

## THE LIFE OF THE RIGHTEOUS

October 1

### *Moving Home*

#### **John 15:4**

*"Abide in me, and I in you, As the branch cannot bear fruit of itself, except it abide in the vine; no more can ye, except ye abide in me."*

It is important for every believer to move home to living in Him. That is what the word "abide" means. It means to live, to dwell in Him. The Lord Jesus said, "...the branch cannot bear fruit of itself..." Apart from living in the Word of God and the Word of God living in you, you cannot bear fruit. Pastors desire to have more people in their church and this is a good desire. Having more people is fruit. How is this going to happen? By living in Him, in His Word, and His Word living in you.

Maybe you are a business person and you desire more business. The same is true for you. You cannot bear much fruit apart from abiding in Him, and His Word abiding in you. No matter what your occupation or career in life, the way you are going to bear much fruit is by abiding, by living in Him. Jesus said in **John 15:5** "I am the vine, ye are the branches: He that abideth (lives) in me, and I in him, the same bringeth forth much fruit: for without me ye can do nothing." If you are not bringing forth much fruit, know it is because you are not abiding in the vine.

Jesus said in **John 15:7-8** "If ye abide (live) in me, and my words abide in you, ye shall ask what ye will, and it shall be done unto you. Herein is My Father glorified, that ye bear much fruit; so shall ye be my disciples." The Lord keeps saying "much fruit". Notice that this bearing of much fruit is in connection with asking, praying. When you know His Word and you ask according to His Word, which is His will, you have confidence. It is written in **1 John 5:14-15**, "And this is the confidence that we have in him, that, if we ask any thing according to his will (which is His Word), he heareth us: And if we know that he hear us, whatsoever we ask, we know that we have the petitions that we desired of him."

Another thing we can see in **John 15:9-10**, is this abiding, living in Him has to do with abiding, living in His love. He said, "As the

*Father hath loved me, so have I loved you: continue ye in my love. If* (this is conditional) *ye keep my commandments, ye shall abide* (live) *in my love; even as I have kept my Father's commandments, and abide in his love.*" Living in His love is important to bearing much fruit. Knowing His love and walking in His love with our brothers and sisters in Christ is a very important part of bearing much fruit. It is written in **Galatians 5:6**, "...but faith which worketh by love." Confidence in God is faith, and this faith works by love. If you do not know God's love for you and walk in this love God has for you towards others, it will affect your faith and you will not be able to bear much fruit.

Faith and love work together. When you walk in love, your faith will work. When your faith and love are working together, there will be joy. It will be the Lord's joy. Our joy will be full. This is what Jesus said in **John 15:11**, "These things have I spoken unto you, that my joy might remain in you, and that your joy might be full." He went on to say in **John 15:12-14**, "This is my commandment, That ye love one another, as I have loved you. Greater love hath no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends. Ye are my friends, if (being His friend is conditional) ye do whatsoever I command you."

All of this has to do with us bearing much fruit, whether it be in your business, in your church, or ministry, whatever your occupation is, you will bear much fruit as you live in His Word and love and let His Word and love live in you. The degree that you practice His Word is the degree the Word is abiding in you. Take time to speak God's Word and meditate in it day and night. This is how you will abide in His Word and love. Do **Joshua 1:8**, you will be a success!

**Faith Confession:** *I am a hearer and a doer of the Word of God and I am blessed. I abide, live in Him, and He lives in me. I continue in His love. I keep His commandments of loving the Lord with all my heart, soul, mind, and strength and I love my brothers and sisters in Christ as He has loved me. I believe as I abide in His Word and love and His Word, and love abides in me that I can ask what I will and what I ask shall be done unto me. As I do this, I will bring forth much fruit and the Father is glorified.*

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October 2

### *How to Successfully Live the Spirit Led Life*

#### **Romans 8:14**

*"For as many as are led by the Spirit of God, they are the sons of God."*

In the book of Acts, you can see how real the Holy Spirit was to the men and women of God. The Holy Spirit spoke very clearly to the people. He told them specific streets to go to. He would tell them not to go to a certain town. He would speak to them to send certain people out. That is just a few things that the Holy Spirit spoke to people. The good news is He is still speaking to men and women today and you and I can hear just as clearly as they heard.

We are going to begin looking at some keys to successfully live the Spirit led life. We have the very same Spirit they had and we are a part of the very same Church. We are supposed to live the same kind of Spirit led life as they did. We are to be sensitive to the Holy Spirit's leading and teachings from the time we wake up in the morning until we go to bed at night.

It is so good to know that the Holy Spirit can keep us from making mistakes. We start to do something and the Holy Spirit checks us and stops us. As we obey, we are kept from danger and we miss the trap the enemy had set for us. The Holy Spirit will always have us in the right place, at the right time, doing the right thing if we will listen and obey.

Many Christians are head led, feeling led, logic led, emotion led, reasoning led, money led, and circumstance led. I guess we have all been in that place at one time, but it is time to be completely Spirit led. We should be hearing from the Holy Spirit all the time. I don't mean we are going to hear an audible voice and don't try to hear an audible voice. It is written in **Romans 8:14-16**, *"For as many as are led by the Spirit of God, they are the sons of God. For ye have not received the spirit of bondage again to fear; but ye have received the Spirit of adoption, whereby we cry, Abba, Father. The Spirit itself (Himself) beareth witness with our spirit that we are the children of God."* Since the Holy Spirit can bear witness with

our spirit that we are the children or sons of God, He can bear witness with us concerning other things.

Let me share my own testimony with you. In 2011 I was having to look for another location for the International Church of Estonia to meet for services. In seeking the Lord for the best location for the church, I sat down to look on the Internet and as you know, there are hundreds of places in Tallinn for rent. I began to pray and ask the Lord to reveal the best place. He knew what would best suit us for that time. I had called a missionary friend who lives in Tallinn that is a Realtor and I knew she was spirit led. I asked her if she knew of a place. She said she would check and get back with me. In the mean time I had prayed and asked the Holy Spirit to give me an exact address. I knew the Holy Spirit gave specific addresses to the disciples and I believed what He did for them He would do for me. As I prayed, I heard "Narva mnt. 9". I entered that address into the search box on the Internet and sure enough I found there was a place for rent. I asked the Lord to confirm it.

A few days later I received an e-mail from my Realtor friend with three different places to look at. After looking at the first two I knew in my heart they were not right for us. She wrote just above the third one, "And now I'm saving the best for last." Praise God it was a confirmation! Narva mnt. 9!! It was in the same block where we had been meeting for services. It was so easy to move and easy for people to get too. Just as the Holy Spirit led me to that location, He too can lead us specifically in other areas of our lives.

Sometimes there are things that hinder us from hearing clearly. So, in the following days we will begin to look at different things we can do to become more sensitive to the Holy Spirit's leading's and guiding.

***Faith Confession:*** *I am a child and son of God. I am led by the Spirit of God. I have received the Spirit of adoption, whereby I cry Abba, Father. The Spirit Himself bears witness with my spirit that I am a child of God. Just as He can bear witness with my spirit that I am a child of God, I believe He can bear witness with my spirit about other things in my life, and I will be blessed as I listen and fully obey Him.*

## **THE LIFE OF THE RIGHTEOUS**

**October 3**

### ***Yieldedness I***

#### **Romans 6:13**

*"Neither yield ye your members as instruments of unrighteousness unto sin: but yield yourselves unto God, as those that are alive from the dead, and your members as instruments of righteousness unto God."*

The first key to successfully living the Spirit led life is yieldedness. What does that mean? It means to surrender or submit oneself to another. I am speaking of yielding to the Holy Spirit. Our training begins as little children. When our parents ask us to do things and we obey fully we are being trained to obey the Holy Spirit fully.

When I first learned about being led by the Holy Spirit and learned these truths about the importance of yielding, I began to look for ways to practice yielding. When my pastor would say, "Say this", I would follow that instruction and say what he was saying. If he said stand. I would stand. As I was listening to ministers on the internet and they would say stand, I obeyed. When they said, let's raise our hands and praise the Lord, I would raise my hands and praise the Lord. I trained myself to obey the instructions given in these areas so when the Lord would speak to me to do something, I would obey Him.

If you are an employee, train yourself to follow the instructions given to you. Follow those instructions fully and completely. As long as it is not sin, you can do it. As you do these things, then the Lord knows He can speak to you to do things and you will obey. This is a time of training. This is so very important to being led by the Holy Spirit. When ministers ask you to do things in a service, if it is in line with the Word, obey quickly, fully, and completely. If you believe the Lord spoke to you to do a thing and the person leading it says to do something, know you can do it. The Lord will never ask you to do something that there is not a way to carry those instructions out fully and completely.

When the Holy Spirit deals with you to give something, it is important how you do it. You must do it willingly, gladly, and freely (**II Corinthians 9:7; Exodus 35:4-5**). If you don't give it

willingly, gladly, and freely, you will lose your reward. If you will yield to the Holy Spirit's leading when He speaks to you to give money, then you will yield to Him when He speaks to you to raise someone from the dead. God leads us step by step. We would like to see the whole picture before we obey, but that does not require faith. The Lord shows us a step and as we take that step of faith, then He shows us the next step. When the Lord spoke to Abraham to leave his family and go to another country, the Lord did not tell him what country. He had to pack his belongings and move forward by faith. As he obeyed and took that first step of faith, then the Lord showed him more.

Sometimes you may get this sensing on the inside of you, I should call so and so. Obey that leading. The Lord is training you for the bigger things. It is important not to suppress these promptings. Don't override those promptings. If you do, you become duller, and duller, and duller. Even if you have done that and have become very dull, there is good news. That is not the end. You can become sharp and sensitive again. All you have to do now is go to the Lord and repent. Ask Him to forgive you and say, "Lord if you will deal with me again, I will do it this time." When He does, be sure you obey quickly and exactly. You'll be glad you did!

How do you become more sensitive to the Holy Spirit? You must respond, yield to His promptings. The more you do, the more aware of Him you will be. The less you respond to Him, the less aware of Him you will be. When He deals with you, respond. When He directs you, obey. When praise comes up in your heart what do you do? You speak it out, sing it out. Something comes up in your heart to do, act upon it. In doing this His dealings become stronger in you. You become more aware and more sensitive.

Tomorrow we will begin looking at some examples from the Bible of men and women who were led by the Holy Spirit.

***Faith Confession:*** *I am Spirit led. I practice being led by the Spirit every time I allow some one that is over me to give me instructions and I follow them fully. I am being trained for the Lord to give me bigger things. When I yield to the Holy Spirit's leading when He speaks to me to give money, then I will yield to Him when He speaks to me to raise someone from the dead. I listen and fully obey and I am blessed!*

## THE LIFE OF THE RIGHTEOUS

October 4

### *Yieldedness II*

#### **Romans 6:13**

*"Neither yield ye your members as instruments of unrighteousness unto sin: but yield yourselves unto God, as those that are alive from the dead, and your members as instruments of righteousness unto God."*

We began to look at keys for successfully living the Spirit led life yesterday. The first being "yieldedness". How do you become more sensitive to the Holy Spirit? You must respond to His promptings. The more you do, the more aware of Him you will be. When praise comes up in your heart what do you do? You yield to it by speaking or singing it out. Many times, throughout the day a song will rise up in my heart and I begin to sing it out. It is the Holy Spirit prompting me to sing that song. When I sing that song that comes up in my heart I am yielding to the Holy Spirit. Today I want to look at some people in the Bible that were completely yielded. These are people the Holy Spirit found easy to turn. This is how we should desire to be, easy to turn.

There were four people in the Gospels that were completely yielded to the Holy Spirit. Because they were, God choose them to be the parents of those to be born into the earth that would fulfill prophecy. God chooses people who are aware of Him and who will respond to Him. Zacharias and Elizabeth were two people the Lord chose. It is written in **Luke 1:5-6** *"There was in the days of Herod, the king of Judaea, a certain priest named Zacharias, of the course of Abia: and his wife was of the daughters of Aaron, and her name was Elizabeth. And they were both righteous before God, walking in all the commandments and ordinances of the Lord blameless."* They walked in all His commandments. Another translation says, "obeying fully". This is important to the Lord.

When the Lord speaks to you to do a certain thing, obey fully. If He says to give 50 dollars in the offering, don't adjust what He said by putting 45 in. If He tells you to do a certain thing, follow fully. Do exactly what He says to do. Your reward is attached to your full obedience. Being a part of the greater things is attached to your full obedience in the smaller things (**Luke 16:10-13**).

Speaking out of your heart is a spiritual exercise that will make you more aware of the Holy Spirit. The more you exercise, the stronger your spirit becomes and the more aware of your spirit you become. This is the part of you the Holy Spirit leads you through, your own human spirit.

Zacharias, Mary, and Elizabeth were filled with the Spirit and prophesied or praised and prophesied (**Luke 1:41-55; Luke 1:67-79**). They yielded to the Holy Spirit. They were not depressed. They were happy. They can act like drunken people sometimes. On the day of Pentecost Peter said they are not drunk, as you suppose or think (**Acts 2:15**). He did not say they were not drunk. They were drunk in the Holy Ghost. Before becoming a new creation in Christ Jesus, I used to play country music and saw a lot of drunk people. They would laugh, roll around on the floor, dance and do many other things. They were not inhibited. They were bound, because it was Satan's substitute for the real thing. When you are filled with the Holy Ghost, you are not inhibited (**Ephesians 5:18-20**). You are not bound either. You may laugh, dance in the spirit, roll around on the floor and do such things but it will be a setting free. It won't draw attention to people, it will draw attention to God. God will be glorified. When the Holy Spirit moves on you don't suppress Him, yield.

