

Theme: The Holy Spirit leads God's children by revealing God's will in Scripture, enabling us to understand, giving us a desire to follow, and empowering us to obey.

I. Intro – Led by the Spirit

- A. People often justify actions – led by Spirit
- B. We have been discussing the will of God
- C. What does Scripture mean by 'led by Spirit'?
- D. What is Spirit leading us to do?

II. Led by the Spirit

- A. The biblical usage – only 4 times!
 - 1. Gospels – Mt 4:1; Luk 4:1 – unique
 - 2. Rom 8:14; Gal 5:17 – same point
- B. Led by the Spirit to obey revealed will (Scripture)
 - 1. Rom 8:12-14 – sinful nature vs Spirit
 - a. Rom 8:4 – fulfill law; Spirit vs sinful nature
 - b. Rom 8:5 – Spirit vs sinful nature
 - c. Rom 8:9 – Spirit vs sinful nature control
 - 2. Gal 5:16-18 – sinful nature vs. Spirit
 - a. Followed by acts of sinful nature, fruit of Spirit
 - b. Whole context is holy living to fulfill law
 - 3. Psalm 143:2, 10 – Spirit lead, level ground

- C. Spirit led = obedient to God's revealed will in Scripture

III. The Spirit's Role in Our Sanctification

- A. Spirit revealed God's will in Scripture
 - 1. Spirit inspired – 2 Pet 1:21
 - 2. Guide into truth – apostles – John 16:13
- B. Spirit lets us understand Scripture - 1Co 2:14
- C. Spirit gives desire to follow – Rom 8:14-16
- D. Spirit enables us to obey God – Rom 8:3-4; Gal 5:17-18
- E. Spirit is central in knowing and doing God's will

IV. Applying the Word

- A. Do we have a biblical understanding of 'led by Spirit'?
 - 1. It is about knowing and doing revealed will
 - 2. Not about following subjective promptings
 - 3. Not an excuse for bad decisions or bizarre behavior
- B. Are we Spirit led people?
 - 1. Idea of 'spiritual' in cultural is actually demonic
 - 2. Have you turned to Christ in faith – only way!
 - 3. Believers – Spirit leading in greater obedience?
 - 4. Must continue to cry out for Him to fill, lead, empower
- C. Are we grateful for Spirit's role in all of this?

1. He inspired law givers, prophets and apostles
2. He raised us from dead to hear voice of God
3. He gave us ability to understand God's Word
4. He gave us a desire to know and follow God
5. He gives power to obey God – law could not
6. He leads us to Christ's way day by day
7. Give Him thanks for these great gifts to us!!!

Led by the Spirit

Romans 8:12-17

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There's A Peace OR Spirit of the Living God

Romans 15:13

¹ Then Jesus was led by the Spirit into the desert to be tempted by the devil. Matthew 4:1

¹ Jesus, full of the Holy Spirit, returned from the Jordan and was led by the Spirit in the desert Luke 4:1

⁴ in order that the righteous requirements of the law might be fully met in us, who do not live according to the sinful nature but according to the Spirit. Romans 8:4

¹⁶ So I say, live by the Spirit, and you will not gratify the desires of the sinful nature. ¹⁷ For the sinful nature desires what is contrary to the Spirit, and the Spirit what is contrary to the sinful nature. They are in conflict with each other, so that you do not do what you want. ¹⁸ But if you are led by the Spirit, you are not under law. Galatians 5:16-18

² Do not bring your servant into judgment, **for no one living is righteous before you....** ¹⁰ Teach me to **do your will**, for you are my God; may your good **Spirit lead me on level ground.** Psalm 143:2, 10

²¹ For prophecy never had its origin in the will of man, but **men spoke from God as they were carried along by the Holy Spirit.** 2 Peter 1:21

¹³ But when he, the **Spirit** of truth, comes, he will **guide you into all truth.** He will not speak on his own; he will speak only what he hears, and he will tell you what is yet to come. John 16:13

¹⁴ The man without the Spirit does not accept the things that come from the Spirit of God, for they are foolishness to him, and he cannot understand them, because they are spiritually discerned. 1 Corinthians 2:14

³ For what the law was powerless to do in that it was weakened by the sinful nature, God did by sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful man to be a sin offering. And so he condemned sin in sinful man, ⁴ **in order that the righteous requirements of the law might be fully met in us, who do not live according to the sinful nature but according to the Spirit.** Romans 8:3-4

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