Abraham, a good example of a person who was led by the Spirit

**Experience practicing the leading of the Spirit**

**Monday**

Read Genesis 12:1-5, Matthew 5:1-11, Genesis 1:21-22, 3 John 2

The Holy Spirit leads you to blessing. **Journalize** the blessings God has lead you to throughout your life.

**Tuesday**

Read 2 Timothy 4:18, Psalms 34, Psalms 54

A Spirit-led person isn’t exempt from suffering, but they are blessed in spite of their suffering, and eventually blessed by being freed from their suffering. **Meditate** on these scriptures.

**Wednesday**

Read Genesis 12:1-5, Proverbs 8:34, 1 John 2:5, Matthew 11:28-30

A Spirit-led person is attentive, available and flexible. These are the key ingredients of obedience. Spend some time **praying** today that God would help you to love being attentive, available and flexible for Him.

**Thursday**

Read Genesis 11:27-32

A Spirit-led person will will not let other people’s experiences limit them from everything God has planned for them. **Believe** God today that His plan for your life will come to pass!

**Friday**

Read Joshua 24

**Declare**, “As for me and my household, we are going to serve the Lord.”

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**Genesis 12**

The Lord had said to Abram, “Go from your country, your people and your father’s household to the land I will show you.

2 “I will make you into a great nation,

and I will bless you;

I will make your name great,

and you will be a blessing.

3 I will bless those who bless you,

and whoever curses you I will curse;

and all peoples on earth

will be blessed through you.”

4 So Abram went, as the Lord had told him; and Lot went with him. Abram was seventy-five years old when he set out from Harran. 5 He took his wife Sarai, his nephew Lot, all the possessions they had accumulated and the people they had acquired in Harran, and they set out for the land of Canaan, and they arrived there.

You can’t distinguish a Spirit-led person from a blessed person. They are one and the same.

The Holy Spirit will lead you to blessing!

Matthew 5

He said:

3 “Blessed are the poor in spirit,

    for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

4 Blessed are those who mourn,

    for they will be comforted.

5 Blessed are the meek,

    for they will inherit the earth.

6 Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness,

    for they will be filled.

7 Blessed are the merciful,

    for they will be shown mercy.

8 Blessed are the pure in heart,

    for they will see God.

9 Blessed are the peacemakers,

    for they will be called children of God.

10 Blessed are those who are persecuted because of righteousness, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

What is the purpose of blessing?

Genesis 1:21 [So](https://biblehub.com/hebrew/853.htm) [God](https://biblehub.com/hebrew/430.htm) [created](https://biblehub.com/hebrew/1254.htm) [the great](https://biblehub.com/hebrew/1419.htm) [sea creatures](https://biblehub.com/hebrew/8577.htm) [and every](https://biblehub.com/hebrew/3605.htm) [living](https://biblehub.com/hebrew/2416.htm) [thing](https://biblehub.com/hebrew/5315.htm) [that moves,](https://biblehub.com/hebrew/7430.htm) [with which](https://biblehub.com/hebrew/834.htm) [the waters](https://biblehub.com/hebrew/4325.htm) [teemed](https://biblehub.com/hebrew/8317.htm) [according to their kinds,](https://biblehub.com/hebrew/4327.htm) [and](https://biblehub.com/hebrew/853.htm) [every](https://biblehub.com/hebrew/3605.htm) [bird](https://biblehub.com/hebrew/5775.htm) [of flight](https://biblehub.com/hebrew/3671.htm) [after its kind.](https://biblehub.com/hebrew/4327.htm) [And God](https://biblehub.com/hebrew/430.htm) [saw](https://biblehub.com/hebrew/7200.htm) [that](https://biblehub.com/hebrew/3588.htm) [it was good.](https://biblehub.com/hebrew/2896.htm) 22 Then God blessed them and said, “Be fruitful and multiply and fill the waters of the seas, and let birds multiply on the earth.”

Without God’s blessing you can’t be fruitful.

John 15:8 New International Version (NIV)

**8**This is to my Father’s glory, that you bear much fruit, showing yourselves to be my disciples.

The blessings of Abraham:

* Made into a great nation (fruit of legacy)
* Would provide from him (fruit of provision)
* Make his name great (fruit of honor)
* Would be a blessing to others (fruit of add value to other’s lives)
* Would protect him (fruit of protection)

It is as much of a mistake to say that blessing is only inward as it is to say that blessing is only outward. Blessing is for both your spiritual and physical well-being.

**3 John 2 Amplified Bible (AMP)**

**2**Beloved, I pray that in every way you may succeed *and* prosper and be in good health [physically], just as [I know] your soul prospers [spiritually].

You say, “God’s blessing has not been my experience. I have had anything but a blessed life.”

I tell you its time then to be led by the Spirit.

Remember being led by the Spirit is to be carried by the Spirit and to begin to be governed by the law of the Spirit, which we have talked about over the last 5 weeks.

A Spirit-led person isn’t exempt from suffering (that isn’t what blessing is), but they are blessed in spite of their suffering and eventually blessed by being freed from their suffering.

**Psalms 34:17** The righteous cry out, and the Lord hears them;

    he delivers them from all their troubles.

18 The Lord is close to the brokenhearted

    and saves those who are crushed in spirit.