One time in a meeting where I was ministering the Holy Spirit came upon me and I began to laugh. Others began to yield to the Holy Spirit and laugh too. Eventually every person was laughing. We laughed for some time. That night several people were set free from depression and things that had bound them. Each person began to share their testimony of what they had been going through and then were set free that very night. The next week one lady reported when she went home, she no longer worried about her son. She said she was so free. That is what yielding to the Holy Spirit can do.

***Faith confession:*** *I am led by the Holy Spirit. I am a child, a son of God. I am easily moved by the Holy Spirit. When He speaks to me to do something, I will fully obey Him. I am faithful in the little things; therefore, I will be faithful in the bigger things. When praise comes up in my heart, I will yield to it just like Elizabeth, Mary, Zacharias, and others did. As I do this, I will become more aware of my spirit, that is led by the Holy Spirit.*



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October 5

### ***Yieldedness III***

#### **Romans 6:13**

*“Neither yield ye your members as instruments of unrighteousness unto sin: but yield yourselves unto God, as those that are alive from the dead, and your members as instruments of righteousness unto God.”*

We have seen what kind of people God uses. He uses people who are aware of Him and people who respond to Him, people who are yielded to Him. Think about how God protected our Savior. Mary conceives and she is not even married yet. In the natural that is not good. Joseph has already decided that the marriage is off. He is trying to think of the best way to not make a public example of her. He obviously cared about her. If he didn't care about her, he would have done it a different way. The angel of the Lord comes to Joseph in the night time and tells him, Mary has conceived supernaturally go ahead and take Mary to be your wife (**Matthew 1:18-25**).

What if he had not obeyed that? What if he had awakened and said, “What is that? It must have been the food I ate last night. Who ever heard of such a thing?” What if he had not responded? Praise God Joseph did respond. He got up and married Mary (**Matthew 1:24**).

In **Matthew 2:12-14** the Lord deals with Joseph to get out of the country and go to Egypt. What if he had said, “My business is here and my family, I can't leave.” Oh, praise God he obeyed without delay. Can you see why God picked Joseph instead of somebody else? We can become as sensitive and be used just as mightily. Now they are in Egypt for years and the Lord deals with him again to go once again and he obeyed (**Matthew 2:19-23**). Joseph's obedience was a matter of life and death. Praise the Lord, Joseph always obeyed fully and completely. Today you and I enjoy eternal life because God continually protected our Master, and because Joseph fully obeyed.

Let's look at **Matthew 9:1-7** and see again the importance of yielding to the Lord and the Holy Spirit. Here is a man that had

been sick with palsy, lying on a bed. Jesus saw the man's faith and said to the man that was sick with palsy, "*Son, be of good cheer your sins be forgiven you.*" Of course, there were people present that did not like what Jesus said and this man could have been moved by what they were saying. Oh, but thank God he did not pay any attention to them. Then Jesus said to the sick man, "*Arise, take up your bed and go to your house.*" The sick man responded properly to the command of the Master, arose and departed to his house.

Our healing is attached to our yieldedness. This man could have said, "Master, I would arise and go to my house if I could, but You see that I can't. If I could have gotten up, I wouldn't even be here today." If he would have responded in that way, he would have done without his miracle. It is very important that we yield to the Master, His Spirit, to other ministers that are ministering the Word of God to us.

Jesus was led by the Holy Spirit and He spoke exactly what He heard the Father say. What if Jesus had not obeyed the Father? Can you see why it is so very important to respond properly? Yieldedness is a key to successfully living the Spirit led life. You can see all through the Bible people that were yielded and blessed!

***Faith confession:*** *I am led by the Spirit of God. I am a child, a son of God. The Holy Spirit is leading me and guiding me daily. I will know things because I step out in faith and obey. I obey without delay. I yield to the promptings of the Holy Spirit. The more I do the more aware of Him I become. I spend time praising from my heart and I do it by faith. As I do, I am becoming more sensitive to my spirit led by the Holy Spirit.*

## **THE LIFE OF THE RIGHTEOUS**

**October 6**

***Open and Willing I***

***John 7:17***

*"If any man will do his will, he shall know of the doctrine (teaching), whether it be of God, or whether I speak of myself."*

We have started looking at practical things we can do to increase our awareness of Him and our human spirit led by the Holy Spirit. These are very important to being used by God. I believe all of us desire to be used more by God.

The first thing we saw that will increase our awareness of Him is yieldedness - responding, following that inward witness. The more you follow Him the more sensitive you become. The more you ignore Him and override His leading's the duller you become. Disobedience is one of the worst things you can do to your sensitivity. It dulls you; it hardens you.

The second thing we can do to increase our awareness of Him is be open. Openness is important to being led. Being open to Him, to His leading's. Being open to Him speaking to us in any area of our lives. Willing to hear something different than what we thought we wanted to hear. Your mindset and what you have your heart set on has a lot to do with this. Many times, the Lord won't even talk to you concerning certain things, because He knows you wouldn't listen to Him. This is true with us talking to each other. There may be a time you want to talk to someone concerning a certain thing but you know they wouldn't hear you; they wouldn't receive it. Because of that you cannot talk to them. So, the Lord cannot talk to us either if we are not open to hearing it. I want to be open at all times.

Many times, it is His mercy not to talk to us about a thing because He knows we wouldn't hear it and then we are responsible for it. God is patient and longsuffering with us. He gives us time to get our heart right to where we are willing to hear it. If you are not open to hear a thing the Lord wants to speak to you concerning, then you are not open to be led in that area. We are talking about things we can do to increase our awareness of Him and successfully live the Spirit led life.

It is written in **John 7:17** *"If any man will do his will, he shall know of the doctrine (teaching), whether it be of God, or whether I speak of myself."* If you are willing to do His will, you will know if it is God or not. If there is something you do not want to hear then the devil will be right there to join you in agreement saying, yeah, we don't know if that is God or not. If you say it is not God on one thing that is Him, then the next day when He speaks to you, you'll not know whether it is God or not. You'll confuse your own spirit. If you want to be sensitive to His direction, you must receive His correction. If you refuse His correction then you dull yourself to His direction. Unwillingness and not being open in one area will affect other areas. The least little bit of unwillingness will hinder you from hearing from God. We must be open. If you are willing to do His will, then you will know. If you really want to know His will then you have to be willing to do anything He says. You have to be open.

Start saying, "I delight to do Your will oh God. I do always those things that please my Father. I will to do His will, therefore I shall know. I am open." If you will begin saying that, it will become that way. We can will to do His will. We can will to be open, even if we do not feel like it. You can be set to do something and the Lord say, "No, I don't want you to do that.", and you simply agree with Him and say, "You are right Lord, I don't want to do that." You can change that quickly!

We will look at some more things concerning being open tomorrow. Praise God, we are increasing our awareness of Him and His leading's. We are open and yielded to Him.

**Faith confession:** *I am led by the Spirit of God. I am a child, a son of God. The Holy Spirit is leading me and guiding me today and I am following. I am open. I am open to hear what He wants to speak to me, even if I think I don't want to hear it. I do delight to do my Father's will. I do always those things that please my Heavenly Father. I will to do His will, therefore I shall know for certain His will for my life. I am open and yielded. God loves me and He is helping me!*

## THE LIFE OF THE RIGHTEOUS

October 7

### *Open and Willing II*

**John 7:17**

*"If any man will do his will, he shall know of the doctrine (teaching), whether it be of God, or whether I speak of myself."*

To be led by the Spirit of God you must be open. We have seen that the Lord cannot talk to us if we are not open. We have also seen that if we are not sensitive to His correction, we will not be receptive of His direction. It is written in **1 Thessalonians 5:19** "*Quench not the Spirit.*" Quench means to extinguish, or to smother or stifle. The Living Bible says, "*Do not smother the Spirit.*" If something comes up and you are not open to it and not responding properly to it, you would be extinguishing, or smothering, or stifling the Spirit.

This is why so many are dull of hearing today. In times past, they did not want to hear what the Lord was saying to do, or to stop doing in an area. The result of that is they cannot hear clearly today and they wonder why. It is a problem if you are only aware of what you want and not aware of what He wants for you. If all you are focused on is what you want to do, and what you want to accomplish, and achieve, it will blind you to His plan for your life. It will blind you to His leading's and direction.

We must pray and have the heart of our Master in the Garden, as we see in **Matthew 26:39**, "*...O my Father, if it be possible, let this cup pass from me: nevertheless not as I will, but as thou wilt.*" It is written in **Psalms 40:7,8** "*...it is written of me, I delight to do thy will O my God: yea, thy law is within my heart.*" It is also written in **John 8:29** "*...I do always those things that please him.*" Jesus always sought to please the Father. He never got up in the morning and thought, "What do I want to do today?" He never did that. Jesus knew the secret to His fulfillment. Fulfillment is only in pleasing the Father. If you only seek your own life, you will lose it, but if you will lay down your life for Him, you will find it (**Matthew 16:25; Mark 8:35**). This is where true satisfaction is. Only He can satisfy. Doing that which He has created you to do can only truly satisfy you.

When we want something or a person and we push to have that in our lives, we become more self-centered. We become more disappointed, unfulfilled, and unsatisfied. You can fill your life with a lot of things but that does not mean you will be satisfied and fulfilled. Stay open to God.

If you are not in the perfect will of God, you are in a place where Satan can attack you. If you are not in the perfect will of God, it is difficult to claim His highest and best for your life. If you settle down into another area of ministry, or call and don't keep the communication lines open between you and God, God will let you go on and suffer the consequences of being out of His perfect will. When you are only in the permissive will of God, something won't seem right to you. As one minister put it, it's sort of like washing your feet with your socks on. The thing that hinders most people in ministry is trying to stand in the wrong office. Intruding into the wrong office or call can cost you your ministry and life (***1 Samuel 12:13; 1 Samuel 13:8-14***).

We should only want what He wants. The thing that is easy for you to do is probably not what God called you to do, because you can do it without Him. What He has called you to do will need His help to accomplish it. You will not be able to be self-dependent.

Before you can be led, you have to be open to do whatever He says do. Some people want God to tell them what He wants them to do before they will say yes to Him. You must be willing to do whatever He asks you before knowing what it is. Most people want to know what it is before they will agree to doing it, but God does not operate that way. Stay open and willing to do anything. You'll be glad you did.

***Faith confession:*** *Father I ask You to forgive me for anytime I have quenched the Spirit. Forgive me for anytime I have pushed to have what I wanted in my life. I receive Your forgiveness by faith. Now as an act of my will I choose to stay open. I choose to hear something different than what I thought I wanted to hear. To do Your will is my desire. I know that as I stay open to You, I can be led by Your Spirit. I know Satan no longer has access to my life as I yield to You and Your plan for my life. The best gift I can give to You, my Lord and Savior this day, is my life. I choose to stay yielded and open, therefore I can successfully live the Spirit led life.*

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October 8

### *Open and Willing III*

**John 7:17**

*"If any man will do his will, he shall know of the doctrine (teaching), whether it be of God, or whether I speak of myself."*

To be led by the Spirit of God you must be yielded, open and willing. This is how to successfully live the Spirit led life. Be open to the Lord's leading. Be willing to do anything He would ask you to do. If you haven't been willing, you can get willing. Just make a little adjustment. God is our creator and He knows exactly what He created you to do and be.

What if you woke up one morning and your foot decided it wanted to be the nose? How would that look and function? It wouldn't!! This is how it is with the Body of Christ. God has created each person in the Body of Christ and set them in the body as it pleased Him. It is for us to find out what part we are and be that and function as that part. The truth is you really want to be what He called you to be.

I have heard people say, "I have to find myself." No, you don't. Jesus has already found you. The place you will find you is in Him. You will find who you are, what you have, and what you can do in Him. It is all in Him. You will never find your completeness outside of Him. You are complete in Him (**Colossians 2:10**).

God never leads us and has us do something we would not enjoy doing if we were totally submitted to Him. Being totally submitted to Him is what will lead into complete pleasure. Many times, we make our own plans and miss God. Always check to see what the Lord is saying to do. We are not to say, "Today or tomorrow I will go to such and such a place and live and do this or that." We should say, "If the Lord is willing, I shall do this, or that" (**James 4:13-17**).

We are talking about being open to hear what He is saying to do and do it. It is written in **Psalms 81:10-12** "I am the Lord thy God, which brought thee out of the land of Egypt: open thy mouth wide, and I will fill it (That means be open, be receptive.) But my people

would not hearken to my voice; and Israel would none of me, So I gave them up unto their own hearts' lust: and they walked in their own counsels." It will cost you when you go your own way. When you will not listen to Him. **Proverbs 13:15** says, "... the way of transgressors is hard."

