

## ACTION

What must we do to be led by the Holy Spirit? **Yield!**

• **Yield, surrender, submit to the leading of the Holy Spirit.** This requires a conscious decision and **action** that we must take.

James (2:14-25) sums up the point perfectly “... **faith without action is dead.**” Likewise, the desire and need to be led by the Holy Spirit is only possible and alive when we decide - and act - to yield ourselves totally to the leading of the Holy Spirit of God.

• **The “key” however to a successful (fruitful) life in the Spirit, is that we must yield ourselves continually to the leading of the Holy Spirit.**

I have experienced in my own life and observed the lives of others, that we may set out with a burning desire and commitment to yield ourselves “**continually**” to the leading of the Holy Spirit, but it is very easy to be distracted by the demands of this world and in particular the subtle, direct and indirect distractions that evil constantly throws at us. When this happens we often drop the ball - that is, we stop relying on the guidance of the Holy Spirit and begin working things out in our own strength.

However, the beautiful, amazing fact is that when the ball is on the ground and we come to our spiritual senses, all we have to do is reach out for the help that is there and waiting - “**In the name of Jesus, come Holy Spirit and help me stay continually yielded to you**”. He answers immediately and we continue on our journey of Faith with confidence and boldness because we are not alone.

**“Be strong and stand firm”**

*(Joshua 1:9)*

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How to be led  
by the Holy Spirit

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## FACTS

To achieve Spiritual Maturity and succeed in the Life of Faith, it is **essential** that we are **Led by The Holy Spirit** (Hebrew: *Ruach Ha-Kodesh*)

This means that we have to be **continually led every day, every hour, in every situation by the Spirit of God** (Hebrew: *Ruach Elohim*) - that's the **only** way we can live as **Mature** sons and daughters of God.

It is also **essential** to understand some basic truths about the **Person** and **Ministry** of the Holy Spirit.

Here are **FOUR** very important **Facts**:

- **First**, and the most important is that the Holy Spirit is a **Person** not an “it”. God the Father is a **person**, Jesus Christ the Son is a **person**, and the Holy Spirit is likewise a **person**. And in order to be successful in our relationship with the Holy Spirit, we have to learn to relate to him as a **person**.

- **Second**, the Holy Spirit is now the personal representative of the **Godhead** here on earth. The Father is in heaven; Jesus, in personal presence, is in heaven at the Father's right hand; but the Spirit **is on earth**. This is why we need to treat him with the same honour that we give to the Father and to the Son. **He, the Holy Spirit, is God.**

In the words of Jesus (*John 14:16-17*) he explains the role the Holy Spirit will play in the lives of his disciples when he comes “**And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another helper . . .**” [and] (*John 16:12-15*) “**But when He, the Spirit of Truth, comes, he will guide you into all the truth...**”

In some translations of the Bible the word “**helper**” is “**comforter**” “**counsellor**” and Catholics use the word “**Paraclete**” which simply means “somebody called in alongside to help us.” This is what Jesus says about him: “. . . **that he may be with you forever**; [and then he says] **that is the Spirit of truth** [the Holy Spirit]. . .” So, the **Holy Spirit** is to be the comforter, the counsellor, the helper, the Paraclete; and Jesus says, “**that he may be with you forever.**” In essence, Jesus is saying, “**You know that I'm a person. You know how real I've been to you as a person. As a person I'm going, but once I've gone then another person will come in my place.**”

- **Third**, the Holy Spirit is the **sole administrator** of the **wealth** of the Godhead. Jesus says, “**He** [the Holy Spirit] **shall glorify me; for he shall take of mine, and shall disclose it to you.**” Then he goes on: “**All things that the Father has are mine; therefore I said, that he takes of mine, and will disclose it to you.**”

So everything the Father has , Jesus has. The Father and the Son share their total **infinite** wealth. But the one who **reveals and interprets** that which the Father and the Son have is the Holy Spirit. If we want access to the wealth - blessings and provisions of the Father and the Son, **it's through the Holy Spirit that we will receive them.**

- **Fourth**, the fact is, that everything the Holy Spirit does glorifies Jesus. Jesus said, “**He** [the Holy Spirit] **shall glorify me.**” That's very important because once we cease to glorify Jesus in our services, in our lives, in our speech, in our actions, the Holy Spirit withdraws. He will not give himself, he will not impart his grace and his wisdom and his power to anything that does not glorify Jesus.

There are two essential roles that the Holy Spirit plays in our lives as God's children:

- **First**, it is **through Him** that we become children of God. It's through the Holy Spirit that we are **born again**. In the words of Jesus (John 3:5-8) **Truly, truly, I say to you unless one is born of water and the Spirit, he cannot enter into the kingdom of God.**” There is no other way to become a child of God. However, we are only children, babies, and it is not God's plan for us to remain permanently children, His will for us is to grow up into mature sons (and daughters). But this is where **again** we are **dependent on the Holy Spirit!**

Paul says in Romans 8:14: “**For all who are being led by the Spirit of God, these are sons of God.**” This means a mature son, one who is responsible, one who is in control of his life, one who knows how to act, one who has authority. How do we come to that place of maturity? Paul says “**all who are being led by the Spirit of God, these are sons of God.**”

- That's the Second great ministry of the Holy Spirit in our lives - **to mature us**. But this only comes by one process, **being led by the Holy Spirit of God**. There is no other way to maturity. We have to be continually led every day, every hour, in every situation by the Holy Spirit of God. That's the only way we can live our lives as mature sons of God.