19 The righteous person may have many troubles,

    but the Lord delivers him from them all;

20 he protects all his bones,

    not one of them will be broken.

A few weeks ago I expressed my belief that Paul was eventually delivered from his thorn in the flesh. After a stimulating conversation this week with a good friend, I studied deeper to make sure my assumption wasn’t unfounded. I was reminded of one of the last statements Paul wrote before he was martyred:

2 Timothy 4:18 King James Version (KJV)

**18**And the Lord shall deliver me from **every** evil work, and will preserve me unto his heavenly kingdom: to whom be glory for ever and ever. Amen.

2 Timothy 4:18 Amplified Bible (AMP)

**18**The Lord will rescue me from **every** evil assault, and He will bring me safely into His heavenly kingdom; to Him be the glory forever and ever. Amen.

2 Timothy 4:18 Amplified Bible, Classic Edition (AMPC)

**18**[And indeed] the Lord will certainly deliver *and* draw me to Himself from **every** assault of evil. He will preserve *and* bring me safe unto His heavenly kingdom. To Him be the glory forever and ever. Amen (so be it).

This was Paul’s fervent belief, and I believe, was based on his personal experience.

God blessed Paul in spite of his suffering and then blessed him by delivering out of his suffering.

But….

undoubtedly, the **greatest blessing** in all the world is when you hear God’s voice, when you have a spark of heavenly hope, when confident faith rises inside your heart, when God’s love sweeps over you, when His power overcomes your weakness.

Psalm 63:3

3 Because your love is better than life,

    my lips will glorify you.

Genesis 12:2 …and you will be a blessing.

You are blessed when you are a blessing!

Your gifting is to be given! This produces for you immense satisfaction and fulfillment.

Acts 20:35 New International Version (NIV)

**35**…remembering the words the Lord Jesus himself said: ‘It is more blessed to give than to receive.’

The is the nature of a Spirit-led person is to be a selfless blessing to others for the shear joy of the contact with God during the process, and the relief you produce in others.

It is not about the wealth that comes to you, it is about the wealth that comes from you.

Add value to your world, don’t just try to get value! Every day add value where you work, add value to your family, add value to your marriage, add value to someone else’s life.

God not only gives you gifts to build up His body the church, He also gives you unique gifts to better the world you live in. You are the salt of the earth!!

* Gardening
* Math
* Camping
* Fixing cars
* Cooking

**Let the Spirit lead you to your blessing every day.**

**1 Chronicles 4:9-10 New International Version (NIV)**

**9**Jabez was more honorable than his brothers. His mother had named him Jabez, saying, “I gave birth to him in pain.” **10**Jabez cried out to the God of Israel, “Oh, that you would bless me and enlarge my territory! Let your hand be with me, and keep me from harm so that I will be free from pain.” And God granted his request.

**A Spirit-led person is attentive, available and flexible.**

Genesis 12:1 The Lord had said to Abram, “Go from your country, your people and your father’s household to the land I will show you…. (attentive)

4 So Abram went, (available) as the Lord had told him; and Lot went with him. Abram was seventy-five years old when he set out from Harran. (flexible)

**Proverbs 8:34 New International Version (NIV)**

34 Blessed are those who listen to me, (flexible)

    watching daily at my doors, (attentive)

    waiting at my doorway. (available)

Key ingredients of obedience:

Attentiveness + Availability + Flexibility = Obedience

Fundamental attitude of an obedient person:

Abraham loved to be governed by the Spirit, therefore he was obedient, therefore he could be led by the Spirit.

You can’t be obedient until you are sold on accepting Jesus as your **Lord**.

You obey God because you want to, not because you have to.

1 John 2:5 New International Version (NIV)

**5**But if anyone obeys his word, love for God is truly made complete in them.

Jesus ‘sells’ us on being governed by Him

Matthew 11:28 “Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest. 29 Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. 30 For my yoke is easy and my burden is light.”

God is so good!  He ’sells’ us on His Lordship, the law of the Spirit.

But lets rewind and get a picture of where Abram came from, the experience of his upbringing

**Genesis 11:31**

Terah took his son Abram, his grandson Lot son of Haran, and his daughter-in-law Sarai, the wife of his son Abram, and together they set out from Ur of the Chaldeans to go to Canaan. But when they came to Harran, they settled there.

**32**Terah lived 205 years, and he died in Harran.

Ur of the Chaldeans was a city thought to be in modern day (southern) Iraq, just northwest of Kuwait and south of Bagdad. Terah who was probably extremely wealthy would have traveled with his family and herds about 1000 miles along the fertile crescent long the Euphrates river to Haran which close to the border of Turkey and Syria, north of Palestine.

Abram’s father must of had the same divine prompting to go Canaan. But went only part of the way and ‘settled.’

I wonder what Abram thought of his father’s decision to not pursue the full God-given goal he had been given.

I wonder if Abram ever told himself, “my dad didn’t do it, I probably won’t do it either.”

Did his father’s distraction distract him as well?

A Spirit-led person will will not let other people’s experiences limit them from everything God has planned for them.

As for me and my house, we are going to serve the Lord!!

When I am led of the Spirit, I won’t let the disappointment of other’s shortcoming stop me from going all the way to where God wants me to go.