Reading on in **Psalms 81:13-16** He said, "Oh that my people had hearkened unto me, and Israel had walked in my ways! I should soon have subdued their enemies, and turned my hand against their adversaries. The haters of the Lord should have submitted themselves unto him: but their time should have endured for ever. He should have fed them also with the finest of the wheat: and with honey out of the rock should I have satisfied thee." If we will listen to Him, He will satisfy us!

The choice is yours; you have to be willing to hear something different than what you think you want, if you are going to be able to truly hear His voice and get His direction. Once you have heard His voice and received His direction, be sure you do it fully. You'll be blessed! You will be completely satisfied!

**Faith confession:** *I am yielded, open and willing. The Holy Spirit is leading me. Being totally submitted to Him is what will lead me into complete pleasure. I choose as an act of my will to submit totally to His will for my life. I am complete in Him and He is satisfying me!*



## **THE LIFE OF THE RIGHTEOUS**

**October 9**

### ***A Clear Conscience I***

#### **Acts 24:16**

*"And herein do I exercise myself, to have always a conscience void of offence toward God, and toward men."*

The Spirit of God can lead sons of God today just as He did the Lord Jesus Christ and other Christians that we read about in the Bible. The Holy Spirit can let us know about things. We should be led in all the affairs of life.

We have seen that being yielded, open and willing are two important keys to being more sensitive to the Spirits leading. Openness – we have to be willing to hear something different than what we think we want to hear. We have to be willing to hear anything from the Lord. We have to be willing to do anything He would direct us to do. To go, or to stay. You have to be open. If you are not open to the Lord, many times He will not even speak to you about it. He knows if you will hear what He has to say or not. I want to be one that is open and willing to do anything He would say to do.

To be sensitive to the Spirit and to become more aware, to increase your sensitivity to the Lord's leading's, you must have a clear conscience. A clear conscience is vital to hearing accurately from the Spirit of God. There are thirty references to the conscience in the New Testament. We will look at a few of those scriptures.

What is conscience? The Greek for this word "conscience" is, "This God-given capacity to know right from wrong." Conscience is the voice of the human spirit. Reasoning is the voice of the intellect and feelings are the voice of the body. We are to be Spirit led, not reasoning led nor feeling led or led by any of our five physical senses. When we say "voice" it doesn't just mean something we hear. Voice has to do with expression. The expression of your body is feelings. The expression of your mind is reasoning. The expression of your spirit or the voice of your spirit is the conscience.

Do you have a conscience? Yes, you do. Are you aware of your conscience? You should be. All of us can be more or less aware of

our conscience. How we live affects our conscience. You can have a good conscience or a bad, dull conscience. To be led by the Spirit you must have a clear conscience. It is written in **Acts 23:1**, "*And Paul, earnestly beholding the council, said, Men and brethren, I have lived in all GOOD CONSCIENCE before God until this day.*" Just as Paul lived this way, we too can live this way. Live in a good conscience. Keeping your conscience clear is a vital key to being aware and sensitive to the Spirits leading. Keep peace between you and God, and you and men. Go to people and make things right. If you want to hear from God you've got to do this.

It is written in **Acts 24:16**, "*And herein do I exercise myself, to have always a conscience void of offence toward God, and toward men.*" To be sensitive to the Spirits leading we must have a conscience void of offence toward God and men. This is the right thing to do and important if you want to hear from God. In **II Timothy 1:3** it is written, "*I thank God, whom I serve from my forefathers with pure (clean, innocent) conscience, that without ceasing I have remembrance of thee in my prayers night and day;*"

It is written in **Hebrews 13:18-19** "*Pray for us: for we trust we have a GOOD CONSCIENCE, in all things willing to live honestly. But I beseech you the rather to do this, that I may be restored to you the sooner.*" Living honestly is important to having a clear conscience, enabling you to hear from the Holy Spirit with accuracy.

Tomorrow we will begin to look at why people do not have a clear conscience. Things we can do to avoid dulling our sensitivity to the Spirits leading.

**Faith confession:** *I am yielded and open and the Holy Spirit is leading me. I live in all good conscience before God. I always strive to have a conscience without offence toward God and men. I have a good conscience in all things willing to live honestly. I keep peace between myself and God, and between myself and men. I go to people and make things right because I want to hear from God. I serve God with a pure conscience.*

## **THE LIFE OF THE RIGHTEOUS**

**October 10**

### ***A Clear Conscience II***

#### **Acts 24:16**

*"And herein do I exercise myself, to have always a conscience void of offence toward God, and toward men."*

Today we will talk about why people do not have a clear conscience. When you are born-again you are born a spiritual baby. Just as a natural baby when it is born is clean and has a clean heart, so the same is true of a spiritual baby. A spiritual baby is pure before the Lord.

Little children are alive unto God and aware of things in the natural before they reach the age of accountability, the age to know the difference between good and evil. When a child (natural and spiritual) reaches the age of accountability it is important what they do in the days following.

A pastor had gotten on a plane to fly to a place he was going to minister at. The man's wife was waiting in the car for the plane to take off when suddenly their little boy that was asleep in the back seat jumped up and said, "Momma, Momma, is daddy in that plane? Doesn't he know it is going to crash into that hill?" The plane did crash into the hill and that minister died.

How did the little boy know but his parents didn't? This is the reason. Even though you are born-again, born alert, aware, and sensitive to the Holy Spirit, what you do in the days, weeks, months, and years following will determine whether you have a clear conscience or a cloudy, dull conscience. I am sure the Holy Spirit was speaking to both the man and his wife, but they were not able to hear as the little boy was.

When we ignore the Lord dealing with us, our conscience bothering us, we dull ourselves. For example, you may go to do something and, on the inside, you get this check, I shouldn't do that. But you go ahead and do it. When you overrode the check you just dulled yourself. If we do it long enough, we just get duller and duller until we cannot hear from Him. We just become aware of natural things.

Well praise God, that isn't us. And if we did override the Lord dealing with us, we can become sensitive again.

When you look to the Lord to get His leading and guiding, where do you look? You are to look inside. We are led internally because that is where the Spirit of God lives. The Spirit of God bears witness with our spirit (**Romans 8:16**). He does not bear witness with our mind, or emotions, or our feelings. The Holy Spirit who lives in us knows what is the right way to go. He knows what we should do, and we are going to get that direction from inside.

Your spirit can either be clear or cluttered depending on what you did in the days gone by. For example, if the Lord told you to do something back in 1999 and you did not do it, your spirit begins to get cluttered. Just like a closet can get cluttered. How does that happen? You know you should put things away properly but you think, oh I'll get to that tomorrow. Tomorrow comes and goes and you didn't do it. So, it becomes easy to do the same in the following days. The same thing can happen to your spirit. When something is cluttered, is it easy to find things? No! So many times, that is the way Christians are. They know the direction and guidance is in there on the inside, but they just are not able to grasp hold of it.

Is that a serious thing? Absolutely. There are people not with us today because they overrode the dealings of the Lord. How can we avoid that? Be quick to do what the Lord deals with you to do. Don't procrastinate. You cannot just wait until something major comes up and expect to be led. You have to be sensitive day in and day out. If you want to be sensitive on the big things, you have to be obedient on the little things. If you want to receive His direction you must be willing to receive His correction. Clutter on the outside is usually an indication there is clutter on the inside. Clutter is a big deal. If you will get a hold of this and do it, it will change your life. You will stop missing it on things. You'll start getting it right, being at the right place at the right time, doing the right things.

***Faith confession:*** *I am spirit led. I am led internally. The Spirit of God bears witness with my spirit. I am yielded. I am open to the dealings of the Lord. I quickly obey. If something bothers me, I deal with it quickly. I keep a clear conscience day in and day out. I fully obey. I can receive correction; therefore, I can receive direction. I serve God with a clear conscience and I am blessed.*

## **THE LIFE OF THE RIGHTEOUS**

**October 11**

### ***A Clear Conscience III***

**Acts 24:16**

*"And herein do I exercise myself, to have always a conscience void of offence toward God, and toward men."*

We are talking about having a clear conscience. This is important to hearing from the Holy Spirit with accuracy. We can be just as led as Jesus was led and just as led as the people we read about in the Bible. They are our examples!

We saw yesterday the importance of keeping clutter out of our lives. What if everything in your own life has its right place? Could we find things easily? We sure could. We have the life and nature of God on the inside of us. Our God is not a messy sloppy God and we do not have to be messy or sloppy either!

When we look into the heavens, we see that God has given everything a place. He has set things in order! When God created man, He put things in order. Aren't you thankful that God did not make us a mess? I am!!! Now it is time for us to set things in order in our own lives, beginning with keeping God first place in our lives. We've all let things go but now it is time to straighten things up. Teach your children. Train them up in the way they should go and when they are old, they will not depart from it (**Proverbs 22:6**). Just as it is not okay for us to have clutter, it is not okay for our children to have clutter. Parents, you are training your children for defeat if you allow that in their lives. Moms and dads, you are not your children's personal maid! Parents, you are not just teaching them to be good house cleaners, you are teaching them and training them to be Spirit led.

Why wait? Everything we put off hinders our ability to hear from the Holy Spirit, hinders us from being sensitive to His leadings. Every spiritual thing and every natural thing that we keep putting off clutters and clouds our hearing. We do not want this if we desire to be more sensitive to His leading.

Was it important to Paul to keep a clear conscience? Absolutely. He knew he needed to hear from God. We too need to hear from God

about our lives, our families, and about the things God has for us. When something comes up, we do not have to wonder, is that God or not? We can know! We cannot change the past, but we can change the future. You can clean out your closet this week! This is all connected to us hearing and following the leading of the Holy Spirit. Praise the Lord, the truth will make us free.

It is important not to trust anyone or anything more than what you get on the inside. Do not let anyone talk you out of what you are getting on the inside. Others might be sincere and not trying to lie to you, but they can be wrong. You have the Holy Spirit; you can trust Him. Understand that if you are accustomed to ignoring those little things at home then you are probably going to ignore the little things at other times. That is the way you live. It is all about the heart. However, if you are accustomed to obeying in the little things at home, you will obey in the little things at other times. For example, if you laid something down on your desk and you had a check on the inside to go ahead and put it where it belongs and you obey, then you will do the same at other times. This needs to be our lifestyle.

We are talking about having a clear conscience. These are all things that will determine how clear you can hear from the Lord. This is all about training yourself to keep your spirit clear. When it comes up in you, do it! If you said something and you realize that you said something a bit harsh, I shouldn't have spoken to them like that. Then you think, ah, that's okay they know me. They know I didn't mean it that way. You just overrode the prompting of the Holy Spirit. Be quick to follow through with what you are getting on the inside.

Keeping a clear conscience is so important. This is how we are to live day in and day out. It can be a matter of life and death. If you make a mistake, repent and get it straight right away. This will help you to keep your spirit clear and sensitive to the Holy Spirit. You can live with a clear conscience.

***Faith confession:*** *I am a hearer of the Word of God and a doer and I am blessed. I follow what I get on the inside. I keep a clear conscience. As I obey the little things at home, I will also obey the little things at other times. I train my children up in the way they should go and when they are old, they will not depart from it. I teach them with my words and train them with my lifestyle.*

## **THE LIFE OF THE RIGHTEOUS**

**October 12**

### ***A Clear Conscience IV- Be Ready!***

#### **Matthew 25:10**

*"And while they went to buy, the bridegroom came; and they that were ready went in with him to the marriage: and the door was shut."*

We have been looking at some things that will help us to be more sensitive to the leading of the Holy Spirit. We have seen the importance of being yielded and open and keeping a clear conscience. Today we will look at one more thing concerning keeping a clear conscience, and that is being ready.

God uses people that are ready. In **Matthew 25:1-13** is the story of the ten virgins. Five were ready and five were not ready. Some people might think that God was not fair, but God is more than fair with people. You can be assured that God spoke to all ten virgins concerning His coming. God is always speaking but people have dulled themselves by overriding His promptings.

Why did the five wise virgins take oil? It takes a little extra time to go and put oil in the lamp and to bring some extra along. Why did they do that? They must have had a prompting to prepare to stay longer. You'd better take more than one lamps worth of oil. So, they prepared. Do you think the five foolish had the same prompting? I am sure they did. They just overrode that prompting. They just ignored that thought that came to them and they suffered because of ignoring it. The five wise ones did not ignore that prompting. They acted upon it. The ready ones went in and the door was shut. Being READY is important!

Having things clean and organized is a part of being ready. We need to be sharp in every area, then we will always be ready. It will help us spiritually. You can choose to receive the love of that truth or you can reject it. I believe I will receive it! God uses ready people.

It is written in **Revelation 19:7**, *"Let us be glad and rejoice, and give honour to him: for the marriage of the Lamb is come, and his wife hath made herself ready."* She has made herself ready! Are

you ready to meet the Lord? If you don't know for sure, now is the time to get things in order. Jesus did come and we all believe He is coming again. Being almost ready is not good enough. The five foolish virgins were almost ready but that did them no good to be almost ready. If you are getting ready then you are not ready.

