

Receive The Holy Spirit pt10 - Led

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[Jhn 20:22 NASB95] 22 And when He had said this, He breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit.

[Luk 4:1-14 NASB95] 1 Jesus, full of the Holy Spirit, returned from the Jordan and was led around by the Spirit in the wilderness 2 for forty days, being tempted by the devil. And He ate nothing during those days, and when they had ended, He became hungry. 3 And the devil said to Him, "If You are the Son of God, tell this stone to become bread." 4 And Jesus answered him, "It is written, 'MAN SHALL NOT LIVE ON BREAD ALONE.'" 5 And he led Him up and showed Him all the kingdoms of the world in a moment of time. 6 And the devil said to Him, "I will give You all this domain and its glory; for it has been handed over to me, and I give it to whomever I wish. 7 "Therefore if You worship before me, it shall all be Yours." 8 Jesus answered him, "It is written, 'YOU SHALL WORSHIP THE LORD YOUR GOD AND SERVE HIM ONLY.'" 9 And he led Him to Jerusalem and had Him stand on the pinnacle of the temple, and said to Him, "If You are the Son of God, throw Yourself down from here; 10 for it is written, 'HE WILL COMMAND HIS ANGELS CONCERNING YOU TO GUARD YOU,' 11 and, 'ON [their] HANDS THEY WILL BEAR YOU UP, SO THAT YOU WILL NOT STRIKE YOUR FOOT AGAINST A STONE.'" 12 And Jesus answered and said to him, "It is said, 'YOU SHALL NOT PUT THE LORD YOUR GOD TO THE TEST.'" 13 When the devil had finished every temptation, he left Him until an opportune time. 14 And Jesus returned to Galilee in the power of the Spirit, and news about Him spread through all the surrounding district.

- Healthy leaders are good followers. A leader who does not know how to follow is usually toxic. God wants us to learn how to be both: followers and leaders.
- Jesus was/is God. He was born the Son of God. However, He was led by the Holy Spirit. It was imperative for Him to fulfill His purpose to follow the Holy Spirit. He was a leader/follower.
- He knew how to lead. He knew how to be led.

What does this passage teach us about being led by the Holy Spirit?

This passage reveals these five truths about being led by the Holy Spirit.

I. Being led starts with being filled.

- a. V. 1 – He was filled with Holy Spirit.
- b. Jesus had been baptized in water. It was a symbol of repentance. Jesus did not need to repent. He said it was for “all righteousness.” (Matt. 3:15)
- c. In order to be led by the Spirit, we must turn from sin and turn to Him.
- d. Being led will require you to repent of sin.

II. Being led means being willing to follow.

- a. V. 1 – led around
- b. Jesus had laid down His own will.
- c. You can not follow your will and His Will.
- d. Kuhlman said the secret to being led by the Spirit is being willing to follow the Spirit.

III. Being led includes confronting Satan.

- a. V. 2 – being tempted by Satan
- b. Tempted (peirazō) = to make proof of, to attempt, test, tempt. There is another word that means entice to sin: exelkō.
- c. Being led by the Spirit may sometimes (all or most?) mean going right into a battle.
- d. Later, Jesus teaches, led me not into temptation (peirazō). We pray for deliverance from them with the understanding of victory.

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e. It is going to be a fight you win, not lose.

IV. Being led will involve staying in the Word.

a. Three times, Jesus refers to the written Word.

b. The Spirit leads him, but He is referring to the Word.

c. The Word and the Spirit agree. (See RTHS pt9)

V. Being led results in living in the power of the Holy Spirit.

a. V. 14 – The power of the Holy Spirit.

b. To walk with more power, we must be willing to follow.

- **God wants us to learn to be led by the Spirit as we live a life of repentance and surrender while confronting Satan with the Word of God so we can walk in the power of the Holy Spirit.**