

The Word of Faith

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Led by an Inward Witness

Romans 8:14, 16, "For as many as are led by the Spirit of God, they are the sons of God...The Spirit itself beareth witness with our spirit, that we are the children of God."

About ten years ago, the Lord Jesus appeared to me in a vision. At that time He talked to me for quite awhile about the ministry of the prophet. In the course of this event, He said to me, "I want you to go teach my people how to be led by my Spirit." Then He quoted these two scriptures to me: "The Spirit Himself beareth witness with our spirit, that we are the children of God." And, "For as many as are led by the Spirit of God, they are the sons of God."

Then He said some things to me that are very important and we need to know. If we aren't careful, we want God to do things our way instead of going along with the Lord and letting Him do things His way. He said to me, "I do not lead the people of God through the ministry of the prophet, and they are not to seek guidance through the ministry of the prophet though sometimes through that ministry I do confirm some things.

"And then, my people under the new covenant are not to be led by or to seek guidance by 'fleeces.' In the New Testament it doesn't say, 'For as many as are led by fleeces, they are the children of God.'" (If you wanted to know where I got that statement that I say so often,

I got it from the Lord. I had never heard anyone say it until He did.)

He went on to say, "But it does say that as many as are led by the Spirit, they are the sons of God. Now then, I led my children primarily by the inward witness. If you will learn to follow the inward witness, I'll guide you in all of the affairs of life."

Then He said something to me that has proved to be a real blessing to me. It surely came at a very opportune time. He said, "If you will learn to follow my Spirit, I will make you rich. I'm not opposed to my children being rich, I'm opposed to their being covetous." You know, I listened to what He said that day, and the greatest thing that ever happened to me from a material or financial standpoint took place when I followed that inward witness. A certain thing came along and something like a buzzer set off on the inside of me. I almost missed it but I remembered what the Lord said and I went ahead with it. It certainly pays rich dividends.

Now I'll show you what I mean about the inward witness. Most of us know in a sense and yet spiritual things so many times are indistinct to us because we are taken up with the external and the physical. For instance, I was preaching in the state of Texas at this particular time and there had been a man from another part of the country who

had contacted me about preaching a revival meeting in his church. He had one of the largest Full Gospel churches in that whole state. He had talked to me personally and had called me, and then had written to me. So I had tentatively agreed to come to his church for the simple reason that I was going to be in his area at that time and I had a little free time.

At that time I was traveling with a travel trailer, and I tried to stay in one area a little longer instead of jumping from here to there. If you are flying that is alright but if you are pulling a trailer it is a different story. I thought to myself, "Well, I'll be in that area and that would be the logical thing. So I'll just accept his invitation." (You can reason it out in your mind and miss it a lot of times.) I didn't particularly have any feeling or leading about it when I talked to him.

In writing the letter to me, he wanted to confirm the date that we had set up tentatively. The very night that the Lord appeared to me in this vision and spoke to me I had intended to write the next day and accept his invitation. I had had his letter for several days, and for about three days I had started to sit down and write him a letter, but there was just sort of a check in my spirit. I thought, "Well, I'll just wait."

I had decided finally that I would go ahead and write him the next

day. So the Lord said to me, "That check that you sense in your spirit is the witness of the Spirit not to go, because that is just not my plan." I endeavor to follow the leading of the Lord; and there have been places and churches where at the moment the Lord didn't want me to go but later on I did go.

Paul mentions one time that he and his company were going into Asia Minor to minister and it says, "The Spirit forbade us." I don't know how He dealt with them, but it is my opinion that the Spirit just simply checked them. So they just didn't go that direction, but they went another direction. So the Lord said to me, "Now I'm not going to direct you about what church to go to, or places to go to hold revivals through visions or the ministry of the prophet. But yet you do see me..."

As I said, I did see Him in this vision and heard Him speaking, just as real as any man I ever saw in my life. So He said, "...and I'm telling you, don't go. But I'm telling you to learn to follow the witness of the Spirit." I never have had the Lord at any other time tell me not to go somewhere for a meeting in a vision. All He was doing then was simply confirming what I already had.

He went on to say, "Now there is a point I want you to get here. The ministry of the prophet is not to direct people, or guide people's lives; but it will do just exactly what I just did for you. It will confirm what they already have. You already had the witness in your heart not to go there and all I did was simply to confirm it."