Being ready in our everyday lives is a big part of us being ready spiritually. Whatever you do on a daily basis is what you will do in your walk with God. It is important not to make people wait on you. What do I mean by that? Being late to things. You are to be at a place at a certain time and you show up 15 minutes late. What you are telling people is that you are more important than they are. Your time is more important than theirs. You may not mean to do that, but that is what's happening. This is part of being ready. One of the main reasons people are not ready is because of doing things that they don't need to do at that time. If you need to be some place by a certain time, it is not time to start cleaning your house or doing something else. Be prepared! Why do I say that? Because it could cost you your life.

If you are always in a rush to get some place then it will dull your sensitivity to the Holy Spirit's leading. Why do I say that? Because your mind is on "Oh I'm late I have to hurry and get there." You drive faster trying to make up for a loss of time and put yourself and others in danger. Be spirit led. He will never lead you to be in a rush or to be late. He sees and knows everything and can have us ready and in the right place at the right time. Be ready to do whatever the Lord leads. We have all missed it in this area but it is time to come up and be ready especially in these days.

Remember the parable found in **Luke 14:16-24**? The Master prepared a dinner and invited different ones to come and each person had an excuse why they couldn't come. Did it make the Lord angry? Yes, it did. He said they were unworthy. They were not ready. The Lord uses people that are ready to obey. Ready to serve, ready to give, ready to do His will. Let's be people that are ready so we can be used of Him for great and mighty things!

***Faith confession:*** *I keep a clear conscience. I keep things clean and organized because I know the Holy Spirit is leading me in that way. As I do this, I will be ready spiritually. I am ready. I am ready to respond to Him. Ready to obey the Spirit's promptings. Ready to serve, ready to give, ready to do His will and I am blessed!*



## THE LIFE OF THE RIGHTEOUS

October 13

### Peace I

#### **Colossians 3:15**

*"And let the peace of God rule in your hearts, to the which also ye are called in one body; and be ye thankful."*

To be Holy Spirit conscience we have to be aware of our own spirit. Since He does lead us by our spirit, we need to see how we can make our spirit more sensitive to the Holy Spirit's leading and guiding. If we can follow the Holy Spirit, He will lead us out of every problem into total victory. He will lead you out of debt into more than enough. He will lead you out of sickness into divine health. He will lead you out of marriage problems into heaven on earth in your marriage. He will lead you out of defeat into victory in every area of your life. If you would like that, then do these things we are talking about. They should be of great interest to you.

Peace is another thing that will help us to follow the Holy Spirit and be more sensitive to His leading's. Following peace is of utmost importance! The Lord will never lead you through fear. The Holy Spirit is the comforter (**John 14:26**). There is no comfort in fear, in being afraid of something happening or not happening. He is the Spirit of peace (**John 14:27**). He is the Spirit of adoption and He always makes you feel like you belong and are at home (**Romans 8:15-16**). That is the way our churches are supposed to be.

We have seen three important things that will make our spirit more sensitive to the Holy Spirit's leading and guiding.

1. Yielding – It is important to respond to the Holy Spirit when He prompts you to do something.
2. Openness – You must be open to hearing something different than what you planned or wanted. You might be ready to spend your money one way and the Lord say, No, I want you to do this. Be open and yielded.
3. Clear conscience – A cluttered heart with a lot of undone things will dull and bring confusion in. When the Lord deals with you to do something, do it.
4. Peace – The Holy Spirit has never made a mistake and He lives on the inside of us. He will never lead us to make a

bad investment, or to marry the wrong person, or to go someplace that would take you away from God.

It is written in **Colossians 3:14-15** *"And above all these things put on charity (agape love), which is the bond of perfectness. And let the peace of God rule in your hearts, to the which also ye are called in one body; and be ye thankful."*

**Amplified Classic Bible** of **verse 15** says it this way, *"And let the peace (soul harmony which comes) from Christ rule (act as umpire continually) in your hearts [deciding and settling with all finality] all questions that arise in your minds..."* We see that we are instructed to follow peace! Questions come up in your mind what do you follow? Peace. When you think about doing something, check in your heart. Do you have peace? When you think about not doing something, check and see if you have peace. That peace you are following is the Spirit of peace, a manifestation of God. Let peace settle the issue.

**Faith confession:** *I am yielded, open, and keep a clear conscience. I let peace be the umpire of my heart. The Lord is leading me out of debt into plenty. He is leading me out of sickness into health. He is leading me out of problems and defeat into victory. I am a doer of the Word of God and I am blessed! I believe the Word of the prophet. I will listen to the Lord and His Spirit and I will be used mightily in this outpouring!*

## THE LIFE OF THE RIGHTEOUS

October 14

### *Peace II*

#### **Colossians 3:15**

*"And let the peace of God rule in your hearts, to the which also ye are called in one body; and be ye thankful."*

We have seen that God leads us by our spirit, our inner man, and so we have been looking at ways we can make our spirit more sensitive to His leading and guiding. It is really more up to us than the Lord. He never changes. He is always there and endeavoring to lead us. Depending on how dull we are or how sensitive we are will determine how easily we are led.

We have seen from the Word of God that we are to follow peace (**Colossians 3:15-16**). We are to let peace settle the questions in our minds, the peace of the Anointed One. This is one of the most wonderful things about being a Christian. We can have peace in the midst of every trial and storm. That is one thing the world cannot give you (**John 14:27**). Sin cannot bring you peace, nor can the devil give you peace because he does not have any. You cannot get peace from a bottle or a pill. You cannot get peace through buying things or having things. This peace only comes from God and God alone!

Jesus said in **John 16:33**, *"These things have I spoken unto you, that in me ye might have peace. In the world ye shall have tribulation: but be of good cheer; I have overcome the world."* This peace is the same peace Jesus walked in when He lived here on earth. This is the very same peace He has given us. Nothing shook Jesus. He was always at peace even when they came to take Him to crucify Him. This is the peace we are to follow and can follow. The wisdom of God is in the peace of God. The direction of God is in the peace of God. Peace is your clarity of vision.

We are to walk in this peace all day and all night, no matter where we are or what we are going through. **Romans 3:17** speaks of the "way of peace". The way of the Spirit is the way of peace. The way of the flesh is the way of frustration. When you follow the flesh, it will frustrate you. When you go a wrong way, it will frustrate you. It bothers your spirit when you go a wrong way. You have this

sensing that something just isn't right. When something is bothering you in your spirit, stop! If it hurts you stop! We are not to live any part of our lives frustrated!

Get out of frustration and follow peace! Remember **Colossians 3:15** instructs us to follow peace, not frustration. It is written in **Romans 8:5-6**, "*For they that are after the flesh do mind the things of the flesh; but they that are after the Spirit the things of the Spirit. For to be carnally (fleshly) minded is death; but to be spiritually minded is life and peace.*" As you can see from this scripture, it is of utmost importance to follow peace! Living a life in constant frustration will lead to death. Living a life being spiritually minded will lead to life and peace! It is our choice. Choose life by keeping your mind stayed upon Him (**Isaiah 26:3-4**).

***Faith confession:*** *I am Spirit led. I am yielded and open. I keep a clear conscience toward God and man. I follow peace. I let the peace of Christ rule in my heart deciding and settling all questions that arise in my mind. Jesus gave me His peace; therefore, I can walk the earth in just as much peace as Jesus did. I can have peace in the midst of every trial and storm. I am spiritually minded. I keep my mind stayed upon Him and I enjoy life and peace!*

## THE LIFE OF THE RIGHTEOUS

October 15

### *Peace III*

#### **Colossians 3:15**

*"And let the peace of God rule in your hearts, to the which also ye are called in one body; and be ye thankful."*

Peace is important to being led. You choose what to follow. You can follow frustration or you can follow peace. To follow peace is to follow Christ. He is the Prince of Peace (**Isaiah 9:6**). Keep your mind stayed upon Him (**Isaiah 26:3**) Put this into practice today. If you are frustrated and anxious, know you have been thinking on the wrong thing. Do not meditate upon what you do not know, what you cannot do, and what you do not have. Think about, talk about, and be thankful for what you do know, what you can do, and what you have. Thankfulness is a key to being more sensitive to the Holy Spirit. It is a key to getting more light. When you are thanking God, you have your mind stayed upon Him, you are being spiritually minded. This is how you get into life and He keeps you in perfect peace and rest.

We are instructed in **II Timothy 2:22** to "*Flee also youthful lusts: but follow righteousness, faith, charity (Greek agape=love), peace, with them that call on the Lord out of a pure heart.*" According to **Hebrews 12:14** we are to "*Follow peace with all men, and holiness (being like Christ), without which no man shall see (perceive) the Lord.*" Again, in **I Peter 3:11** we are instructed to "*...eschew evil, and do good; let him seek peace, and ensue (pursue) it.*" It is written in **James 3:17**, "*But the wisdom that is from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, and easy to be entreated, full of mercy and good fruits, without partiality, and without hypocrisy.*"

The Holy Spirit will always lead you forth in peace (**Isaiah 55:12**). He lives on the inside of every believer. This is important. When you get something from God, it will minister such peace. It comforts you. Until you get that do not move forward. Do not make a decision until you get this peace on the inside of you. When you are getting ready to purchase something, check your heart, do you have peace about it? If you do then you can move forward. Always be sure to check in your heart.

When you are in peace, you are walking in the spirit. Peace is one of the fruits of your recreated spirit (**Galatians 5:22**). In Him is peace! When you obey His Word, you are following peace. He is the Prince of Peace (**Isaiah 9:6**)!

When you are seeking direction from the Lord always stay in peace. If you get out of peace you are not on God's channel and you will not be able to find His direction. He is always speaking, but if you are tuned into fear you will not hear His direction. If you are tuned into frustration and complaining you will not hear His direction. Tune into peace, this is the only place you will be able to hear His direction.

**Faith confession:** *I am Spirit led. I am yielded and open. I keep a clear conscience. I have always a conscience void of offence toward God, and toward men. I follow righteousness, faith, love, and peace with them that call upon the Lord out of a pure heart. I eschew evil, and do good. I seek peace and pursue it. As I seek the Lord for direction, I will stay tuned to the peace channel where God is speaking from. I will not move forward until I have peace in my heart.*

## THE LIFE OF THE RIGHTEOUS

October 16

**Patience I**

**James 1:4**

*"But let patience have her perfect work, that ye may be perfect and entire, wanting nothing."*

God lets us know that we are His children, His sons. O what a blessing to be a child of the living God and to know that God will speak to us and give us direction for our lives. If He will let us know we are His children, He will also let us know other things about our lives. He will let us know what job to take or not to take. He will let us know what partnership to be in. Who to marry. He will let us know whether to go now or to wait. He loves us and He is always speaking. As we have seen, we must be on the channel of peace to hear from Him.

We have been looking at keys to successfully live the Spirit led life. Yieldedness, openness, keeping a clear conscience, and peace are some important keys. Another important key to being sensitive to the leading and guiding of the Holy Spirit is patience. God is not in confusion and frustration (**I Corinthians 14:33**). He is not in a hurry. We must not make any decisions out of frustration. Peace and patience work together. Patience is defined as cheerful, hopeful endurance. A remaining under, meaning you stay in place without moving. You do not change, you stay. You endure and you do it cheerfully. It is written in **James 1:2-4**, *"My brethren, count it all joy when ye fall into divers temptations, Knowing this, that the trying of your faith worketh patience. But let patience have her perfect work, that ye may be perfect and entire, wanting nothing."*

We can count it all joy because of Who is on the inside of us. You may feel like crying but you can choose to rejoice instead. We can look through our tears and still shout the joy. You can put joy on when you don't feel like it. It is written in **Ephesians 4:22-24** *"That ye put off concerning the former conversation the old man, which is corrupt according to the deceitful lusts; And be renewed in the spirit of your mind. And that you put on the new man, which after God is created in righteousness and true holiness."* There are things we are to put off and things we are to put on. We must put on joy when we do not feel like it. We have all had times that we

did not feel like being joyful, but praise God we are changing from glory to glory. Being like Christ. You can count it all joy. Why? Because you know something. You know that the trying of your faith works patience. But you must let patience have her perfect work! The result of that is you will be perfect and complete wanting, lacking nothing.

Patience is a fruit of our recreated spirit and it is a key to being aware of the Holy Spirit. In **Jeremiah 42:2-7** the leaders of the people came to the prophet Jeremiah and asked him to seek the Lord for them for direction. They were in a national crisis. Today we do not have to go to someone else to seek direction. We have the Holy Spirit living on the inside of us. They did not, so they went to the prophet for direction. They made a commitment to the Lord and said, "Whatever the Lord says, we will do." Jeremiah sought the Lord as they had requested. It is written in **Jeremiah 42:7**, "And it came to pass after ten days, that the Word of the Lord came unto Jeremiah." The Word did not come at the end of the first day or the fifth day. It came after ten days. Could the leaders move yet? No. They did not have direction yet. So, they have to wait. Not just passive waiting to see if they are going to get any direction. No, it was an expectant waiting. Believing that they would hear from God.

Can you see the importance of patience at this time? They could not do anything yet because God had not given direction yet. Don't get in a hurry and don't move under pressure. You'll miss it if you do that. Wait patiently, and expectantly. God will speak. It may be ten days later. It may be a month. It's okay. Trust God! He knows what He is doing. Be sure you stay on God's channel. Stay yielded, open, keep a clear conscience, stay in peace and be patient. As you do these things, you will hear!

