and as they do this their focus is on spectacular leadings of God which are the external leadings.

**Take note that when we look for the spectacular, we may miss the supernatural. Don't look for the spectacular while you miss the supernatural.** Don't get me wrong, God can still speak audibly, angels still appear to people but I found out that it is when people do not understand the ways of the spirit and have not grown in the things of

the Lord that God goes to appeal to their natural senses which is to speak audibly, to send an angel to appear to them and to show signs and symbols that causes them to believe, this still happens in lands and nations where the gospel have no wider coverage, where Christianity and the word of God are not deeply rooted; in strange Islamic lands and all other idolatry lands the Lord still does these things and they are legitimate and biblical but they are quit a soft ground.

If God does these to an unbeliever, it is legitimate, but a child of God must not look for these things. God in His sovereignty can choose to show His children any of these but they must not be what a child of God is looking for.

Many times, when you look for these spectacular signs and means, one may end up being manipulated by the devil and that's why it is a very soft ground. **We must not fast and pray to hear audible voice, or to see an angel. Angelic appearance is not the goal of the New Testament, the goal of the New Testament is to be conformed into the image of Christ Jesus and to be the point of expression of the purpose of God on the earth.**

Angels will assist us because that is their duty; we may and may not see them. We find angles appearing in the New Testament but very few even though their ministry is very effective, but we find much more that it was the holy spirit that took over in speaking with the apostles and in directing them, so audible voice is when you hear a voice from outside not from your inside.

- **SIGNS AND SYMBOLS.**

When you see a sign and you know it is not natural like the case of the handwriting on the wall in the bible that Daniel interpreted, like in the case of the sun standing for Joshua in the bible and some other cases. **Signs and symbols are the ways which God**

**works or proves Himself to someone who has not learned to hear God from his inside. Actually, these means are for children in the faith (babes in the faith),** so for those just growing these are means which God speaks to them. Others might have thought that hearing audible voices is a great sign of spirituality, NO! The reason why Jesus appeared to Paul on the way to Damascus is because Paul had no capacity to hear Him from the inside so He had to appear, it is not a great thing to say Jesus appeared to you... *for Jesus to say to Thomas,*

***“because you see me you believe, I tell you, they are more blessed who do not see but believe.” (John 20:29)***

To Christ, when you believe because you see, it is still a level of a babe in this journey of faith, but when you have capacity to believe without seeing like father Abraham you are really blessed and more appreciable to the Lord. So, when people appeal to experiences as a point to validate their conviction, it is still a method or a platform for babes, it can help people to believe just because they have not learned the ways of the spirit, so it is correct and legitimate because it is for growing ones and it is always a means to bring us to the point where we walk as those who see the invisible.

The second means by which God leads His children is the ***Internal means***, that is, from within. When Christ died and rose from the dead, He sent the Holy Spirit to dwell within us since by grace one of the Godhead, where the legitimate and authentic leading of the spirit comes from, is from WITHIN YOU.

God wants to speak to you from your inner man. **The Holy Spirit wants to engage you from your inside not your outside, for His goal is, *I will dwell in them.*** He wants to dwell in us, it is His joy to dwell in us, and so where He leads us from is from within us which is the legitimate and authentic way by which God leads His children in the

New Testament. He said *I will write my laws in their hearts*, so God wants to speak, engage you, direct you and lead you from your within. When this understanding is in you, it is a sign of spiritual growth. Even in this we need to understand how the Lord does it.

- **HE LEADS BY HIS WORD.**

The most important and the first place to start is this: The Lord leads by His word (bible). the word of God which is the bible is not just an ordinary book. The bible is more than a geography book, historical book, and psychological book. The bible is the heart of God to mankind, and **until your value for the scriptures increases, you can never enjoy the leading of the Holy Spirit.**

To look for another way by which the Holy Spirit leads apart from the word of God is to be chasing the wind. Time has come for you to put a very serious value on the bible and that will affect your attitude to your reading, studying, and meditation on the word of God.

The word of God is the surest way to every other leading, whatever leading you claim to have received that is not judged base on the word of God is not reliable. For the word of God has been tried and has be found to be authentic, strong, dependable and to be reliable. Pilgrims who have walked on the surface of the earth and have been successful in their pilgrimage and journey towards the kingdom of God have said this.

