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## Led by the Spirit

There was a time that I had a growth on my finger. It was there and growing for about two weeks. One day, I was praying in the Spirit while driving down the road and out of my spirit came these words, “*Why don’t you curse the roots on that growth and command it to die and fall off?*” I immediately cursed the roots in Jesus’ name and commanded them to die and the growth to fall off.

It seemed as though nothing happened when I prayed. The growth was still there. I couldn’t see any change. For weeks I continued to change the band-aid I had been putting on it to protect it. One thing I noticed after a week or so, was that it wasn’t getting any larger. It stayed about the same size.

About a month later as I was changing the band-aid the growth fell off. It came off with the band-aid when I removed it to put on a new one. The words I spoke that day while driving down the road caused the growth to die. It did fall off after about a month. There was not even a mark where it had been.

It was the Holy Spirit within me, that helped me overcome that growth on my finger. The Holy Spirit is our Teacher, Helper, Guide, Comforter, and Leader. Jesus said in John 14:15,16, “**If ye love me, keep my commandments...And I will pray the Father, and he shall give you another Comforter, that he may abide with you for ever.**”

There are many within the body of Christ that do not believe in the baptism in the Holy Spirit with the evidence of speaking in tongues. This is not good to say the least. Jesus said in Mark 16:17. “**And these signs shall follow them that believe; In my name shall they cast out devils; they shall speak with new tongues.**” Being that Jesus said “**...them that believe...shall speak in new tongues,**” we should speak in new tongues.

If we truly want to be “led by the Holy Spirit” we should be speaking in tongues. It says in 1 Corinthians 14:2, “**For he that speaketh in an *unknown* tongue speaketh not unto men, but unto God: for no man understandeth him; howbeit in the spirit he speaketh mysteries.**”

There is a lot that the Holy Spirit knows that we do not know. It would be very helpful for us if we knew. These things are sometimes called mysteries. Things we do not know, but God does know and would reveal them to us if we would speak to God in *unknown* tongues.

For those who know “about speaking in tongues” but have not received the baptism in the Holy Spirit with the evidence of speaking in tongues, you could receive it right now; just pray, while believing in your heart on what God has promised you in His Word.

*"Jesus, You said in Mark 16:17, that in Your name I can cast out devils.*

*Satan, in the name of Jesus I cast you out of my mind. You have no authority over my mind. My mind is clear of all demonic oppression in Jesus' name.*

*Father, according to Your Word in Luke 11:13, You promised me the Holy Spirit if I ask. Father, I am now asking You to give me the Holy Spirit with the evidence of speaking in tongues. I receive Him from You now, in Jesus' name."*

Continue to pray in your new tongue, praise and worship the Father in His heavenly language.

In Romans 8:1 it says, “**There is therefore now no condemnation to them which are in Christ Jesus, who walk not after the flesh, but after the Spirit.**” Sometimes when we read a verse of Scripture that encourages us to do something, we should also take into consideration the opposite effect of what the verse is saying. By this Romans 8:1 also says, “*There is condemnation to them*

*which are in Christ Jesus, who walk after the flesh, and not after the Spirit.*” If we do what the Word of God tells us to do, we will obtain that which it promises. But, if we do not do what the Word of God tells us to do, the opposite will happen in our lives.

We are “a living soul.” We have a body of flesh which is still mortal (that is, it has physical death in it and is in the process of dying). It will eventually die unless God intervenes and we go to be with Jesus without dying physically.

We also have a spirit within us. Our spirit is the source of all that pertains to God in us. The Bible tells us that we should be led by the Holy Spirit from within our new created spirit. We must make a decision. Will we walk after the Spirit or after the flesh?

We are still a living soul, and our mind, our will, and our emotions will set the course of our life here on earth. That is why the Bible teaches the same message from Genesis through Revelation; **“Love the LORD your God with all your heart, mind, soul, and strength; and lean not unto your own understanding.”** Jesus said to His disciples in John 14:15, **“If ye love me, keep my commandments.”** If Jesus said, “we should keep His commandments,” that means “we have an obligation (something we must do).” We cannot follow teachings that do not agree with the written Word of God from Genesis through Revelation.

