How to be lead by the Holy Spirit

**Experience the leading of the Holy Spirit**

**Monday**

Read Galatians 5:18, 2 Peter 1:21, 1 Corinthians 2:1, Matthew 16:24-27

* *To be lead by the Spirit, you must let go of what you have self-confidence in, and take hold of what God offers you.* ***Journalize*** *what God has that you would like to have.*

**Tuesday**

Read 1 Corinthians 2:2, 2 John

* *Before you can be lead by the Spirit, you have to be lead by the truth.* ***Meditate*** *on what truth God is trying to lead you with now.*

**Wednesday**

Read 1 Corinthians 2:3-4, 2 Corinthians 12:1-10

* *To be lead by the Spirit we first have to live in and appreciate our weaknesses, understanding our weakness is an open door for God’s power to operate in us. You must learn to not despair in your weakness. Spend some time* ***praying*** *asking God to help you to appreciate your weakness and God’s power that accompanies you because of your weakness.*

**Thursday**

Read 1 Corinthians 2:5, Matthew 14:22-33

* *You can’t be lead by the Spirit, until you place all your faith squarely on nothing else but God.* ***Journalize*** *what God is telling you.*

**Friday**

Read 1 Corinthians 2:6-10, Isaiah 40

* ***Journalize*** *some of the things God’s Spirit is revealing to you.*

How to be lead by the Holy Spirit - part 1

**Galatians 5:18**

“But if you are led by the Spirit, you are not under the law.”

Remember: to be lead by the God’s Holy Spirit is to be carried by the Spirit…to be brought along

**2 Peter 1:21**

“For prophecy never had its origin in the human will, but prophets, though human, spoke from God as they were carried along by the Holy Spirit.”

**How to be lead (and carried) by the Holy Spirit**

1 Corinthians 2

**2**And so it was with me, brothers and sisters. When I came to you, I did not come with eloquence or human wisdom as I proclaimed to you the testimony about God.

Leave your self-reliance behind. Don’t rely on your talent, accomplishments, education, physical appearance, resources, influence or even gifts

Release your hold of what you have and take hold of what God has

To be lead by the Spirit we have to let go of what we have self-confidence in

**2**For I resolved to know nothing while I was with you except Jesus Christ and him crucified.

What does the crucifixion of Jesus mean to you?

* Death to self, the sinful and old nature
* I have been bought back - redeemed, therefore I belong to Jesus
* I have been adopted as a son - I have a spirit of sonship
* Jesus became sin so that I might be the righteousness of God
* The power and curse of sin has been broken and I am free
* Jesus death provided salvation and rescue to me

Before you can be lead of the Spirit, you need to be lead by the truth

**3**I came to you in weakness with great fear and trembling.

Don’t despair in your weakness, rejoice in your weakness.

Weakness - frailty, lack of strength, suffering, handicap, requiring over dependence on someone else, sickness, not having what you need, losing something you treasure

Why is weakness such a wonderful thing?

When I am weak, God is strong in and through me.

* The only way to have a meaningful experience of God’s power is while you are weak.

**2 Cor 12:9**

Therefore I will boast all the more gladly about my weaknesses, so that Christ’s power may rest on me. [10](http://biblehub.com/2_corinthians/12-10.htm) That is why, for Christ’s sake, I delight in weaknesses, in insults, in hardships, in persecutions, in difficulties. For when I am weak, then I am strong.

**2 Cor 13:4**

For to be sure, he was crucified in weakness, yet he lives by God's power. Likewise, we are weak in him, yet by God's power we will live with him…

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**4**My message and my preaching were not with wise and persuasive words, but with a demonstration of the Spirit’s power,

When you see your weakness, we must automatically think and realize, “This is an opportunity for God to demonstrate His power…He plans to show His power.”

Weakness - when you don’t know what to do, you don’t have the answer, you are incapable

Example: When I was developing the internal customer service training at work, I was given some scathing feedback that made me want to quit and give up. That turned out to be the best thing that ever happened to me! As soon as I embraced my weakness, God’s power kicked in and I was able to train 140 people on the training God helped me to develop.

**5**so that your faith might not rest on human wisdom, but on God’s power.

So many times I have placed my faith in a person, myself, my prayers, faith itself but we want to have faith in the living God!

I can be sure I have the right kind of faith when I am looking for God’s power to make the difference.

You can’t be lead of the Spirit, until you place all your faith squarely on God and nothing else

**6**Yet we do speak wisdom among those *spiritually* mature [believers who have teachable hearts and a greater understanding];  - **Amplified Version**

What does it take to be spiritually mature? What is the fundamental element of spiritual growth?  A teachable heart, (one of the three characteristics of disciples - faithful, available and teachable)

To be led of the Spirit, we must be teachable

but not the wisdom of this age or of the rulers of this age, who are coming to nothing. **7**No, we declare God’s wisdom, a mystery that has been hidden and that God destined for our glory before time began. **8**None of the rulers of this age understood it, for if they had, they would not have crucified the Lord of glory. **9**However, as it is written:

“What no eye has seen,

    what no ear has heard,

and what no human mind has conceived”—

    the things God has prepared for those who love him—

This should be my mantra as I am carried by the Spirit.  The things God has planned for us are beyond the human imagination.

**Psalms 40:5**

Many, O LORD my God, are the wonders You have done, and the plans You have for us--none can compare to You--if I would proclaim and declare of them, they are more than could be numbered.

**10**these are the things God has revealed to us by his Spirit.

The Spirit searches all things, even the deep things of God (referring to God’s thoughts and purposes). **11**For who knows a person’s thoughts except their own spirit within them? In the same way no one knows the thoughts of God except the Spirit of God.

**Isaiah 40:13**

**13**Who can fathom the Spirit (thoughts or mind) of the Lord,

    or instruct the Lord as his counselor?

As I am carried by the Spirit you begin to have different thoughts, You will understand things you didn’t understand before, have a perspective you didn’t use to have.

Why is this?

The Spirit of God not only is the only one to know the thoughts of God, He also reveals the thoughts of God…even though God’s thoughts are higher than our thoughts.

In review:

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* Your mantra as you are carried by the Spirit: The things God has planned for you are beyond the human imagination.