***All scripture is given by the inspiration of the God and a suitable for instruction***  
(2Timothy 3vs16),

If you want to be instructed, on all matters, you must be addicted to scriptures because that is where the holy spirit broods on. The scripture is the product of your

inspiration, and you see the word **Inspiration** there means it comes out of the heart of God. When you are studying the bible you are coming face to face with the inspiration of God, there is no better way to be led than to have strong conviction on the word of God because when you have a growing readiness to always obey the word of God, you are sharpening and fine-tuning your capacity to follow the leading of the Holy Spirit.

**Delayed obedience is a very serious obstruction to growing in following divine direction. Sluggishness and slackness in obeying the word of God at face value is a very serious hindrance to following the leading of the Holy Spirit.**

How do you then study God's word? Studying God's word is very important in your growth, in learning the ways of the Lord, I want you to know that the Lord who is your Shepherd knows your level therefore, He speaks at your level in the way He knows you will understand so you must be sure of this.

There is a difference between you unwilling to grow and you are spending time before television, *many of you have destroyed your capacity to hear God because you are hearing many other things.* This generation is so lacking in their progress in hearing the Holy Spirit because they have destroyed their capacity through the polluting means of entertainment.

**Entertainment is the tool of the devil to destroy our capacity to hear God with clarity and assurance, take it or leave it! After reading this material you can long to hear God and long to be led by the Spirit but if you have a strong affinity to entertainment, forget following the leading of Spirit because you will always be confused and frustrated because it takes a clear mind, an unclog mind to hear the Lord.** That's why Romans 12:2 says



***“...be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind...”***

your mindset is very important in proving the will of God, in knowing the will of God, in understanding divine direction, many people have ignored their mind they say something like is it the Lord or is it my mind? **Let me tell you this that when you properly allow transformation to take place in your life by renewing your mind, you will always hear God in your mind.** Your mind is not useless because it is the realm of understanding.

When God wants you to understand something, He needs to work on your mind such that the bible says in Romans 8:6 that

***“for to be carnally minded is death; but to be spiritually minded is life and peace.”***

So, your mind is a point of measure of carnality or spirituality. Ignoring your mind is ignoring the authentic way by which God wants to give you an understanding of what He is communicating to your spirit. You see, your spirit receives codes(instruction) from God but understanding to obey that instruction is in your mind and that's where you prove the will of God. Your mind has a role to play in hearing the Lord so having the confusion by saying, if it is the Lord speaking or your mind is a sign of immaturity.

Learning to follow the leading of Holy Spirit is a journey, that why we say God speaks to you at your level, the first level is as you read the word of God; you study the word of God, **get it clear that he/she who practices daily quite time is he/she who will grow in following the leading of the Holy Spirit.**

He who have the habit of neglecting his prayer altar, his regular quite time that involves worship, making request, reading the scripture, studying and meditating on the scriptures must be prepared to be in confusion and frustration. (It is like a fish trying to survive outside its natural habitat).

If you neglect your daily quiet time, you have many years of frustration and confusion waiting ahead. So, as you spend time in your quiet time to regularly study, you will find out that growth is inevitable, because the Holy Spirit dwells in you at salvation when you receive Christ; He is within you to guide, to teach and to instruct. One of the first things you notice is that, the Holy spirit begins to make certain impressions of scriptures upon your heart, so don't ignore scriptural impression.

One thing you do not know is that God speaks to you through your thought and many people have ignored their thoughts. Look at this scripture the Lord said;

***...the thought I think towards you is of peace and not of evil to give you an expected end. (Jeremiah 29:11).***

God thinks, God has thoughts and he communicates his own thoughts into our thought; the same way the devil also wants to release his own thoughts into our thoughts. We have evil thoughts; imagine there is evil thoughts [that's what the bible says], if there are evil thoughts there are also good and peaceful thoughts [i.e. God's thoughts].

God wants to bring into your mind his thoughts, his intentions. They come like a thought, the same way you think on other things, certain thoughts just come like that into your mind and you say what kind of thought is this. The same way if you practice daily and exercise your daily quiet time of worship, praises, scriptural reading and meditation, that's how Godly, spiritual, spirit led thoughts will arise from your heart.

