

## Ministry of The Holy Spirit Part One: Led By The Spirit

Several Years ago Apple introduced Siri

- the intelligent personal assistant
- or Digital Assistant

Just by saying “Hey Siri”, Siri can:

- Dial phone numbers
- Schedule an appointment
- Do internet searches
- Find directions
- Lead you to the closest pizza joint
- And if you’re lucky, maybe even tell a joke!

Now since then we have:

- Cortana for Windows
- Alexa by Amazon (conspiracy that the gov. uses to spy)
- Google Assistant (not a lot of thought into the name...)
- “Jibo”, the \$1000 dancing robot that can play music!!

All of these things that are **designed to help us** with our daily lives...

As much as Apple wants to get credit for the first “intelligent personal assistant”;

Over 2000 Years ago Jesus provided us with the greatest personal assistant ever...

- A Helper

### John 14:15-17 N

15 “If you love Me, keep My commandments. 16 And I will pray the Father, and **He will give you another Helper**, that **He may abide with you forever**— 17 **the Spirit of truth**, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees Him nor knows Him; but you know Him, for He dwells with you and will be in you.

That’s what/Who we are going to be discussing this month:

- The Ministry of The Holy Spirit
- Personally working with each of us
- Helping us in our daily lives

Today we start this off with:

- **The Leading of The Holy Spirit**

### Matthew 4:1-11

4 **Then Jesus was led up by the Spirit** into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil. 2 And when He had fasted forty days and forty nights, afterward He was hungry. 3 Now when the tempter came to Him, he said, “If You are the Son of God, command that these stones become bread.”

4 But He answered and said, “It is written, ‘Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceeds from the mouth of God.’”

5 Then the devil took Him up into the holy city, set Him on the pinnacle of the temple, 6 and said to Him, “If You are the Son of God, throw Yourself down. For it is written:

‘He shall give His angels charge over you,’  
and,

‘In their hands they shall bear you up,  
Lest you dash your foot against a stone.’”

7 Jesus said to him, “It is written again, ‘You shall not tempt the Lord your God.’”

8 Again, the devil took Him up on an exceedingly high mountain, and showed Him all the kingdoms of the world and their glory. 9 And he said to Him, “All these things I will give You if You will fall down and worship me.”

10 Then Jesus said to him, “Away with you, Satan! For it is written, ‘You shall worship the Lord your God, and Him only you shall serve.’”

11 Then the devil left Him, and behold, angels came and ministered to Him.

**This passage of Scripture follows Jesus entering into His earthly ministry...**

- **Baptized by John in The Jordan**
- **Announced by God as His Beloved Son**

**But the important thing I want to show you today is the fact that;**

- **Jesus was “led by The Spirit”**

**Don’t you think that if Jesus needed to be “led by The Spirit”**

- **That we do to...?**

### Psalm 143:10

10 Teach me to do Your will,  
For You are my God;

**Your Spirit is good.**

**Lead me** in the land of uprightness.

**Psalm 143:10 English Standard Version (ESV)**

**10 Teach me to do your will,  
for you are my God!**

**Let your good Spirit lead me  
on level ground!**

**This was a Psalm of David:**

**David is such a great example for each of us of:**

- **How God can use the unlikely, the overlooked**
- **The great things we accomplish when we trust God**
- **God's everlasting love, even when we mess up...**

**You see King David realized the importance of a “Spirit led” life!**

- **Even though The Holy Spirit had not yet been poured out...**

- **David had been anointed of God, giving him access to The Holy Spirit**

**And with The Holy Spirit's leading, David:**

- **Defeated the giant**
- **Led the Kings army to many great victories**
- **Was protected from harm**
- **Became King of all of Israel**
- **Even led to repentance and restoration after personal failure**

**Now we have The Holy Spirit living within us!!**

- **The greatest ever “Personal intelligent assistant” ever!!**

**Romans 8:11-14**

**11 But if the Spirit of Him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells** in you, He who raised Christ from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies through **His Spirit who dwells in you.**

**12 Therefore, brethren, we are debtors—not to the flesh, to live according to the flesh. 13 For if you live according to the flesh you will die; but if by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body, you will live. 14 For as many as are led by the Spirit of God, these are sons of God.**

**This word “Led” in Greek is**

- **“Ago”**
- **To lead by laying hold of, and in this way to bring to the point of destination**