**Faith confession:** *I am a child, a son of God. Just as God has let me know I am His child He can also give me direction for my life. I trust Him. I know He loves me and leads me and guides me. I wait patiently and joyfully upon Him. He will cause me to know His will for my life. I am a hearer and a doer of the Word of God and I am blessed!*



## THE LIFE OF THE RIGHTEOUS

October 17

### **Patience II**

#### **Romans 15:5**

*"Now the God of patience and consolation grant you to be likeminded one toward another according to Christ Jesus."*

Patience is a key to being aware of your spirit and more sensitive to the Holy Spirit. It is written in **Romans 15:4-6**, *"For whatsoever things were written aforetime were written for our learning, that we through patience and comfort of the scriptures might have hope. Now the God of patience and consolation grant you to be likeminded one toward another according to Christ Jesus: That ye may with one mind and one mouth glorify God, even the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ."* Praise the Lord, we through patience and comfort of the scriptures might have hope! Let's look at what Paul by the inspiration of the Holy Spirit was talking about.

Romans is a letter written to the church of which we are a part of today. These letters were not originally written in chapter and verse. They have been separated into chapter and verse for ease in finding things. Let's back up to **Romans 14:13-23** and see more specifically what Paul was instructing the church in. *"Let us not therefore judge one another any more: but judge this rather, that no man put a stumblingblock or an occasion to fall in his brother's way. I know, and am persuaded by the Lord Jesus, that there is nothing unclean of itself: but to him that esteems any thing to be unclean, to him it is unclean. But if thy brother be grieved with thy meat, now walkest thou not charitably (love). Destroy not him with thy meat, for whom Christ died. Let not then your good be evil spoken of. For the Kingdom of God is not meat and drink; but righteousness, and peace, and joy in the Holy Ghost. For he that in these things serveth Christ is acceptable to God, and approved of men. Let us therefore follow after the things which make for peace (Peace is a key to being more sensitive to the leading and guiding of the Holy Spirit.), and things wherewith one may edify another. For meat destroy not the work of God. All things indeed are pure; but it is evil for that man who eats with offence. It is good neither to eat flesh, nor to drink wine, nor any thing whereby thy brother stumbleth, or is offended, or is made weak. Hast thou faith? have it to thyself before God. Happy is he that condemneth not himself*

*in that thing which he alloweth. And he that doubteth is damned if he eat, because he eateth not of faith: for whatsoever is not of faith is sin."* **Romans 15:1-3** goes on to say, "We then that are strong ought to bear the infirmities of the weak, and not to please ourselves. Let every one of us please his neighbor for his good to edification. For even Christ pleased not himself; but, as it is written, The reproaches of them that reproached thee fell on me." (See **I Corinthians 8:4-13**.)

Let me share an example of what Paul is saying here. This is a true story. There was a woman who had been an alcoholic and God had delivered her. She had been free for several years. She went to a conference where the Word of God was being shared. After the meeting several of the ministers in that meeting went to have lunch in a nearby restaurant. Some of them ordered a glass of wine to drink. This woman was sitting near them and she saw that they were drinking wine so she decided it was okay to drink wine. She ordered a glass of wine and drank it. This woman ended up becoming an alcoholic again and never was able to get free from that day forward even though she was a Christian. This woman was destroyed because of what others believed was okay to drink. Paul is saying by the inspiration of the Holy Spirit, "*It is good neither to eat flesh, nor to drink wine, nor any thing whereby thy brother (or sister) stumbleth or is offended, or is made weak.*"

These ministers did not know this woman followed them in what they were doing. None of us knows who is sitting by that could be destroyed because of what we are doing. Let's be a doer of the Word of God and not be a stumblingblock in anybody's life. We have already seen that keeping a clear conscience is important to being sensitive to the Holy Spirit's leading. Paul said in **Acts 24:16**, "*And herein do I exercise myself, to have always a conscience void of offence toward God, and toward men.*" Let's be like Christ and not please ourselves (**Romans 15:1-3**).

**Faith confession:** *I am led by the Holy Spirit. He will never lead me to cause someone to fall back into sin. I exercise myself to have always a conscience void of offence toward God, and toward men. I follow after the things which make for peace, and things wherewith one may edify another. I follow those things which were written aforetime for our learning, that I through patience and comfort of the scriptures might have hope. I am a hearer and a doer of the Word of God and I am blessed!*

## THE LIFE OF THE RIGHTEOUS

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### **Patience III**

#### **Psalm 37:7**

*"Rest in the Lord, and wait patiently for him: fret not thyself because of him who prospereth in his way, because of the man who bringeth wicked devices to pass."*

We have seen that patience is a key to being aware of your spirit and more sensitive to the Holy Spirit. When you are looking for direction you must remain patient. The leaders that had gone to Jeremiah had ask him to pray to the Lord for them that they might know what to do. They committed to do whatever the Lord spoke to them. Their answer did not come until ten days later (**Jeremiah 42:2-7**). We are never to be moved by pressure.

Sometimes people get into a situation that they have to give an answer to somebody in five days. What if you have not heard from the Lord in five days? Then what? Don't do anything. Wait until you hear from Him. Do not let sales people put pressure on you. If you don't have the witness on the inside yet don't do anything. You will miss it if you do. If you did not have the direction by the fifth day then let the sales people do whatever they want to do. God has something better for you.

It is written in **Psalm 25:1-5**, *"Unto thee, O Lord, do I lift up my soul. O my God, I trust in thee: let me not be ashamed, let not mine enemies triumph over me. Yea, let none that wait on thee be ashamed: let them be ashamed which transgress without cause. Shew me thy ways, O Lord; teach me thy paths. Lead me in thy truth, and teach me: for thou art the God of my salvation; on thee do I wait all the day."* If you wait on the Lord, you'll not be disappointed. You cannot get tired of waiting. If you get tired, you'll end up looking for a way to get that which you desire. If you've asked Him for direction or for a particular thing, it is like waiting for an e-mail from someone. You can't just make that happen, but you are confident it is coming. You are waiting for that witness to come up in your spirit. Understand this, this does not mean that you are in your bedroom on your knees for ten days. You can wait on the Lord in your heart as you go through your daily duties.

Be willing to stand in faith until you get it. Remember God is never in a hurry so you do not have to be in a hurry. While you are waiting do it with joy. Do it with confident expectation. It is written in **Psalm 37:7** *"Rest in the Lord, and wait PATIENTLY for him: fret not thyself because of him who prospereth in his way, because of the man who bringeth wicked devices to pass."* Patience and peace. If you are resting you are in peace. The people that get the blessings are those who through faith and patience endure week after week, month after month and year after year if need be. The devil pours the pressure on when you are the closest to that break through, to that direction, to that financial break through. He pressures you to quit short of receiving your answer. We need to be patient like God is patient. God says something and sure enough thousands of years later it comes to pass. I am not saying you will have to wait that long, but be willing to stand until you have what you are believing for.

**Psalm 37:23, 37** says, *"The steps of a good man are ordered by the Lord: and he delighteth in his way."* *"Mark the perfect man, and behold the upright: for the end of that man is peace."*

You have to believe that God loves you and that He hears and answers your prayers. You have to believe that He will give you the wisdom you need for each situation you encounter. When His direction comes, it will satisfy you. It will satisfy you in your heart, not in your flesh, or mind, but in your heart, where the Holy Spirit lives! When you get His direction follow it fully and completely!

**Faith confession:** *I am a child of God. I am led by the Spirit of God. I wait on the Lord every day and every night; I wait on Him. I look to Him. My eyes are on Him to show me what to do. I don't go my own way; I don't yield to pressure and make rushed decisions. I wait on the Lord. I hear from Him and He leads me and orders my steps and guides me in the right way every day.*

## THE LIFE OF THE RIGHTEOUS

October 19

### Holiness I

#### Hebrews 12:14

*"Follow peace with all men, and holiness, without which no man shall see the Lord."*

We have seen five things we can do to be more aware of our spirit and more sensitive to the leading of the Holy Spirit. We must be yielded, open, keep a clear conscience, follow peace, and be patient. If you want God's best you must be patient, willing to wait on it. Follow the Holy Spirit very closely. Don't get out ahead of Him. Somethings you think you have to do now and really you aren't supposed to do them for years later. Timing is important. If you will wait, He will give you direction on it and it will be great.

The next thing that will make us more sensitive to the leading of the Holy Spirit is holiness. Let's look at some verses that speak of direction. **Hebrews 12:12-14** says, *"Wherefore lift up the hands which hang down, and the feeble knees; And make straight paths for your feet, lest that which is lame be turned out of the way; but let it rather be healed. Follow peace with all men, and holiness, without which no man shall see the Lord:"* Remember that the Holy Spirit is the Spirit of Peace. If you follow or pursue peace you will be following God. We are to follow peace and we are also to follow holiness. Without holiness no man shall see the Lord.

It is written in **Matthew 5:8**, *"Blessed are the pure (pure means clean) in heart: for they shall see God."* These verses do not say without which no man shall go to heaven. It does not say that. You will see the Lord when you go to heaven but this covers more than heaven. The pure in heart will see God. He is not just talking about a physical seeing. You don't focus on the physical. He is talking about perceiving. The Greek word for see in this verse is perceive. Remember we walk by faith and not by sight (**II Corinthians 5:7**). We do not look at the things which are seen, but at the things which are not seen (**II Corinthians 4:18**). One of the biggest things about knowing the leading of God is knowing that it is the direction of God and perceiving it is God. We need to get to the place that we can perceive that something is God, and holiness will get us to that place.

Without holiness we will not see or perceive the Lord. We must understand that we do not make ourselves holy. We have been sanctified and made holy by the blood of the Lamb. We cannot do enough good works to make us righteous enough to stand before God clean and pure and holy. His blood and our faith in the blood has made us holy. It has nothing to do with our works. He made us accepted in the Beloved (**Ephesians 1:6**). Because of what Jesus has done for us we are accepted now, we are righteous now, and we are holy now. When we repent and turn away from sin, the blood of Jesus cleanses us from all unrighteousness and makes that which was unclean and unholy, pure and holy. Jesus has made us worthy to look on His face.

So, we have been made holy and we are also to walk in holiness. The word holy means pure, it means clean, it means separated or sanctified, which means separated for God's exclusive use. We are still talking about being led by the Holy Spirit. Notice the Spirit is called the HOLY Spirit. If you follow the Holy Spirit you will follow holiness! You will follow pure and clean.

Whatever spirit a person follows they will take on the characteristics of that spirit. In **Mark 5:1-16** is the story about a man with unclean spirits. He was dwelling among the tombs and he would cut himself. Jesus set the man free from those unclean spirits and the man was found clothed and in his right mind.

I was riding a bus in Tallinn one evening coming home from a prayer meeting. I happened to look across the aisle from where I was sitting and saw a young teenage boy sitting cutting his arms with a knife. I spoke to him and he got up and came and sat down in front of me. I knew he was yielding to an evil spirit so I asked him if I could pray for him and he agreed. I prayed and took authority over the evil unclean spirit in Jesus name. Just as I finished praying the bus stopped and it was the young man's stop so I did not get to speak to him any further, but I trust the Lord to finish what He started. I believe to see him in heaven.

***Faith confession:*** *I am a child of God. I am led by the Spirit of God. I follow peace with all men and holiness therefore I shall see or perceive the Lord. I am sanctified. I am righteous and clean. I am holy and I walk in holiness. He has made me accepted in the Beloved! I am blessed!*

## THE LIFE OF THE RIGHTEOUS

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### **Holiness II**

#### **Hebrews 12:14**

*"Follow peace with all men, and holiness, without which no man shall see the Lord."*

We are talking about how to successfully live the Spirit led life. We have seen some very important things that can make us more sensitive to His leading's and guiding. We have seen that holiness is very important to being spirit led. We need to get to the place where we can perceive that something is God, and holiness is what will get us to that place. According to **Hebrews 12:14** we are to *"Follow peace with all men, and holiness, without which no man shall see (or perceive) the Lord."*

We are to follow peace and holiness. If you are following the Holy Spirit you will be following both. The Spirit of God is called the HOLY Spirit. The Word of God is called the HOLY scriptures. God's angels are called HOLY angels. Jesus is called the HOLY child. The HOLY One. God is HOLY! The winged creatures in Heaven are crying HOLY, HOLY, HOLY is the Lord God Almighty. What does that mean? It means pure, clean, undefiled, HOLY, separate from sin and defilement. That is what the winged creatures are crying. Without holiness we will not see or perceive the Lord. Without holiness we will not be able to perceive if something is God or the enemy, or just man. The Holy Spirit leads in holiness. He leads in holy ways and on holy paths.

It is written in **I Peter 1:14-16**, *"As obedient children, not fashioning yourselves according to the former lusts in your ignorance: But as he which hath called you is holy, so be ye holy in all manner of conversation; Because it is written, Be ye holy; for I am holy."* Can we live a holy life? If He said to be holy then we can be holy. We can lead a holy, pure, clean, undefiled, separate from sin life. Holiness is not a dress code, or rules. Holiness is purity. It is cleanness. It is separation from sin and defilement. Holiness is Christ-likeness. Christ is the Holy One. So, to live a holy life is to live like Him. We can do it. As we saw yesterday, He has made us holy, so we can live holy. We do not live holy to be holy. Our lifestyle of holiness is the result of Him making us holy.