This has been my practice for over several years now and I found out that God is willing to regularly impress scriptural thoughts into your mind, when these impressions are made you will find a particular verse of scripture that is strong in your heart, it keeps occurring and reoccurring in your mind **[that is the Holy spirit]**, pause

and listen to your thought. As this impression is made, seek for guidance from leaders, elders and disciplers or those who have walked with the Lord in experience more than you are; you have begun your experience in the leading of the holy spirit.

Do not ignore impressions that do not leave your mind or scriptural impression that if you judge by God's word, they are sound, holistic, pure, lovely, they propel your heart to follow God.

Imagine at this level; you are seeking the will of God concerning two jobs; for example, or admission into two schools. You know naturally there is the school you like to go or there is what you love to do, but as a sheep you must learn to drop everything you love and like. Am not saying you will remove the reality that you like something but you must be willing to submit it, for that is the platform to enjoy divine leading because if you don't submit your interest and what you like, you are likely to follow you want.

Certain impression comes upon your heart that is strong, that will not go; *the more you pray, worship, sing, minister to the lord*, this impression does not leave, sometimes, it's a verse of scripture. For example, if you are praying to God between going to the University of Ibadan and going to Obafemi Awolowo University, you know Obafemi Awolowo University is not in the bible neither is UI, how do you know which one to go. At this level, as you pray don't forget, you believe God to lead you, you have believed God is ready to direct you and he is your father.

At the level where you have not learnt authoritative voice of the spirit; the Bible is your guide. The book of psalms 37: 5 says;

***Commit thy way unto the LORD; trust also in him; and he shall bring it to pass.  
(Psa 37:5)***

these are powerful scriptures that they never grow old; God's word cannot lie, if you commit your way, he will direct it. You are not able to know if it is UI or OAU, commit both before the Lord, be honest, be willing to go anywhere he leads, the more you commit it watch out the impression that comes strongly upon your heart. That's why you need quietness to hear the Lord from your inside.

A man who is not quiet cannot hear the spirit of God, cannot hear the impressions of the spirit; being quiet is important and that's why Jesus will always seek for quiet places, lonely place to pray because he knew the importance of quietness; practice quietness, practice retreat, practice going away from noise so that you can hear him.

I remember during my college days I will leave the campus almost every weekend at a time to go a quiet place to pray, worship study the bible and spiritual books, a desire was burning in me I wanted to learn to hear from God. and I tell you that was how I learnt strong impressions on the heart, understanding of the mind as enlightened by the holy spirit through the word.

If you do not discipline yourself on isolating yourself to a place to worship, pray and fast you cannot be acquainted in hearing from the Lord.

**As times goes on with your walk with God, you will be able to hear him even in the midst of noise because you have now learnt to be quiet in your inside despite external noises.**

In the book of proverbs 3:5-6, the bible says;

***Trust in the LORD with all thine heart; and lean not unto thine own understanding. In all thy ways acknowledge him, and he shall direct thy paths.***  
(Pro 3:5-6)

... *Trust in the lord with all your heart...* [Imagine your heart is being mentioned there]  
...*and lean not on your own understanding...* [Don't rely only on your plans]....*in all your ways acknowledge him and **he shall direct...*** when you trust in him with all your heart and you don't lean on your wisdom [claiming this is better than that] and you throw it open before him, the Bible says; he [it is his responsibility and he does not fail in it] will direct your part; these are the wonderful, cheap, powerful ways that the Holy spirit guides and leads and I have enjoyed that in all my years. He leads, he guides, he plans, he orchestrates and you will find an impression come strongly on your heart; when it seems to be a little cloggy, get to a quiet place and be there as long as possible; and what you do in those moments is worship.

I have found out that in this quiet moment of studying and worshipping the Lord impression of the spirit comes stronger, when it looks much cloggy deny yourself of food. I have quickly introduced something that will really help you. That is fasting. Because it helps your spirit to more active rather than passive when you are heavy with food.

There is a strong importance of seeking quiet and lonely places with fasting and then ministering to the Lord in worship, in praises; you are building and fine tuning your capacity to hear the Holy spirit and if you have been empowered by the Holy spirit and you have the gift of praying in tongues, engage it regularly, he builds your inner man to have capacity to hear and if you have not yet been empowered by the holy spirit with the evidence of speaking in other tongues, engage ministering to the Lord but do not forbid to ask him to give you the ability to pray in tongues.