Some teach that “we are a spirit being” and have a body and a soul. If we believe we are “a spirit,” and have a soul and a body, we could fall into error and be taken captive by the devil at his will (2 Tim. 2:26). Error always produces error. Truth can never come out of error. That is why it is so important to study the Word of God and be sure what you believe is in total agreement with the Word of God from Genesis through Revelation.

Being that our mind, our will, and our emotions control what happens in our lives; we should find out what it takes to keep our mind, our will, and our emotions on the right track (so to speak) that we inherit all that God has planned for us. We can set those things behind us that so easily beset us and press on for the mark and high calling of Christ Jesus in our lives (Phil. 3:13,14).

Or, we can let ourselves be tossed to and fro with every wind of doctrine (Eph. 4:14). If we do that, we will never get any further with the LORD than we are today.

Jesus went to the Cross and died for us long before we were born into this world. While Jesus was on the Cross, He said, **“It is finished”** (John 19:30). The blood of Jesus will always wash away our sins (if we will repent and turn from our ways unto Jesus, the author and finisher of our faith). Jesus said, **“repentance and remission of sins should be preached in His name among all nations...”** (Luke 24:49). Repentance and remission of sins are for those who know they have missed the mark and high calling of Christ Jesus, that they may, “by grace,” set the past behind and press on for that high calling in Christ Jesus.

It would be best for us if we would study the life of Jesus, what He did and what He said in the gospels of Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John. In doing so, we have an example of how we should live our lives here on earth. Hebrews 12:2 says, **“Looking unto Jesus the author and finisher of our faith; who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is set down at the right hand of the throne of God.”**

One thing you will notice about the life of Jesus is that He kept looking for those who would believe Him, and walk by faith and not by sight. How many times did Jesus put the question to His disciples, “where is your faith?” The whole New Testament teaches that **“the just shall live by faith.”** Faith is one of the keys to all that God is looking for in the lives of those who love Him. Faith

operates by love. Therefore, if we love the LORD with all our heart, mind, soul, and strength we will concentrate on our faith. Hebrews 10:38 says, **“Now the just shall live by faith: but if any man draw back, my soul shall have no pleasure in him.”**

Where should our faith be? What do we put our faith in (the things of this world, or the things from above)? Colossians 3:1-3 says, **“If ye then be risen with Christ, seek those things which are above, where Christ sitteth on the right hand of God....Set your affection on things above, not on things on the earth....For ye are dead, and your life is hid with Christ in God.”**

The things of this world are here. There are many things we need in this world. Yet, Jesus made it clear on how we are to live in this world, and how to obtain the things of this world that we have need of in Matthew 6:24-34. The key to everything we have need of in this life is summed up in verse 33, which says, **“But seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you.”**

Now, for those who do not know it, Jesus said, **“The kingdom of God is within you”** (Luke 17:21). All over the world, Christians are running to and fro seeking “a word from God,” when all the time the Word of God is in them. Romans 10:8 says, **“But what saith it? The word is nigh thee, even in thy mouth, and in thy heart: that is, the word of faith, which we preach.”**

Jesus is called the Word of God in John 1:1,2. If you are born again, “He is in you.” All that He is and all that we have need of is available to us from within us (from within our spirit where God dwells in us). Our new spirit is given to us by God. It is perfect in every way. We do not need to “train our spirit.” We do not need to program our spirit. We do not need to teach our spirit.

All we need to do is learn how to **“walk after the spirit.”** The fullness of the Godhead dwells in our spirit (Col. 2:9,10). If we would do what the Bible tells us to do, our spirit will be our source of guidance (by the Holy Spirit who dwells in us). He will teach us, guide us, lead us, help us, and comfort us in every situation we face in this life. We are our worst enemy. That is, our mind, will, and emotions cause our defeat in this life. If we will do what Romans 12:1,2 tell us, we will have victory in every circumstance. Romans 12:1,2 says, **“I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service...And be not conformed to this world: but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of God.”**

If you noticed, it did not tell us to do anything about our spirit (just our bodies and our minds). There is nothing wrong with our spirit, it is complete in God and the fulness of the Godhead dwells in our spirit. It is our bodies and our minds that we must contend with and strive to bring in line with the Word of God which dwells in us.

When we understand all that God has done for us by the Cross (the forgiveness of sins, the healing of our bodies, etc.), we should pick up our cross and follow after Jesus all the days of our lives. In doing so, we must be careful not to follow the doctrines and teaching of men, but to follow Jesus, by a leading of the Holy Spirit from within our spirit (not from our head as many do).