It is written in **II Peter 1:21**, "*For the prophecy came not in old time by the will of man: but **holy men of God** spake as they were moved by the Holy Ghost.*" Do you want to be used in the things of God? Do you want Him to speak through you? To touch through you, to minister through you, to heal and deliver through you? If so, living a holy life should be very important to you. The enemy is always trying to tempt us and lure us into uncleanness and to get us to defile. Why? Because it does several things to us. One thing is that it will cause us to be in a place where God cannot use us.

Another thing is because when you sin, your heart will condemn you and when you have a sense of guilt and condemnation your faith is undermined. Your faith will not work and the only way you can receive your healing, your answers to prayer, etc. is by faith. It is written in **I John 3:21**, "*Beloved, if our heart condemn us not, then have we confidence (faith) toward God.*" The enemy does not want us to have confidence toward God. If your heart is condemning you, you will not have confidence.

Also, when you yield, when you get involved in things that are unclean and defiling and shrug it off and say, well God will forgive me. Yes, God will forgive you but there are still effects that you have to overcome. 1.) condemnation – that is the worst condition you can be in, your heart condemning you and being full of guilt. You will not have faith and you will be defeated. 2.) When you yield to uncleanness it defiles you and anything that defiles you dulls you. We want to be sensitive and not dull.

Holiness, living a pure, clean, undefiled life will enable us to perceive what is right and what is wrong, what is God and what is the enemy or just a person. We should be very interested in living a holy life!

**Faith confession:** *I am Spirit led. I am an obedient child of the Living God. I do not fashion myself after the former lusts in ignorance, but as He which has called me is holy, so I will be holy in all manner of conversation; Because it is written, Be ye holy; for I am holy. Jesus has made me holy so I can live a holy, pure, clean, undefiled, separate from sin life. I follow peace and holiness; therefore, I will see, I will perceive the Lord and be blessed!*



## THE LIFE OF THE RIGHTEOUS

October 21

### Holiness III

#### Hebrews 12:14

*"Follow peace with all men, and holiness, without which no man shall see the Lord."*

We have seen the importance of living a holy life. When we yield to the flesh and do things that make us unclean and defiled there are effects that result from that. Condemnation and being dulled are the results of yielding to wrong things, and we do not want that in our lives. The opposite of being sensitive is being dull.

It is written in **I Timothy 4:1-2** *"Now the Spirit speaketh expressly, that in the latter times some shall depart from the faith, giving heed (listening) to seducing (deceiving) spirits and doctrines (teachings) of devils (demons). Speaking lies in hypocrisy; having their conscience seared with a hot iron."* He is saying that Christians will stop listening to the Holy Spirit. They will listen to teachings and these teachings will have come from the pulpit of churches. There will be people speaking from the pulpit's wrong things and ministering by a wrong spirit. You will find inconsistencies in what they are saying and doing and it will come right back to more and more inconsistencies, which are lies and deception. The Holy Spirit is not in that. The Holy Spirit is the Spirit of Truth.

This scripture is speaking about Christians, because you cannot depart from something you were never in. People will give heed to deceiving spirits. This is why it is so very important for believers to line everything up with the Word of God. We have the Word of God, our Bibles, and we also have living on the inside of us The Teacher, the Holy Spirit (**John 14:26**). The Holy Spirit will let you know if a teaching is right and if it is, you will be able to find it in the Bible. The Holy Spirit is the Spirit of Truth and He will never inspire anyone to tell a lie. According to **John 8:44** Satan is a liar and the father of lies. There is no truth in him. Praise God, there is NO deception in God. He is light and in Him is no darkness at all. No shadow of turning. He is light (**James 1:17**).

So, these people were getting off because they were listening to hypocrisy, to lies. Here is the result of speaking lies in hypocrisy. Your conscience, which is the voice of your spirit, will be seared with a hot iron. What does that mean? It means that you have dulled yourself to hearing from God. I used to play guitar and when I first began to learn to play, I got callouses on my fingertips. When that happened, I could no longer feel anything in those finger tips. That is what being seared with a hot iron will do. You develop scar tissue that is unfeeling. When your conscience is seared with a hot iron, you can no longer hear from God. What caused them to get that way? Listening to lies. Listening to hypocrisy and giving heed to wrong spirits. These led them away from purity and truth. We want to be sensitive!

If we want to continually hear from God, we will have to be sure that we do not give heed to lying spirits and teachings of demons. Follow the witness on the inside! Go to the Word of God and find the scriptures for what is being taught. Let's be doers of **Acts 17:11** *"These were more noble than those in Thessalonica, in that they received the word with all readiness of mind, and searched the scriptures daily, whether those things were so."*

**Faith confession:** *I am Spirit led. I live a holy life. I listen to the Holy Spirit. I keep a tender conscience. I line the teachings I hear and read in books up with the Word of God. I search the scriptures daily to be sure what is being taught is so. The Holy Spirit is the Spirit of Truth and He is leading and guiding me into all Truth. God's Word is truth! I am blessed.*

## THE LIFE OF THE RIGHTEOUS

October 22

### Holiness IV

#### Hebrews 12:14

*"Follow peace with all men, and holiness, without which no man shall see the Lord."*

Without holiness you will not see the Lord. Without holiness you will not know if something is the Lord or if it is the enemy. Holiness is so important to being led by the Holy Spirit. Yesterday we saw that there are things that can sear your conscience, make you insensitive to the Lord's leading. This is a dangerous place to be in. There is a connection between sensitivity and cleanness, sensitivity and truth, sensitivity and purity. If you come short in one area, it will cost you so much in another area.

Paul by the inspiration of the Holy Spirit was speaking to Spirit-filled believers in **I Corinthians 10:14-24**. He was speaking to them about communion which is a partaking together, a sharing in common. In **Verses 21-24 (NKJV)** he is warning them about fellowshiping with demons. *"You cannot drink the cup of the Lord and the cup of demons; you cannot partake of the Lord's table and of the table of demons. Or do we provoke the Lord to jealousy? Are we stronger than He? All things are lawful for me, but not all things are helpful; all things are lawful for me, but not all things edify. Let no one seek his own, but each one the others well-being."*

As Christians there are certain things we should not watch, or read such as X-rated movies or books about demons and sex, etc. You should not go to night clubs. You might be asking why not? This is the reason. There are demons in the movie houses where these things are being shown. There are demons in the night clubs. You are fellowshiping with those demons when you are in those places. The people writing these X-rated movies and books are being influenced by Satan and his demons. When you watch things like this or read them you are defiling yourself. Anytime you sit down and begin watching something or reading something and, on the inside, you get this don't watch that. Don't read that. Leave this place. Obey that prompting. The Holy Spirit is trying to keep you from defiling yourself and becoming insensitive to His leading. If you get a check or something bothers you about it, and you

override what you are getting and push through, you just dulled yourself a little bit.

If something is not of the Holy Spirit then what spirit is it of? If you are yielding and communing with something that is of a wrong spirit, that will have a searing effect on your conscience, which is the voice of your spirit. You can get to a place where you are confused about things and begin to wonder is this God or the devil. Is this God or me? Why? Because you have overridden things the Holy Spirit has checked you on in days gone by. Maybe you have thought, Oh, that won't hurt anything. Really? That is exactly what the devil wants you to believe.

If you have overridden things and dulled yourself to the Lord's leading there is good news. You can become sensitive again and even be more sensitive than you were before. Always obey the promptings you get on the inside. Follow what you get inside. Follow peace with all men, and holiness, without which no man shall see the Lord!

**Prayer:** *Heavenly Father, I come to You in Jesus Name and I ask You to forgive me for every time I have overridden the promptings of the Holy Spirit. For overriding what I have gotten on the inside. I ask You to forgive me for any time I have had fellowship with demons through reading wrong books, or going to wrong movies or through being in wrong places. I desire to be very sensitive to Your leading's. You said in **I John 1:9** that if we confess our sins, You are faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. I confess my sins; therefore, I believe You forgive me and I forgive myself. I thank You that I am cleansed from all unrighteousness and am now like a new born babe and very sensitive to Your leading's and guiding. I choose as an act of my will to always obey the promptings of the Holy Spirit. If something bothers me, I will stop immediately. If I get a check, I will obey that check and I will always stay sensitive to Your leading and guiding. Amen.*

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***Be Willing to do His Will***

**John 7:17**  
**(AMPC)**

*"If any man desires to do His will (God's pleasure), he will know (have the needed illumination to recognize, and can tell for himself) whether the teaching is from God or whether I am speaking from Myself and of My own accord and on My own authority."*

Praise God, He is teaching us ways to be more sensitive to His leadings'. God uses those who will listen to Him and I believe we are those people! It is written in **John 7:16-18 (AMPC)**, "Jesus answered them by saying, My teaching is not My own, but His Who sent Me. If any man desires to do His will (God's pleasure), he will know (have the needed illumination to recognize, and can tell for himself) whether the teaching is from God or whether I am speaking from Myself and of My own accord and on My own authority. He who speaks on his own authority seeks to win honor for himself. [He whose teaching originates with himself seeks his own glory.] But he who seeks the glory and is eager for the honor of Him Who sent Him, He is true; and there is no unrighteousness or falsehood or deception in Him."

Do you want to know if something is of Him? Always be willing to do His will, to do His pleasure. If you desire to do His will, His pleasure, you will know. You will have the needed illumination to recognize, and can tell for yourself whether something is God or not. At any time, you decide you do not want to do His Word, you dull yourself to His leading.

God has chosen to reveal His will to us first through His written Word. If we decide that we do not want to do something we see in His Word then we dull ourselves to hearing anything else from Him. Open your heart to His Word. God and His Word are one. His will is His Word. The more you know God's Word, the more you'll know His voice, and the more you will know His will. Follow the written Word fully. As you do that, when He speaks to you about other things then you will follow that fully. It is written in **John 10:27**, "My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow me."

Every time you do His written Word you are following Him. It is written in **Psalm 138:2**, *"I will worship toward thy holy temple, and praise thy name for thy lovingkindness and for thy truth: for thou hast magnified thy word above all thy name."* He chose to put Himself under the authority of His own Word!

Always be open to God. Be open to hear something different than what you thought you wanted to hear. Often times people grow up spiritually being taught things that are inconsistent with the Word of God. For example, you may have been taught that it is not God's will to heal people. Then as you are reading the Word you begin to see something different. Now you have a choice to make. Remember He said, *"...If any man desires to do His will (God's pleasure), he will know (have the needed illumination to recognize, can tell for himself) whether the teaching is from God or whether I am speaking from Myself and of My own accord and on My own authority."* If you really desire the truth, He will reveal it to you.

Some people believe they are called to the five-fold ministry. Again, be open to God. Be open to hear something different. If you settle down into a call, or another area of ministry and don't stay open to God, God will let you go on and suffer the consequences of being out of His perfect will. When you are only in God's permissive will, something won't seem right to you. Don't intrude into the wrong office. To intrude into an office of the five-fold ministry that you are not called to can cost you your ministry and life. Saul who was anointed King intruded into the priest's office and lost his ministry and later lost his life because he was not patient (**I Samuel 13:1-14**). Seeing a need does not mean you are called to do that. Remember, if you are willing to do His will, you will know if something is of God.

If you are called to a particular office such as apostle, prophet, evangelist, pastor or teacher you will have the spiritual equipment, the gifts of the Spirit to go along with that office or offices you are called to. Listen to your spirit, led by the Holy Spirit. He will never lead you wrong.

**Faith Confession:** *I am spirit led. I desire to do God's will, (God's pleasure), therefore I will know. I will have the needed illumination to recognize, and can tell for myself whether something is from God or from Satan or myself. I know the voice of the good Shepherd and the voice of a stranger I will not follow. I will stay open to God. Open to hear something different than what I*

*thought. I am yielded, open, I keep a clear conscience, I am patient, I follow peace and holiness and I will see the Lord!*

# THE LIFE OF THE RIGHTEOUS

October 24

## Perfecting Holiness I

### II Corinthians 7:1

*"Having therefore these promises, dearly beloved, let us cleanse ourselves from all filthiness of the flesh and spirit, perfecting holiness in the fear of God."*

Praise the Lord, with holiness we can see or perceive the Lord. It is good news to know that. The question is, are you serious about being able to perceive the Lord? If you are serious about being more sensitive to the Lord, to living a holy life, then there are three things you will want to do. The Bible speaks of three cleansing agents.