The word of God is powerful; it is good to start your study from the new testament [from the book of John] so that you can be much more familiar with the standard for the body of Christ, when you have done this, you can now begin to pick the old

testament and begin to study and each time you are studying call on the Holy spirit because when you speak, he hears. Say something like this: *Holy Spirit as am about to study, I open my heart to you for your thoughts; communicate your intentions [the intensions of the father] for my life, to my heart, for my journey. I thank you because you are faithful to do this, in Jesus name.* When you make that statement out of faith, he does it, he has never failed, you must believe.

Watch out for impressions of scriptures that are impressed on your mind through any scriptural verses; as you stay on that impressed scriptural verse, that is God speaking to you [write it down]. The word of God is so powerful that the Holy Spirit wants to constantly engage you on it and no matter how you have grown in your walk with God, the word of God remains the authentic means by which God leads his children; you must believe it, you must obey it, you must meditate on it, you must speak it, you must follow it with total commitment, you must write it down.

**Writing down impression of the spirit in your heart of certain scriptural verses is an unquestionable way to remain fresh because what you write down and you revisit, you don't forget. When you now commit yourself to obeying it, it becomes life, this is a sure way.**

This issue of committing your ways unto the lord for him to direct your part is very powerful and I've witnessed that almost all my life.

*There was a time when I was to move from where I was staying in the missionary house and I needed a larger space because at that time my wife was pregnant with our first child and we needed a place to stay [an accommodation]. I prayed to God with no money in my hand, I told God this place cannot be suitable for us anymore, Lord we need a place. Having commit, myself into the hands of the Lord, with no dime*

*in my pocket I stepped out by faith looking for accommodation and I was willing to tell the landlord of whatever house I was going to see that God promised me house, you will have to wait till I can get the money to pay you [I was ready to do that] because I was not looking for accommodation for self but for the glory of God.*

*It was amazing to pass through a house when it was **strongly impressed** upon my heart to go to that house and there was no sign in front of the house of a vacant apartment.*

*In this area, several other houses had the vacancy but it was impressed strongly upon my heart not audible voice, not inner voice; it was just a strong thought [impression] to go to the house where there was no sign. I went to the house and a woman was there and I asked; is there any space here. You know on a normal day if there is space, they will put "TO LET" outside. but there was no symbol but this was by divine impression: **having committed my way into the hands of the lord.***

*It was amazing to see that it was a three-bedroom flat while I was looking for one room because I didn't have money; while I was looking for one room, it was said when I asked; 'is there a space here'. The first response of the woman was there is no space but I think there is a space.*

*She showed me the landlady of the house; they took me to the place and when I entered this three-bedroom flat, it's a very old house [at that time it's been built for close to about 30 years] but a very good place [that was the first abode that God gave to me]. When I entered, this time I heard the voice of the Holy Spirit [which we will dealt with later]: "**this is the place**". The first thing I told the Lord was that I cannot rent this place; I don't know have the money but the lord said clearly; '**this is the place**'.*

*Take note, I got an impression first, before the voice of the spirit, because I committed my way unto the Lord, when I left that place, I went looking for house everywhere until I came back there, why? The impression never left.*

The more you see this impression, the more you return back to the place of prayer; this is how you begin.

- **INNER WITNESS OR INNER KNOWING.**

The second part is what is called **inner witness or inner knowing**. The term 'inner witness' is a language first used and that many people became familiar with from the book written by Rev. Kenneth E. Hagin, which is also a very powerful material for anyone to read; it will further help your understanding. The title of the book is '**HOW TO BE LED BY THE SPIRIT OF GOD**'. I advise you get a copy.

Inner witness has to do with an inner knowing, a knowing deep down within your heart. It comes with an assurance; it comes with peace not a feeling but an inner rest. It's not a peace you feel; it's a rest within you, you don't necessarily have to feel it. It's agreed upon and it's corroborated with the scripture in Romans 8:16 that says; *...the spirit beareth witness our spirit that we are children of God.*

You cannot explain how you know you are a child of God except there is an inner assurance [a knowing]; you just know deep down in your heart that you know that you know what you know. It comes with an assurance, it comes with confidence, it comes with an internal assurance and that was also how I got my wife.