In many parts of the country, because they don't know any better, and because many people get carried away sometimes, some are endeavoring to guide people's lives through spiritual

gifts and prophecy. Then others who claim to be prophets or claim to minister along this particular line lead people astray.

I think it is interesting to note that in Acts 21, Luke said, "And as we tarried there many days, there came down from Judea a certain prophet, named Agabus. And when he was come unto us, he took Paul's girdle, and bound his own hands and feet, and said, Thus saith the Holy Ghost, So shall the Jews at Jerusalem bind the man that owneth this girdle, and shall deliver him into the hands of the Gentiles." Did you notice that he did not give him any guidance? He didn't tell Paul to go or not to go, he just simply told him what the Holy Ghost said was going to come to pass. There was no guidance there.

Sometimes there is just a shade of difference between the real and the false. There is just a fine line between that which is helpful and good, and that which is a hindrance and hurtful. And sometimes there is a fine line between that which is a blessing and that which is an abuse and a misuse. As I've told you before, I've seen what has happened to those who have listened to what someone else said by a so-called ministry or a prophecy. Some have entered into marriage because of a prophecy and their lives have been wrecked and ruined.

Ministers have changed churches sometimes and entered into other ministries because of so-called prophecies and never were able to regain and recover their loss. Business men have been terribly hurt. They were headed in the wrong direction and I've tried to help them, sometimes even by the manifestation of the Spirit of God in my own ministry. But they listened to someone who claimed to have a revelation from God.

They invested their money and went bankrupt.

I can't find any place in the New Testament that through a prophet's ministry anybody was told how to invest their money. You understand of course, that there could be an exception occasionally to all rules but when people make a habit of things and develop some kind of a system in some of these areas, I'm scared of it. Jesus told me, and the Bible agrees with it, that He leads, number one, by an inward witness.

There is a little statement in Acts 13 that would be helpful to look at. There is a clue here that would help us in receiving guidance from God, or hearing the voice of the Lord. It says in Acts 13:1, "Now there were in the church that was at Antioch certain prophets and teachers; as Barnabas, and Simeon that was called Niger, and Lucius of Cyrene, and Manaen, which had been brought up with Herod the tetrarch, and Saul. As they ministered to the Lord, and fasted, the Holy Ghost said..." I want you to notice under what conditions the Holy Ghost said something--as they ministered to the Lord and fasted.

I think we need to have some services where we don't minister to the people, but where we minister to the Lord. I'm very busy with calls and invitations and so on, but I take time every so often to get alone with the Lord and minister to Him, to wait on Him. In those times I receive enough guidance sometimes to last for a year or more.

I think that is a whole lot better than going along not knowing where you are going and just praying, kicking, clawing, sputtering and trying to get help. Sometimes you have to keep going and you don't have time. It is sort of like getting on the

freeway--you had better know where you are going before you get on it.

So as I was waiting on the Lord, and ministering to Him, it came to me about this man. I just passed it away at first, and thought perhaps the thought of it had come to my mind. But as I continued to wait on God it just kept coming to me. Then at different times, over a period of days, it kept coming to me.

After several days, I finally said to the Lord, "Now Lord, do you want me to go there to hold a meeting?" The more I thought about it on the inside of me, the better I felt about it. I didn't have any check at all, I just simply seemed to have a green light. So when the Lord appeared to me in this vision, He reminded me of that. He said, "That green light, so to speak, that you had in your spirit was the witness of the Spirit to go there."

"Now you see me and you hear my voice as I speak to you. I'm telling you that I want you to go there because there are a number of professional people in his congregation. Hardly any of them have the Baptism of the Holy Spirit." But you know, when I went, they all received that week. Though I went to a small church, and though he only took one offering a week for me, yet I received larger offerings than what I had been averaging in churches much larger. So God takes care of all of us when we obey Him.

Jesus said to me, "In one case here every time you thought about it, even though you haven't really confirmed it yet, that check in your spirit was the witness of the Spirit for you not to go there. On this other occasion, that green light in your spirit is the witness of the Spirit for you to go there. Now then, that is the number one way that the children of God are led--by an inward witness."

ALL FAITHS CRUSADE NEW CASSETTE

PHOENIX, ARIZONA

On January 31, we begin our Crusade in the Ramada Inn in Phoenix, Arizona.