Learn the ways of the Holy Spirit. The Holy Spirit always works within the Word of God, and never outside of the Word of God. Therefore, when we renew our minds it must be done “precisely and accurately,” not being persuaded by those who change the Word of God to make it say what they want it to say (according to their idea of what it should say).

There are many translations of the Bible today, and many are not even translations, but rather

paraphrased ideas of men. We should have a great desire to stay with the true Word of God, and not other men's ideas.

The starting point is "our will, our mind, and our emotions." What will we do about these three areas of our soul? Our will is the most important part of our living soul. If we are not willing to do what the Word of God tells us to do, our mind and our emotions will take over and we will be defeated in our lives. Satan will have an advantage if we do not submit our will unto the LORD, and place Him first in our lives. Jesus did this in His life here on earth. He did not do His own will. Jesus did only the will of God the Father (John 5:30). If we do only the will of Jesus, we will have success in every area of our lives. But, if we insist in doing our own will of the flesh, we will miss God and never come to the place where God has planned for us.

Jesus set the way for us all to follow, and He said to His disciples, and you and I, "Come, follow Me!" To follow Jesus, we must deny ourselves (our will, our emotions), and set our mind to do what Jesus said to do. We cannot seek the things of this world and the things of God at the same time. We must not have two masters (Matt. 6:24). Many Christians try to justify their desire for the things of this world and find themselves in all sorts of situations. Jesus said in Matthew 6:33, **"But seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you."** Seek first the kingdom of God "which is within you," and out of your spirit will flow the answers to all that is needed in this life.

If you are born again, the Word of God is already in you. Romans 10:8, written to Christians, says, **"But what saith it? The word is nigh thee, even in thy mouth, and in thy heart: that is, the word of faith, which we preach."**

The Holy Spirit knows the past, the present, the future, and everything in between. He knows what you have need of before you ask. He knows how to supply all your needs. He knows what to do, when to do it, and how to do it. He is for you and not against you. He always works according to the Word of God, and in agreement with the Word of God (which is Jesus). Jesus is the Word of God, and He is alive in you. He is the living Word, that can supply all your needs.

Yet, even though the Godhead dwells in you; because that you are "a living soul," your will, mind, and emotions belong to you. You must make the decision if you will allow God to work in your life or not? He will not force you to do anything. He will lead, guide, comfort, help, and teach you, if you are willing? If your will gets in His way, there is nothing He can do (for He does not go against your will).

If you set your will to do His will, there is nothing in this world that can stop you. In 1 John 4:4 it says, **"Ye are of God, little children, and have overcome them (the spirits of this world): because greater is he that is in you, than he that is in the world."**

God has already done all that He can do to make it possible for you to do His will. Now, it is all up to you according to your will and your mind. You are a living soul. You make the decisions in your life. God will teach you, help you, guide you, comfort you, and lead you. But, you must make the final decisions that will determine what you will do according to the Word of God which dwells in you.

Many Christians today have gone another way; rather than doing the will of God according to the Word of God, they have gone the way of spiritual experiences. These spiritual experiences operate through their mind by their will. They seek spiritual experiences and they have spiritual experiences. Then, these spiritual experiences become the controlling part of their lives. They follow

after these experiences rather than walk by faith and not by sight.

One of the greatest errors in the body of Christ today comes through those who seek spiritual experiences. Because these are supernatural, they think they are all of God and do not try the spirits if they are of God or not. *“All that glitters is not gold.”*

The Word of God must come first before anything else in our lives. Jesus is the Word of God, and all things were created by Him, for Him, and through Him. Without the Word of God we cannot spend eternity with God. Our life, “our living soul” is dependant upon the Word of God. If we submit to the Word of God in every area of our lives, we will live and not die. We will spend eternity with God forever in heaven after we leave this world. The Word of God must be top priority in our lives.

We must live by the Word of God; then we can walk by faith and not by sight. We are justified, not by what we did or did not do but “by faith in the Word of God.” He that believes on the name of the Son of God is justified, but he that does not believe on the name of the Son of God is damned (John 3:16-19). Man is not damned because he sinned, not because he did wicked works in the past, but only because, “he did not believe on the name of the Son of God,” who paid the price for all the sins of the whole world (1 John 2:2).