Even after the Lord leads you with an impression upon your heart deep down, most of the time he corroborates it with an inner witness, an inner assurance, a knowing [you just know]. Even when the Holy Spirit speaks to you, the assurance must be there, in fact this is the primary way according to Kenneth E. Hagin by which God



leads his children because that's the way by which you are sure that you are a child of God, that's also the way by which God wants to do every other thing with you, you just know like Adam knew Eve and he said this is the bone of my bone, no explanation from anybody [it's just a knowing].

You can't explain how you know; this is where your intuition comes to play and your conscience agrees with it. Remember we discussed this in chapter five. You just know that you know, it does not come with arrogance, it comes with rest and peace. Such that you can relax, you can believe and walk into it effortlessly.

This inner witness is also developed you as you practice your quiet time, daily regular consistent quiet time, it's too important, *it's a knowing*. The experience of Peter and Ananias and Saphira; you will find out that nobody spoke to Peter and it was not recorded that the Holy spirit spoke to Peter by saying they're lying but it was a knowing and that was why brother Peter started with a question.

The way apostle Peter responded in Acts of apostle chapter 5; if you read from verse 1; he spoke directly with the inner witness [a knowing], most of the time the voice of the holy spirit goes along with the inner witness [a knowing, an assurance] in your heart..

Discernment is a form of knowing that works with inner witness [you just know and you can't explain how you know], it's an internal knowledge, it's an information released into your spirit by the holy spirit; a knowledge, it just comes in; it comes with assurance, it comes with a peace and you know this is what the Lord wants you to do. This inner witness is what you grow in, you expand and increase in that capacity as you observe your daily quiet time and as you practice listening to your inner man because the spirit also bears witness, that's why the inner witness works with the holy

spirit, you need to exercise yourself unto spirituality, don't store Nollywood, or hollywood etc pollutions into your heart, it is practice that makes perfection and it is practice that creates mastery.

Sometimes, it's the issue of a house, a job, a business, admission, who to marry; when you have exercised yourself in studying, praying, fasting and worshipping the Lord as a lifestyle, you just know that you know that: this is the way.

All these things happen as you grow, as you practice obedience to the word of God, you are fine tuning your ability to know beyond all reasonable doubt, what the Lord wants you to do. There are no dates in the bible [i.e. dates to do things], there are no cities in the bible [e.g. am I to go to Ibadan or am I to go to Kano and dwell there] there is no Kano in the bible; this where inner witness comes to play [you just know its Ibadan or you just know its Kano].

You can't explain how you know; you just know and it comes by growth. This is a legitimate way because he dwells in you, the Holy Spirit will just give you an assurance and rest.

- **THE VOICE OF THE HOLY SPIRIT.**

The other one is the **voice of the Spirit**, Kenneth E. Hagin called it inner voice or authoritative voice, the voice of the Holy Spirit is in your spirit when you received Christ. You only need to grow to learn to identify that voice within you. The Holy Spirit speaks intelligible words to you just like you are reading this material. It's beyond a knowing, it's a voice, speaking. It's not audible, it looks like your heart talking, your inner man talking for it has a voice. But this has to do with the Holy Spirit speaking and carrying a conversation with you from your inner man, this is so beautiful.

Sometimes the voice might look like the voice of someone you know, the voice of a minister of God you listen to as you grow, you will identify it much more.

I have found the Lord speaking to me from my inside with the inner voice on many issues of life.

Let me sight an instance, on the issue of my admission into the university, I graduated from Ekiti state university, Ekiti state, south west Nigeria. it was through the inner voice the holy spirit spoke to me. While a sister was sharing testimony [who is also a graduate of that university], she was sharing about her encounters and experiences in that university; while I was in that Christian gathering, the holy spirit spoke through inner voice; that is the next school you will go.