That's what a "Spirit led life" is always about

- The Holy Spirit will always lead you where you are supposed to go
- Help you reach your destiny
- Help you fulfill the call on your life
- He will lead you in the best way of getting there
- He will lead you away from dangers (traps of the devil)

**Below are just a few Examples demonstrating the power of a "Spirit Led Life"**

In your own sharing of The Gospel (**Personal Evangelism**)

- It is important to be led by The Spirit in who and when to approach
- It's amazing the results when that conversation is led by Him
- Sometimes we call that "Unction" "Unction of The Holy Spirit"

**Acts 8:29-37**

29 **Then the Spirit said to Philip, "Go near and overtake this chariot."**

30 So Philip ran to him, and heard him reading the prophet Isaiah, and said, "Do you understand what you are reading?"

31 And he said, "How can I, unless someone guides me?" And he asked Philip to come up and sit with him. 32 The place in the Scripture which he read was this:

"He was led as a sheep to the slaughter;

And as a lamb before its shearer is silent,

So He opened not His mouth.

33 In His humiliation His justice was taken away,

And who will declare His generation?

For His life is taken from the earth."

34 So the eunuch answered Philip and said, "I ask you, of whom does the prophet say this, of himself or of some other man?" 35 Then Philip opened his mouth, and beginning at this Scripture, preached Jesus to him. 36 Now as they went down the road, they came to some water. And the eunuch said, "See, here is water. What hinders me from being baptized?"

37 **Then Philip said, "If you believe with all your heart, you may."**

**And he answered and said, "I believe that Jesus Christ is the Son of God."**

Phillip didn't act on his own impulse or desire...

- **He was led by The Spirit**
- And because timing and conditions were correct
- The man accepted Jesus as his Savior
- It all worked as it was supposed to!!

**You see, being led by The Spirit can be the difference between victory dance and a door slammed in your face....**

**In direct contrast to that, let's look at an example where people act on their own impulses and desires, rather than being led by The Spirit:**

### **Acts 19:11-16**

11 Now God worked unusual miracles by the hands of Paul, 12 so that even handkerchiefs or aprons were brought from his body to the sick, and the diseases left them and the evil spirits went out of them. 13 Then some of the itinerant **Jewish exorcists took it upon themselves** to call the name of the Lord Jesus over those who had evil spirits, saying, "We exorcise you by the Jesus whom Paul preaches." 14 Also there were **seven sons of Sceva**, a Jewish chief priest, who did so.

15 **And the evil spirit answered and said, "Jesus I know, and Paul I know; but who are you?"**

16 **Then the man in whom the evil spirit was leaped on them, overpowered them, and prevailed against them, so that they fled out of that house naked and wounded.**

**Can I just say this...**

- Before you go to cast out a devil
- Lay hands on the sick
- Sometimes even pray for someone...
- **You need to know it is The Holy Spirit leading!!**
- **Why?**

**How did this work out for them?**

- Not too good!!!
- They got beat down and thrown out naked!!!
- Why?
- They weren't led by The Spirit

**The Devil's not afraid of you...**

- But if He sees that you are being used as an instrument of God...
- If he sees you being led by The Holy Spirit
- As Charlie Daniels once said "The devil knew that he'd been beat"

**In Discernment:**

### **Discernment simply means:**

- To make proper judgment
- Differentiate between right or wrong
- Know if someone is trying to deceive you

We see many examples in the Bible where The Holy Spirit Lead not only the disciples, but Jesus by discernment:

#### **Jesus:**

- When the Pharisee' tried to trap Him in questioning
- When Jesus knew people sought to kill him
- He knew who his deceiver was
- He knew they were coming to capture Him in the garden

#### **Paul:**

- Lowered in a basket from the city walls
- The altar of the Unknown god in Athens, led men to Christ
- Knew what to do with the ship wreck on Malta

So many more examples in The Bible, we can't list them all today...

And with The Holy Spirit's leading you can have that same discernment in your life....

There's so much more about The Holy Spirit's active ministry in our lives...  
Practical spiritual application in our daily lives,  
We're dedicating this whole month to it...

Be led by The Holy Spirit...

#### **Closing/Altar:**

It starts with a personal relationship with Jesus...  
Do you have that?

Maybe you need more, more of The Holy Spirit  
Have you been filled with The Holy Spirit?  
Let us pray for that today