

## LED BY THE SPIRIT (PART 3)

The Holy Spirit wants to lead us, He is our comforter, our counselor and our guide.

He leads us, He does not push us, pull us, or drag us along.

It's up to us whether we follow or not.

The Holy Spirit will sometimes lead us, not just **into** the wilderness, but **through** the wilderness.

If the devil tempted Jesus he will certainly tempt us too.

The wilderness experience is necessary for our flesh to be humbled and to allow God to deal with our selfish nature.

Our flesh/sin nature/selfish nature must be starved.

We must starve our sin nature and feed our spirit.

To be Spirit led we must be Spirit fed.

Ultimately, the Spirit wants to lead us into the character of Christ.

The character of Christ can be defined by the fruit of the Spirit described in Galatians 5:22.

**Florida has the perfect environment for growing citrus fruit, in a similar way, holiness is the perfect environment for growing the fruit of the Spirit in us.**

In the old testament, no one except the high priest could come into the presence of God without being killed.

The presence of God dwelt in the holy of holies, which was separated from the rest of the temple by a curtain that was at least 4 inches thick.

The moment Jesus Christ paid the price for our sin by dying on the cross, the curtain in the temple was ripped in two from top to bottom.

From top to bottom indicates that God ripped that curtain in two, it did not rip naturally under its own weight which would have ripped it from bottom to top.

That curtain separated people from the presence of God, so when it was ripped in two, man could now come into the presence of God.

You now have access to the presence of God.

Once we have put our faith in Christ for salvation, our spirits are holy, but our souls still need some work.

We cannot change ourselves by ourselves, it takes God and us working together to change us.

We are changed by spending time in His presence.

The longer we are away from His presence, the more the glory of God fades in our lives.

## **We have to get into the presence of God.**

To get into the presence of God we need to be led with confidence (boldness).

To get into the presence of God you sometimes need to “press in.”

In other words, you have to push past your flesh, push past distracting thoughts, push past emotions.

To get into the presence of God you need consistency.

## **SCRIPTURE LIST**

Galatians 5:22

Exodus 40:34-35

Hebrews 9:7-12

Mark 15:37-38

Hebrews 9:24-28

1 Peter 1:13-16

Revelation 4

2 Corinthians 3:12-18

Hebrews 4:14-16