My first admission into the college of education was through divine providence, I don't know much then, I just committed my way to the Lord and I saw the Lord directed me to the school; I found myself in that school and I believe the Lord led me there because he directed my path but as I finish in the college of education and I was to go on with direct entry into the university in order to further my studies; this now didn't come by unconscious guidance, it came by the voice of the spirit He said: *that is the next school you will go to.*

I did not bother wasting my time, I applied for that school and by supernatural help of the spirit, I gained admission into that university, even though when the admission list was released my name was not there but because he has spoken, he brought it to pass without begging or lobbying or bribing anyone.

Now this comes through years of walking with the Lord. One or two times you may miss it and say: oh! Did I hear the lord well, who spoke to me, do not be afraid, rise up and further in your study of the word and in your meditation? I found out that,

meditating on God's word is so powerful to help you grow strong in following the voice of the spirit; that was how God led me to my discipler, it was through the inner voice, the voice of the spirit; he told me follow this man and I have been following for over a decade now and am still following, I have not regretted one day that I followed that inner voice of the spirit. I can say many things that is amazing by which he has led me.

I remember I had the choice of choosing university of Lagos and Ekiti state university [then it was university of ado-ekiti], I was in a place named Surulere in lagos, taking private tutorial [I run private tutorials for students in those days] and while I was there the inner voice of the spirit came, while I was planning to choose university of Lagos because I had no body to sponsor my education, and university of Lagos is a federal university, it was easy for me to go to that school, do some private lessons and pay my school fees and sponsor myself in school, the inner voice of the holy spirit said: *if you go to any other school apart from this school, university of ado-ekiti that am asking you to go to. Even if they pay 10 naira in other universities; if you apply for it, you will not be able to pay.* those were his exact words and he said: *if you go to this school that I said you should go to; I will supply all that you need.* I obeyed and it was so as the lord said it, I found supernatural supply. I learnt the way of faith in that university, which has formed the basis of my walk with God today as a missionary evangelist.

The more you walk with the Lord the more you learn to recognize the voice of the spirit, (the voice of the Holy spirit). The same way I can recognize the voice of my wife, I know everything [as it were] about her because of intimacy, togetherness. That is how it is when we fellowship with the word of God in prayers, in worship, in thanksgiving, you are learning to identify the voice of the Spirit.

- **DREAMS AND TRANCE.**

Other sources by which the holy spirit leads includes these: dreams, revelation and trance. These are subtle as they appeal to the senses also. We know that God shows dreams but dreams are not an authentic way to follow divine direction, not all dreams are from God; dreams can be the product of wandering thoughts of the mind. You only follow a dream when the inner voice, inner witness points your direction to it, when a strong impression comes from the holy spirit.

Satan can also manipulate dreams, he can even bring dreams to misguide and misdirect you but when you judge it by the word of God, and inner witness, you can know which dream or trance is from the Lord.

For example, if you have a dream that you died, that dream cannot be greater than the promises of God's word given to us. As long as you are not dipping your hand into iniquity, *...there is no enchantment against you that can stand... ...if God be for you, who can be against you...* when you have certain dreams that you ate in the dream, you wake up and rejoice over the dream because victory that Christ purchased on the cross; *...has translated you from the kingdom of darkness into the kingdom of His dear son... col 1:13*, those scriptures and their conviction come to play over every negative dream that you have. I have had different negative dreams, that I refuse to acknowledge and none of them has come to pass in my life, but that doesn't mean God cannot give you a dream.

Whenever you have a dream, ask the Holy Spirit, if He impress it into your heart the dream will be coming regularly back as a thought and when you worship, study and pray. When you don't understand the dream, seek out for the interpretation seek from a Christian leader or elder who can help you and pray with you.

When there seem to be no interpretation to them, ignore it! For if the Holy Spirit is passing a message to you, you don't need to sweat because He Himself is more than willing to guide you to the interpretation of that dream if He is the one bringing it to you.

Revelation, some people call dreams a revelation. Revelation can be a dream and may not be a dream. A dream is purely seeing something while you sleep, it might be filled with symbols, signs or parables. A revelation can occur while you sleep or you are not sleeping, but while you are not sleeping, the revelation is called a trance sometimes it is with an open vision. What we call an open vision is when your eyes are opened and you see a vision in the case of the book of revelation; you see symbols, you see appearances of angels or you see the appearances of God or an audible voice, and at the same time you could sleep and have a revelation.