#1. You will cleanse yourself through separation. You will have to separate yourself from things that defile. **II Corinthians 6:14-7:1** speaks of some things to separate from. *"Be ye not unequally yoked together with unbelievers: for what fellowship hath righteousness with unrighteousness? and what communion hath light with darkness? And what concord hath Christ with Belial (the devil)? or what part hath he that believeth with an infidel (unbeliever)? And what agreement hath the temple of God with idols? for ye are the temple of the living God; as God hath said, I will dwell in them, and walk in them; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people. Wherefore come out from among them, and be ye separate, saith the Lord, and touch not the unclean thing; and I will receive you, And will be a Father unto you, and ye shall be my sons and daughters, saith the Lord Almighty. Having therefore these promises, dearly beloved, let us cleanse ourselves from all filthiness of the flesh and spirit, perfecting holiness in the fear of God."*

Cleansing ourselves from all filthiness of the flesh and spirit perfecting holiness in the fear of God is our part. God will not do this for you. You cleanse yourself from these things that defile. God will not make you do it, but if you are serious about being led by the Lord you will want to do it. Cleanse your lifestyle. It's really simple. If your heart bothers you about something, cut it off. There is an afterwards test that you can give yourself. After you have done something ask yourself these questions. How do I feel after



doing it? Is there peace? Do I feel closer to God or farther away? Do I feel cleaner or dirtier? Do I feel built up and edified or do I feel weaker and down? Do I feel I need to repent? By your answers to these questions you can know what you should cut off.

We have all missed it at times, but it is time to get it straight. It costs us every time we miss it. We may not see it right away, but we will after doing it a while. Without holiness we will not see what is God. It is of utmost importance to live clean and walk closely to God.

#2 Cleansed by the washing of the water of the Word. It is written in **John 15:3**, *"Now ye are clean through the word which I have spoken unto you."* The Word of God cleanses us. We should read at least one chapter a day and more. It is important to wash yourself in the Word every day. It is written in **Ephesians 5:26**, *"That he might sanctify and cleanse it with the washing of water by the word."* Allow the Word to wash and cleanse your mind and soul, and feed your spirit and your faith! **John 17:17** says, *"Sanctify them through thy truth: thy word is truth."* He is saying, set them apart for holiness by means of the truth, which is His Word.

#3. The precious blood! It is written in **Revelation 1:5** *"And from Jesus Christ, who is the faithful witness, and the first begotten of the dead, and the prince of the kings of the earth. Unto him that loved us, and washed us from our sins in his own blood."* Thank God for the blood of Jesus Christ that cleansed us from all sin. When we accepted Jesus as Lord we were cleansed and every time we sin and confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness (**I John 1:7-9**). Take time to read **Revelation 7:9-14**. It is speaking of us!

**Faith Confession:** *I am a hearer and a doer of the Word of God. I cleanse myself from all filthiness of the flesh and spirit, perfecting holiness in the fear of God. I separate myself from those God has said to separate from. I read my Bible every day allowing it to wash my mind and soul, and feed my spirit and my faith. Every time I read the Word of God, which is truth, and do it I am set apart for holiness. If I sin, I am quick to confess it allowing the blood of Jesus to cleanse me from all unrighteousness! As I do these things I will see, I will perceive the Lord and be blessed!*

# THE LIFE OF THE RIGHTEOUS

October 25

## **Perfecting Holiness II**

### **II Corinthians 7:1**

*"Having therefore these promises, dearly beloved, let us cleanse ourselves from all filthiness of the flesh and spirit, perfecting holiness in the fear of God."*

Every time I would read **II Corinthians 7:1** I would have this question in my mind, is it really true that my spirit can be defiled after being born-again? I didn't understand it with my mind but I believed it in my heart that the Word of God is true. I had the witness in me, yes this is true. However, I did desire to have an understanding of it. Thanks be to God for the Holy Spirit my teacher, and for men and women of God who taught me.

We can see this is true first through reading the scriptures that come before **II Corinthians 7:1**. We are told that through having fellowship with wrong spirits our flesh and spirit are defiled. He has told us to cleanse ourselves through separation. As we do this, we are perfecting holiness in the fear of God. Perfecting holiness in the fear of God is important to seeing, perceiving what is God and what is not God. It is important to being sensitive to the leading of the Lord. If you fear, have an awe and great respect for God, you will obey these scriptures.

We have been taught that after being born-again that our spirit is perfect. First let's define what the Bible word for "perfect" means. It means "mature or fully developed, fully grown". We know from scriptures that when we are born-again, we are born spiritual babies and must grow and develop into maturity. We can see this in **I Peter 2:2**, "As newborn babes, desire the sincere milk of the word, that ye may grow thereby." Paul said by the inspiration of the Holy Spirit in **Philippians 3:12 (New English Bible: New Testament Translation)**, "...I have not yet reached perfection..." The Greek word used here for perfection means "reaching maturity". So, Paul was saying, I have not yet reached maturity. Some would say, Well I am perfect and complete in Christ. Yes, you are a complete person, but you are not full grown or fully developed.

Some people try to excuse sin by saying, well it wasn't my spirit that sinned, it was my flesh. We must understand that sin is not a physical thing. Sin is a spiritual thing. Paul when writing to the Church at Corinth in **I Corinthians 6:18** said, *"Flee fornication. Every sin that a man doeth is without (apart, it does not pertain to) the body; but he that committeth fornication sinneth against his own body."* Notice he said that every sin that a man does is without the body, and when you commit fornication you sin against your own body; therefore, it has to be a spiritual thing. Even fornication originates in your spirit. Your spirit has to give your body permission to sin or your body cannot do it. It is written in **I Corinthians 9:27**, *"But I keep under my body, and bring it into subjection..."* You the man on the inside is the custodian of your house, your body. You, the man on the inside, is responsible for what your body does. It all starts in your spirit. That is what Paul meant when he said, *"...let us cleanse ourselves from all defilement of the flesh and spirit..."* (**II Corinthians 7:1**). Don't let sin start in your spirit.

When you are first born-again your spirit is cleansed. When you are tempted to yield to sin, your born-again spirit led by the Holy Spirit will check you and let you know, don't do that. But if you override that check and yield to the sin, you defile yourself and must be cleansed again which happens by doing **I John 1:9**. In order to get to the place where our spirit man, the real us, does not allow our flesh to sin, we must develop our human spirit and renew our minds. If your mind is not renewed with the Word of God, it will side in with your flesh and dominate your spirit. Can you see the importance of daily renewing your mind to the Word of God and feeding your spirit so it becomes strong? It is written in **I Corinthians 13:11** *"When I was a child, I spake as a child, I understood as a child, I thought as a child: but when I became a man, I put away childish things."* We are the ones that determine how quickly we grow up spiritually. The more we feed on the Word of God and meditate on it, the more we will do it and become successful in being Spirit-led. Your mind is not truly renewed until you do the Word of God.

**Faith Confession:** *Having therefore these promises, through separation I cleanse myself from all filthiness of the flesh and spirit, perfecting holiness in the fear of God. I daily feed my spirit and renew my mind to the Word of God and my renewed mind and strong spirit work together to bring my flesh under subjection.*

## THE LIFE OF THE RIGHTEOUS

October 26

### ***Steadfastness I***

#### ***I Corinthians 15:58***

*"Therefore, my beloved brethren, be ye stedfast, unmovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, forasmuch as ye know that your labour is not in vain in the Lord."*

As sons of God we can expect to be led by the Spirit of God. The world, those who do not know God, are led by all kinds of things. They are logic led, head led, money led, reasoning led, circumstance led, feeling led, and hurt led. There are Christians that are people led. They allow people to influence them in what they do. Somebody wants you to help them so you go help them. Someone else calls and says, hey, you know I believe you are good at this please come and help us and so off you go to help them. Some are good idea led. A good idea does not mean that is God's plan for you. Because somebody wants you to do something, because they know you could do it, does not mean it is God. Always check in your heart. Be Spirit led! Where has God called you to serve? He does not call people to serve in many churches. If He called you to a church (He has called everyone to a church), then that is the place you are to serve. If you try to serve in other churches along with your own, you will end up being confused. It is written in **Acts 4:23**, "*And being let go, they went to their own company...*" God has called you to your own company of believers.

We have been looking at different keys to being more sensitive to the leading of the Lord. Being yielded, open, keeping a clear conscience, patience, following peace, and holiness are all very important keys. Another key to being led by the Holy Spirit and growing and increasing in sensitivity to the Holy Spirit is you must be steadfast. You must be stable. The person who wavers is unstable (**James 1:5-9**). They are up one day and down the next. Let's do this and the next day let's not. The wavering life is a tormenting life. Indecisiveness is not of God. Indecisiveness is not part of the Spirit-led life. If you are led by the Spirit of God you will not operate in indecisiveness. It is written in **I John 2:20**, "*But ye have an unction (anointing) from the Holy One, and ye know all things.*"

In **James 1:5**, we have been instructed that if we lack wisdom we are to ask of God. When we ask, He has promised to give wisdom to us liberally and He will not upbraid us for asking. We are to ask in faith, not wavering. Wisdom includes the direction of God. Wisdom also includes revelation of the plan of God. So, if you lack wisdom, if you lack direction, if you lack revelation of the plan of God, ask! Ask believing He will give it to you liberally.

**Proverbs 3:6** agrees with **James 1:5**. *"In all thy ways acknowledge him, and he shall direct thy paths."* It is written in **Ephesians 5:17**, *"Wherefore be ye not unwise, but understanding what the will of the Lord is."* We have a responsibility to get the Word of God and know what the will of God is. He has revealed His will to us in His Word. We have to find the scriptures in His book and become completely persuaded of His will for us.

When God spoke to Abraham and told him He would have a son, Abraham did not stagger (he wasn't unstable through wavering) at the promise of God. He did not say, well if God wants to, He can. That is unbelief. Abraham expected it. He was fully persuaded that what God promised, He was able also to perform. In Abraham and Sarah's old age they were not indecisive, is this God or not? They were steadfast and received the promise of God (**Romans 4:17-21**).

**Faith Confession:** *I am spirit-led. I stay yielded and open. I keep a clear conscience. I am patient. I follow peace and holiness and I see what is the Lord and what is not the Lord. I am steadfast! I walk in the spirit! When I lack wisdom and direction, I ask of the Lord in faith and do not waver. I remain steadfast in the Lord and I am blessed!*

## THE LIFE OF THE RIGHTEOUS

October 27

### Steadfastness II

#### I Corinthians 15:58

*"Therefore, my beloved brethren, be ye stedfast, unmovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, forasmuch as ye know that your labour is not in vain in the Lord."*

Steadfastness is a key to being more sensitive to the leading of the Holy Spirit. If you waver you are unstable. It is written in **James 1:5-8**, *"If any of you lack wisdom, let him ask of God, that giveth to all men liberally, and upbraideth not; and it shall be given him. But let him ask in faith, nothing wavering. For he that wavereth is like a wave of the sea driven with the wind and tossed. For let not that man think that he shall receive any thing of the Lord. A double minded man is unstable in all his ways."*

Faith makes you stable. When you get something from the Lord, don't allow people to pull you off of it. Don't allow people to cause you to ignore it. In **Judges 19:1-30** is a story about a man who had taken a concubine out of Bethlehem-Judah. His concubine played the harlot and went back to her father's house. She remained there four months. Finally, the man of this concubine went to bring her back home with him. When he arrives at his father-in-law's house his father-in-law rejoices to see him and retains him when he starts to leave. He ended up staying four days. Each day he would get up early in the morning to leave and his father-in-law would retain him another day. Finally, on the fifth day when he arose early in the morning to depart, his father-in-law asks him to stay and eat and drink. He did until afternoon.

This time the man, his concubine, and servant leave to return to their home. Because he left later than what he had in his heart, he ended up being in the wrong place at the wrong time. This was a place where sodomites were dwelling. The sodomites wanted the man and his servant. The man of the house where they were staying said no and gave his daughter and the concubine to the sodomites and they ended up killing the concubine. This was not God's will! Some have said, this is a terrible thing. Why did God allow this? Yes, it is a terrible thing. The truth is, we are free will agents and God will allow us to do our own will if we do not listen

to Him. First of all, this concubine should not have left to go play the harlot. When she did, that put her in the wrong place.

God has given us these examples so that we do not miss it. We are talking about things that make us more sensitive to the Lord's leading. Let's not override what we are getting in our heart. We have all allowed someone to detain us at times when we had something in our heart we were supposed to do. We should not do this. As you can see, this can put you in a dangerous place. Don't be a person who detains or detours people from doing what they have in their heart to do. And don't allow people to detain you. If you are supposed to leave your home so you can be at a place by a certain time, don't allow your children or your spouse to detain you. Many Christians are not with us today because their leaving late put them at the wrong place at the wrong time and they ended up in an accident. Follow what you have in your heart.

Don't make people wait for you. If you are supposed to be in a meeting that starts at eleven, don't come dragging in at ten after eleven because you just did not get ready on time. What you are saying to people without really saying it is that your time is more important than theirs. People often do this because they were allowed to do it as a child and then carry that over into their adult life. Let's be people that are ready and on time. We have already learned that God uses ready people. Let's value other people's time. Train your children up in the way they should go. Train them to be ready and at the right place at the right time. It could save their lives!

We are talking about being steadfast. When you have something in your heart to do, don't waver. I am not saying to step out and do something out of God's timing. Get the timing on it and then do it. Don't allow anyone to detain you. Follow the leading of the Holy Spirit!