Will you believe on the name of the Son of God and walk with Him all the days of your life? You can, if you set your will to do His will. You can, if you set your mind to do it. Jesus said, *“all things are possible to those who believe”* (Mark 9:23). You can do it, if you set your mind to do it. It is up to you, and you alone. God is for you, not against you.

The greatest hindrance to setting your mind to walk with God according to His Word is your past. The teachings you have received over the years from other men keep you from being led by the Holy Spirit. Many have taught the law in one form or another. Many teach that the letter of the law is still in effect and you must live according to their idea of the letter of the law. They will heap all sorts of condemnation upon you if you as much as break even one of their commandments.

The only way to overcome this is to do as Jesus said a number of times, **“Whosoever shall seek to save his life shall lose it; and whosoever shall lose his life shall preserve it.”** Once you have understood the Cross and the blood of Jesus; then repent, confess your known sins; leave them at the foot of the cross and follow Jesus. All your sins and iniquities were laid upon Jesus on the Cross. Now it is up to you if you will believe that He took them upon Himself that you might be free?

The same applies to sickness and disease. Jesus bore your sickness and diseases in His own body that you could be free of sickness and disease. Look at Isaiah 53:4,5, **“Surely he hath borne our griefs, and carried our sorrows: yet we did esteem him stricken, smitten of God, and afflicted...But he was wounded for our transgressions, he was bruised for our iniquities: the chastisement of our peace was upon him; and with his stripes we are healed.”**

As we look at these verses, we see they are in the past tense. Already at the time this was written, Jesus had already bore our griefs and carried our sorrows with Him to the cross. He already took our sins and iniquities upon Himself, and by His stripes we are (were) healed. When Jesus went and cast out demons with His Word and healed all that were sick, Matthew wrote, **“That it might be fulfilled which was spoken by Esaias the prophet, saying, Himself took our infirmities, and bare our sicknesses”** (Matt. 8:17). Evidence of what happened on the cross was manifested as Jesus went about healing all sickness and diseases of everyone who came to Him. No questions asked, He

just healed them of all their sickness and diseases, “that the Scriptures might be fulfilled.”

Will you believe the Scriptures? Will you receive that which is yours and take up your cross and follow Jesus?

In Revelation 13:8, it tells us “*the Lamb was slain from the foundation of the world.*” Adam’s sins were already declared taken to the cross before he was created. Your griefs and sorrows, your sins and iniquities, your sicknesses and diseases were already taken to the cross before you were born. This is why the LORD spoke through Isaiah, saying, “**I, even I, am he that blotteth out thy transgressions for mine own sake, and will not remember thy sins**” (Isa. 43:25). Again in Isaiah 44:22, the LORD said, “**I have blotted out, as a thick cloud, thy transgressions, and, as a cloud, thy sins: return unto me; for I have redeemed thee.**” It was finished at the Cross, even before the foundation of the world.

The thing that keeps many from receiving their healing for their bodies is that they want to hang on to this world, and the things of this world. They do not want to deny themselves, die to themselves first, then follow Jesus.

Dead people (those who have died to themselves) have no past. It is all behind them. If we try to carry our past with us, it will take us to the grave. If we die to self in the flesh, we can live unto God in the spirit and the things of this world cannot hold us back.

In 1 John 1:7-10, it says, “**But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship one with another, and the blood of Jesus Christ his Son cleanseth us from all sin....If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us....If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness....If we say that we have not sinned, we make him a liar, and his word is not in us.**”

In this life, YOU will never get rid of all your sins by your ability to live a clean life. But, you can get rid of your past, by repenting and confessing all known sins (leave them at the foot of the cross and follow Jesus). Walk in the light of the Word of God, as God is in the light, and the blood of Jesus Christ will cleanse you daily, of all your sins and iniquities. Deny yourself, and follow Jesus!