Revelation comes with a purpose in the heart of God, He might have a reason why He is showing you. it could be more frequent with people with prophetic graces and gift and it can happen to any child of God but because all of these can also be manipulated. You must judge them with the word of God, you must judge it by what the scripture says, that you saw something in a trance is not a reason to follow it... Hope you know that occultic people, demonic people can also have their eyes wide open and see into the spirit realm, with the spirit of divination. He who operates with spirit of divination has a demon. Demonic spirit can also see into the spirit realm! So, we must be careful of dreams, trances and revelations. But when they agree with the word of God, agree with the doctrine of the Apostles and the doctrine of Jesus Christ, they are to be accepted.

- **PROPHECY**

Other sources are prophetic utterances, God is the one that placed prophets in the church and He uses them to give you certain words of prophesy, in order to edify members of the body of Christ, but I want you to know that any prophesy that comes from the mouth of any man or woman or any child of God to your life must first be validated by you; if God has not first communicated it to you, and prophecy is genuine it means you are still a babe or it means you are doubting what the Holy spirit has told you.

Most of the time, God will first have communicated to you and He will use that prophetic utterance as a further word to strengthen your conviction, but if you are a babe and just growing He could lead certain people to give you a prophetic utterance but this is also very subtle for many has been misguided and misdirected by so call prophetic utterances.

Therefore, **test and judge every prophecy**, the first thing you do to every prophecy is to listen and check your inner man, don't be quick to say amen, and don't be carried away by the status of the man of God. don't let anyone intimidate you by saying am a man or woman of God why are you checking my prophecy, simply say I will like to pray about it sir/ma. every prophecy must be judged. I remember how revival died in a secondary school because one of our brothers coordinating that school fellowship listened to a prophecy and refused to stop the prophecy, he did not judge it. The prophecy came out and said one of the students in the fellowship is a witch, we lost that space till today, great things could have happened that will affect several lives positively, but a strange prophecy scattered us.

I once met an older lady when I went to preach in a meeting, her life has been misguided by prophecy and she bitterly regretted it. **The word of God is the sure word of prophecy.**

As you follow these things, I pray the Holy Spirit will guide you and He will help you. you may need to visit this particular material over and over again for you to be well guided.

The way to qualify for growth in the leading of the Spirit is for you to constantly obey what the Holy Spirit is saying.

As you study the word of God, when a strong impression is coming with it, or there is an inner witness or the voice of the spirit; yield immediately or seek clarification from elders in the faith. It is very wrong when you don't have a discipler, someone to guide you and cross check matters with you. woe to him that is alone, this is very important. For when you constantly yield, you are qualified to know more and to experience more of divine leadings.

- **DANGEROUS PRACTISE TO AVOID.**

The dangerous practice that you must avoid in following divine leadings is to give God conditions, which is called *throwing flees*; like Gideon did in the Bible. Something like God if it is You let this fan roll; if it is You let this sister that is my wife wear a black skirt today, you are giving Satan the opportunity to manipulate you.

These may be obtainable in the Old Testament but not in the New Testament, in the New Testament or as New Testament believers we don't ask for signs, we don't say God give me signs for me to know You are the one rather you say let thy will be done



and guide me aright. For when you begin to look for signs, Satan can also manipulate signs for you.

This almost landed me in serious trouble at a time as I was seeking the Lord on whom to marry; I threw out certain signs and those signs actually happened, on another occasions, I was seeing some sign that was pointing my direction that a particular sister was supposed to be my wife, only for me to further pray. Learn to further pray and give time and check over and over again inner witness from your spirit. Whatever the devil does fades away with time.

And all these spectacular signs that look as if this is a serious thing, they were all empty until the Lord led my heart to see that I was going the wrong direction to me.

I commit you to God and the word of His grace, I commit Him who is able to help you, who is able to guide you.

Another error to avoid is that if you cannot practice daily quite time; but it is only when you need direction that you go into fasting, when this becomes your practice it is a dangerous practice; you will hear your mind (your carnal mind); you will hear your carnal selfish desires because you are always fasting when problem arises.

You should practically develop an attitude that seeks His face, seeks His direction on a daily basis with a regular fasting schedule every week whether an issue arises or not.

May the good Lord strengthen you and may you from today begin to enjoy divine direction that ends all forms of frustration. Amen. God bless you.

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