***Faith Confession:*** *I am spirit-led. I am steadfast. I can have what I say, I say I am always in the right place, at the right time, doing the will of God. I will not be a person that detains others and I will not allow people to detain me. I willingly obey the Lord and I am protected!*

## THE LIFE OF THE RIGHTEOUS

October 28

### **Steadfastness III**

#### **I Corinthians 15:58**

*"Therefore, my beloved brethren, be ye steadfast, unmovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, forasmuch as ye know that your labour is not in vain in the Lord."*

We are looking at things we can do and stop doing that will enable us to be more sensitive to the Lord's leading. Today we will continue on with "steadfastness". We have seen the opposite of steadfastness is wavering or being unstable. If we have been an unstable person, the good news is we can change this very day. I am so thankful the Lord is helping us!

Let's ask and answer this question. Why do people struggle with indecisiveness and wavering? It is written in **II Corinthians 11:2-4**, *"For I am jealous over you with godly jealousy: for I have espoused you to one husband, that I may present you as a chaste virgin to Christ. But I fear, lest by any means, as the serpent beguiled Eve through his subtlety, so your minds should be corrupted from the simplicity that is in Christ. For if he that cometh preacheth another Jesus, whom we have not preached, or if ye receive another spirit, which ye have not received, or another gospel, which ye have not accepted, ye might well bear with him."* We do know there is not another Jesus or another Gospel, so nobody should be confused about it.

If you come to my home and I ask you would you like tea to drink, or would you like tea, or tea? Do you have any decisions to make? No, because I am only offering you one thing. Is there any reason for you to waver? No. We are asking and answering the question, why do people struggle with indecisiveness and wavering? The answer to the question is, because they are considering something else other than what they got inside. Abraham did not consider his own body. He was not weak in faith (**Romans 4:19**). It brings confusion when we consider something we should not consider. The devil is the master of division and confusion. He is the author of options. If you do not have a choice you cannot waver. The Lord said in **Deuteronomy 30:19**, *"...I have set before you life and death, blessing and cursing: therefore choose life..."* He has made



it very plain what to choose. There is no need for confusion! You only waver when you consider other options.

Let's look at another example given to us of what not to do in **I Kings 13:7-24**. There was a prophet that had gotten a word from the Lord. **Verse 9**, "*For so was it charged me by the word of the Lord, saying, Eat no bread, nor drink water, nor turn again by the same way that thou camest.*" He knew the word of the Lord and yet he allowed an older prophet to lie to him. He followed the older prophet home and was killed by lions. God did not change His mind. If Christians are not thinking right, they can be used by Satan as this older prophet was. They can try to influence people to consider something different than what the Lord has said. This older man was a prophet but there is no indication that he had been close to God. Again, it was not the will of God for this prophet to get killed. When the Lord has told you something, don't allow anyone to pull you off of it. Do not change because of somebody's prophecy, tongue and interpretation of tongues, vision, or a visitation from an angel. Sometimes they just miss it or it could be that their motive is wrong, which will cause them to be open to deceptiveness.

The prophet was not confused about what the Lord had told him to do and not to do. He quoted the Lord's words twice (**verse 9, 17**). When the Lord has told you something, don't back off of it. Do not let someone tell you something different than what you got from the Lord for yourself. If you do, it can cause you to be judged. Beware of others hearing from God for you. Every child of God can hear from the Lord for themselves. You have the Spirit of God on the inside of you and you can hear from Him for yourself! If He can bear witness with you that you are a child of God, He can also bear witness with you about other things in your life (**Romans 8:16**). He can bear witness with you about His plan for your life. Follow what you get in your heart! God loves you and He is helping you.

**Faith Confession:** *I am Spirit-led, inside led. I trust what I get from the Holy Spirit. I know the voice of the Good Shepherd and the voice of a stranger I will not follow. I line things up with the Word of God. When I get something from God, I will not allow anyone to pull me off of it. Father, in Jesus Name I ask You to forgive me for anytime I have allowed people to pull me off from what You have told me to do. Thank You for forgiving me. Amen!*

## THE LIFE OF THE RIGHTEOUS

October 29

***Speak, Meditate and Do***

***Joshua 1:8***

*"This book of the law shall not depart out of thy mouth; but thou shalt meditate therein day and night, that thou mayest observe to do according to all that is written therein: for then thou shalt make thy way prosperous, and then thou shalt have good success."*

We are led by the Spirit of God, we are the children, the sons of God. We have looked at seven different things we can do enabling us to successfully live the Spirit-led life. Yieldedness, openness, a clear conscience, peace, patience, holiness, and steadfastness. To the degree that we practice these seven things will be the degree that they are alive in us. To the degree that we practice these seven things will be the degree of success we have in living the Spirit-led life.

In order to have success in living the Spirit-led life, you will have to do **Joshua 1:8**, *"This book of the law shall not depart out of thy mouth; but thou shalt meditate therein day and night, that thou mayest observe to do according to all that is written therein: for then thou shalt make thy way prosperous, and then thou shalt have good success."*

You will have to keep speaking these seven things. Say, I am always yielded to the Lord and His Spirit. I am open to hear anything the Lord wants to say to me. I am open to hear something different than what I planned or wanted. I myself always strive to have a clear conscience without offense toward God and men. I will not override my conscience which is the voice of my spirit. I do not allow clutter in my life through leaving things undone. I stay clear to hear and keep confusion out of my life and I am blessed. I follow peace. I let the peace from Christ rule [act as umpire continually] in my heart [deciding and settling with finality] all questions that arise in my mind. If I do not have peace, I stop until I get peace. I follow peace with all men.

I am patient. Peace and patience work together. I have cheerful, hopeful endurance. I do not move on things too quickly. If I do not

know what to do, I wait until I know. God loves me and He is helping me. Patience is a key, it is a fruit of the Spirit, and it is a key to being aware of the Holy Spirit. I pursue peace with all people, and holiness, without which no one will see the Lord. I pursue holiness. I live a pure, clean, undefiled, holy, separate from sin and defilement life. I am Christ-like! I am steadfast, unwavering. I ask the Lord for wisdom and I believe that He gives it to me liberally. In all my ways I acknowledge Him and I believe He shall direct my path. I will not be detained or pulled off of what God is saying to me to do.

Meditate upon these truths so they become real to you. As you do that, you will certainly observe to do them, and you will have success in living the Spirit-led life!

***Faith Confession:*** *I have already written some. Now you write some of your own confessions from what you have received from these teachings.*

## THE LIFE OF THE RIGHTEOUS

October 30

### *This Treasure in Earthen Vessels I*

#### **II Corinthians 4:7**

*"But we have this treasure in earthen vessels, that the excellency (exceeding greatness) of the power may be of God, and not of us."*

God has shown His love to us in so many ways. When He created the earth, He filled it with treasures. He put everything we would need to live on the earth in it. Not only did He put treasures in the earth, there is a treasure in every believer. As it is written in **II Corinthians 4:7**, *"But we have this treasure in earthen vessels..."*

In **John 4:7-14** Jesus is speaking to the woman at the well who had come to draw water. In **verse 10** *"Jesus answered and said unto her, If thou knewest the gift of God, and who it is that saith to thee, Give Me to drink; thou wouldest have asked of him, and he would have given thee living water."* This living water Jesus was talking about is salvation. Within every person is a thirst that only Jesus can quench. Many people try to quench that thirst with drugs, alcohol, relationships, careers, wealth, etc., only to find that the thirst has not been quenched.

In **John 4:13-14** it says, *"...Whosoever drinketh of the water shall thirst again: But whosoever drinketh of the water that I shall give him shall never thirst; but the water that I shall give him shall be in him a well of water springing up into everlasting life."* Jesus is talking about the work of the Holy Spirit in the new birth. When you are born again you have the Holy Spirit in you. He is the Spirit of life.

All that He is, and all that He has, and all that He knows is in you. Did you get that? Let me say it again! All that God, the Holy Spirit is, all that God, the Holy Spirit has, and all that God, the Holy Spirit knows is in you. You have the Greater One living on the inside of you (**I John 4:4**). You are the temple of God and the Spirit of God dwells in you (**I Corinthians 3:16**). He's not there just so you have some extra baggage to carry around while you're here on this earth, He's in you to help you.

You have a reservoir; a “well of life” of unlimited resources in you, and those resources are for you to draw on. There is inside of you the strength of God, the life of God, the knowledge of God, the wisdom of God, the love of God, the peace of God, the joy of God, the counsel of God, the provision of God, the plan of God and along with the plan of God is the way to carry out that plan. There’s direction and guidance inside of you. The teacher lives in you. Jesus said in **John 14:26**, “...he (the Holy Spirit) *shall teach you all things, and bring all things to your remembrance, whatsoever I have said unto you.*” Has the Lord said anything to you? He sure has, we have a book full of the things Jesus said to us, called the Bible.

There are things He has spoken to you in times of prayer or by prophets, or through tongues and interpretation of tongues that you may have forgotten, but the Greater One on the inside of you hasn’t forgotten them. He will bring them to your remembrance. The Spirit of Truth lives inside of you. Jesus said in **John 16:13**, “*Howbeit when he, the Spirit of truth, is come, he will guide you into all truth: for he shall not speak of himself; but whatsoever he shall hear, that shall he speak: and he will shew you things to come.*” We have on the inside of us the one who reveals to us the things that have freely been given to us by God (**John 16:15; I Corinthians 2:9-16**).

We have The Healer living inside of us (**Romans 8:11**). We have this treasure in earthen vessels and my prayer is that you are enjoying all of the things that have been freely given to you. There may be money in your checking account, but unless you draw on it you will never enjoy it, and so it is with the blessings of God. It is written in **II Peter 1:3**, “*According as his divine power hath given unto us all things that pertain to life and godliness, through the knowledge of him that hath called us to glory and virtue.*” You must draw it out. In tomorrow's devotion we will see how to draw out of this treasure.

**Faith Confession:** *We have this treasure in earthen vessels that the exceeding greatness of the power might be of God and not of us. I have within me the Holy Spirit. I have within me all that He is, all that He has, and all that He knows. I have the Greater One living inside me. I have the Healer living on the inside of me and He is making my mortal body alive! I am blessed!*

## THE LIFE OF THE RIGHTEOUS

October 31

### ***This Treasure in Earthen Vessels II***

#### ***II Corinthians 4:7***

*"But we have this treasure in earthen vessels, that the excellency (exceeding greatness) of the power may be of God, and not of us."*

I began sharing yesterday about the treasure we have in these earthen vessels. We have a reservoir, a "well of life" of unlimited resources in us, yet so many are not enjoying the things that have been freely given to us. One reason people are not drawing out of that reservoir of unlimited resources is because they don't know how to draw. I want to begin sharing with you how you draw out of the well of salvation.

First you need a container to draw it out with. In days gone by people used buckets or clay pots to draw water from the wells as they did in Jesus' time. Today we have a much easier way to draw it out. The point is you need something to draw with and that something is "FAITH". Faith is the bucket with which you will draw out of the well of living water and according to **Romans 12:3**, *"...God hath dealt to every man (speaking of Christians) the measure of faith."*

God is so good to us!!!! He has given us what we need to receive what He has freely given to us in Christ Jesus. Faith receives the living water! Jesus is our example and He used natural things to explain spiritual things, so let me share something with you that I believe will help you.

Let's take fishing for example. First of all, you believe there is something in that body of water you're fishing in or you probably wouldn't be there. You can't see the fish, but you know they're out there, so by faith you cast your line out. The only thing you can see in the natural is the bobber or a float. You may stand there a while before a fish takes hold of the hook, but you're willing to wait because you know they're out there. Suddenly that bobber or float disappears and there is a pull on your line so you begin reeling it in. You believe you have a fish, and there is an excitement in you, because you know, that you know you have it, even though you

can't see it yet, you are reeling it in with expectancy and before long you land that fish in the boat.

You cast your line out again and this time it's a big fish and it begins taking the line and going deeper. What do you do, throw the rod and reel in because you guess you were never supposed to have it, or do you keep a pull on it and keep reeling it in? For some of those big fish it takes time, and patience, and a constant pull to land that fish in the boat with you. If you'll stay with it you will land it and you will enjoy eating it!!!!

Now let's compare the natural to the spiritual. The sea or body of water represents that well of salvation; it's like deep water (**Proverbs 20:5**). The fish represents all the things that are in us in Him. We know they are in there but we can't see them. The bobber represents the Word of God. It's the only thing we can see with our natural eyes, and we must keep our eyes on it if we want to enjoy the benefits (**Hebrews 12:2**). Excitement represents our joy, or expectancy. Joy and peace are indicators of faith (**Isaiah 12:2-6; I Peter 1:8,9 & Romans 15:13**).

We want to draw out of that well of salvation the benefits that we know are in us, in Him. We can't see them but we know they are there. So, we cast our line out by faith. How do we do that? **Mark 11:24** says, *"Therefore I say unto you, What things soever ye desire, when ye pray, believe (believe what?) believe that ye receive them, and ye shall have them."* You draw them out by doing **Mark 11:24** and all you can see is the bobber, the float. The Word of God is the bobber, the float, and you must keep your eyes on it. By faith you believe you receive what you have asked for. That word "receive" means to "lay hold of" or "to take as your own" (the things you've asked for) and you will have them."

To be continued tomorrow!

**Faith Confession:** *I have a reservoir, a well of life of unlimited resources within me. Because I believe I have everything I need inside me, what things soever I desire, when I pray, I believe that I receive them, and I shall have them. I am blessed!*