

LED BY THE SPIRIT (PART 2)

Those who are led by the Spirit of God are sons (or daughters) of God.

God brings us into His family when we put our faith in Jesus Christ as our Lord and Savior.

When we do that, God our Father places His Holy Spirit in us.

If you are saved, God is not at a distance, He is living inside of you!

To be led by the Spirit you must be fed by the Spirit, spending time in His presence.

Spending time in God's Word and learning His voice is crucial to being led by the Spirit.

The Holy Spirit wants to lead us into paths of righteousness and blessing.

That path will at some point lead us through the valley of the shadow of death.

Our heavenly father does not lead us **into** temptation, but He does lead us **through** temptation.

At some point, He leads us into the wilderness in order to prepare us to go through temptation.

The wilderness for Jesus included prayer and fasting, being saturated in the Word of God.

We have to be willing to follow the Holy Spirit into the wilderness if He leads us there.

To be willing to give up things that the Holy Spirit leads us to give up.

The wilderness is our training ground, to become strong enough to **go through** temptation **without giving into** temptation.

In the bible, the term flesh can mean our physical body, but most of the time in the new testament it means our soul.

Our soul is our mind, will and emotions.

Sometimes when we go into the wilderness, we find out what we've been living on.

If it's something we shouldn't have been living on, God takes it away, so that we can start feeding on something else, the things we should feed on.

The devil offered Jesus everything in this life that a man could want in his flesh, but He turned it down.

Jesus responded with the Word of God every time.

Actually, all of Jesus' responses came from only 32 verses of Deuteronomy.

All you need to overcome the enemy, is to be led by the Spirit in the Word of God.

We cannot judge our own thoughts, or anything else for that matter, except through the Word of God and the Holy Spirit.

Through it all, the Lord wants to lead us into freedom.

Freedom is not just getting to do whatever you want, whenever you want.

Selling out for the things of this world is bondage not freedom.

Are you feeding your flesh or are you feeding your spirit.

Whichever one you feed the most will be the strongest.

If we are not led by the Spirit of God, we will be very weak in our thoughts, in our will to follow God, in our emotions.

Our sinful nature desires what is contrary to the Spirit of God, they are in conflict with each other.

There is a struggle between the two.

Attitudes turn into actions.

Those who live as described in Galatians 5:19-21 will not inherit the kingdom of God.

Jesus Christ, the Son of God laid down His life for us, we are required to lay down our lives for Him.

Take up your cross and follow Him, consider yourself already dead.

Is there something in your life that needs to die?

You can't kill your sinful nature in one moment, it has to be starved over time.

The Holy Spirit will lead you:

1. into the wilderness to strengthen your spirit.
2. to stop feeding the flesh in order to kill it.
3. into freedom and health by way of the cross.

SCRIPTURE LIST

Romans 8:14

Psalm 23

Matthew 6:9-13

Matthew 4:1-10

Mark 8:36

Hebrews 4:12

Galatians 5:13-26

2 Corinthians 3:17