The world does not believe in the Cross of Calvary. Neither do the Christians who live by the letter of the law. Therefore, they also are counted as an unbeliever in 2 Corinthians 6:14-16. Those who do not believe are unbelievers. It says in 2 Corinthians 6:17,18, “**Wherefore come out from among them, and be ye separate, saith the Lord, and touch not the unclean thing; and I will receive you...And will be a Father unto you, and ye shall be my sons and daughters, saith the Lord Almighty.**”

Do you truly want God to be a Father unto you? Then get yourself over into believing on the Cross of Calvary; and come out from among those who do not want to believe in the finished work that Jesus did for you on the Cross of Calvary. Coming out from them does not necessarily always mean “remove yourself physically from them,” (although sometimes it is necessary). But do not agree with them. Make no agreement with their letter of the law. “**For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God...Not of works, lest any man should boast.**”

When you die to yourself, you can live unto God. Renew your mind to receive the gospel of the Kingdom of God and walk in it. God will be your source for everything. From your spirit, God

will provide all that you have need of. You will know what is of God and what is not by a witness in your spirit. For the Spirit of God bears witness with the Word of God and with your spirit. That you will know, and do not doubt that which is of God.

Your mind and your spirit are not the same. Learn how to know the difference and walk after the Spirit and not after the flesh. The Word and the Spirit always agree, for they are One (1 John 5:7).

There is a lot to know and understand about being led by the Holy Spirit. It is a whole new way of living. It is a major change in the way we live. But, it is also the greatest blessings we can receive once we are born again.

You will be amazed how much the Holy Spirit knows, and will reveal to you when you learn to be led by the Holy Spirit in your life. The Holy Spirit is always working for you, and never against you. He will always lead you away from the works of the devil. He will always lead you to victory in your life and never to defeat.

There are many things mentioned in the Old Testament that are very helpful to us. But we must be led by the Holy Spirit to know what is helpful and what is not? The Old Testament was written to the Children of Israel who were not born again. They were in the flesh, and not in the Spirit of Christ.

If we try to do things the same way they did things, we will be walking after the flesh and not after the Spirit. At the same time, God never changes. What God revealed to us in the Old Testament is still for us today. We do not live according to “the letter of the Word,” that is revealed in the Old Testament. But, we do live according to “the spirit of the Word” that is written in the Old Testament (2 Cor. 3:6).

The letter of the word in the Old Testament was taught by men, each one teaching another. In the New Covenant we are told, **“For this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, saith the Lord; I will put my laws into their mind, and write them in their hearts: and I will be to them a God, and they shall be to me a people...And they shall not teach every man his neighbour, and every man his brother, saying, Know the Lord: for all shall know me, from the least to the greatest”** (Heb. 8:10,11).

In the New Covenant, God is going to teach us all things. God is going to write His laws in our minds, and in our hearts. What is truly of God will come from our spirit, not from the teachings of men.

When we are led by the Spirit of God, we will be taught how to live like Jesus lived. We will be taught how to do the works that Jesus did. We will be taught according to the New Covenant, not according to the Old Covenant.

God wants to teach us Himself, that we live according to His will, not according the will of the flesh, but according to the will of the Spirit. The will of the Spirit is always in agreement with the inspired written Word of God. God is not divided. The Holy Spirit, the Word of God, and the Father are always in agreement with each other (1 John 5:7).

When we learn the difference between our mind of the flesh, and our new spirit within us, we will be able to walk like Jesus walked. Jesus is our example in everything we do. We need to follow Jesus, not those who want us to do their will. Do only the will of Jesus, who is the head of the body of Christ.

Jesus is the head of the Body of Christ, and we are a part of His body here on earth. The body

must follow the head of the Body. We do that by following the leading of the Holy Spirit from within our spirit. In 1 John 2:27 it says, **“But the anointing which ye have received of him abideth in you, and ye need not that any man teach you: but as the same anointing teacheth you of all things, and is truth, and is no lie, and even as it hath taught you, ye shall abide in him.”**

In the example I gave in the beginning of this mini-book, it was the Holy Spirit within my spirit that said, *“Why don’t you curse the roots on that growth and command it to die and fall off?”* When we obey the Holy Spirit from within us, we will have victory over the works of the devil.

We must trust in and rely upon the fullness of the Godhead that dwells in our spirit. God will lead us into victory over all the works of the Devil if we will obey “the anointing” which is in our spirit. The anointing is the Holy Spirit, and He will guide, comfort, help, lead, and teach us all things.

In the Old Testament times the Children of Israel were taught by others, each one teaching another to know the will of God and to obey the Law of Moses. In the New Covenant, God is our Father. By us abiding in the Word, and the Word of God abiding in us, the Holy Spirit will teach us all things. Jesus is the Word of God, and He sent the Holy Spirit to teach us according to the Word of God, that abides in us.

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