It will be held in the Colonnade Room and the Ramada Inn is located at 3801 East Van Buren in Phoenix. The Crusade will begin at 10:00 A.M. on Monday, January 31.

Weekday services will be at 10:00 A.M. and 7:30 P.M. The last service will be on Sunday afternoon, February 6th at 2:30 P.M.

We will see you there.

MONTHLY LESSON

In the place of a regular lesson this month, we are offering a prophecy of Brother Hagins that was given through him some time ago.

As many of you know, Brother Hagin is a modern day prophet and has been used in this gift many, many times.

In dealing with him about the prophet's ministry, the Lord pointed out to him that the prophet's ministry is listed above the teaching ministry in the Scriptures. Brother Hagin has both a teaching ministry and a prophet's ministry.

We feel that many of you will be interested in receiving a copy of one of his prophecies which has to do with victory in Christ.

The title of this prophecy is "Victory". We strongly feel this prophecy is applicable to every believer. This material is free to everyone that writes and requests it. Write for your free copy today.

We now have Vicki Jamison's album, Only Believe, made into a cassette. For those of you who have a cassette recorder, you may now enjoy this anointed music wherever you go. Send for yours today without delay. The price of the cassette is \$4.00.

Testimonies in Brief

About a month ago, I wrote and asked you to agree with me in prayer for the healing of a minister, who was a diabetic and scheduled for open-heart surgery. I gave his son your book "The Key To Scriptural Healing" to read. This young man had had a personal experience with divine healing. After reading the book, he went to his father's home and his father claimed his healing. He gave up all medication including insulin, I learned today that the operation was cancelled. He has had no diabetic symptoms and knows he is healed. Our God is so great! B.B.

We have received so much help personally from your teaching on tapes. We sometimes think we would have never made it without the tapes. Praise God, when we are sincerely seeking, we are fed! H.G.

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Hot Springs, Arkansas	KXOW	1420	12:15 PM
Hot Springs, Arkansas	KXOW-FM	106.3	9:15 PM
Jacksonville, Arkansas	KGMR	1500	11:45 AM
Denver, Colorado	KQXI	1550	11:45 AM
Columbus, Georgia	WHYD-FM	107.3	11:00 AM
Evanston, Illinois	WPEO	1034	12:45 PM
Des Moines, Iowa	KDML-FM	97.3	10:15 AM
Louisville, Kentucky	WKLO-FM	99.7	10:00 AM
Garrettsville, Ohio	WBFG-FM	98.7	9:15 AM
St. Paul (Minneapolis), Minn.	KNOF-FM	95.3	12:00 Noon
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Warrenton, Missouri	KWRE	730	9:00 AM
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Albany (Cherry Valley), NY	WJVA-FM	101.9	10:00 AM
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Rochester (Bristol), NY	WBIV-FM	95.1	10:00 AM
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Tulsa, Oklahoma	KFMJ	1050	10:15 AM
Pittsburg, Pennsylvania	WAVL	910	10:00 AM
Union City, Pennsylvania	WBVB-FM	106.3	8:15 AM
Nashville, Tennessee	WVGM	1560	9:00 AM
Dallas, Texas	KSEY	660	12:00 Noon
Houston, Texas	KFME-FM	98	10:00 AM
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Are You Walking in God's Plan For Your Life?

ENDLESS HEARTACHE AND EVEN TRAGEDY HAVE HIT MANY CHRISTIANS BECAUSE THEY WERE NOT MOVING IN GOD'S WILL FOR THEIR LIVES. GOD HAS A PERFECT PLAN FOR EVERY LIFE, BUT MANY FIND IT DIFFICULT TO RECOGNIZE HIS LEADING IN THEIR LIVES. THERE ARE GREAT BENEFITS AND BLESSINGS IN FINDING GOD'S WILL AND PLAN IN YOUR LIFE. THIS NEW BOOK PROVIDES A MUCH NEEDED SOURCE OF SCRIPTURAL INFORMATION ON THIS IMPORTANT TOPIC.

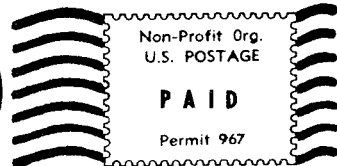
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