

THE LEADING OF THE SPIRIT ROM. 8:14

How does the Spirit lead us? What is the primary meaning of being led by the Spirit in Romans 8:14?

I. As the Spirit of God → He leads us to God.

Romans 8:14 For as many as are led by the Spirit of God, they are the sons of God.

2 words kept getting in my way whenever I read this text – those two little words!

1. 8:14 This is true of all Christians → not only “superchristians.”

2. The 1st word of Romans 8:15 “FOR”

Romans 8:15 **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 Holy Spirit helps us come to know God as Father (adoption) → not guilt, not fear, not horror, not as a step-child but as God’s intimate child.

Rom. 8:5 → 2 kinds of people

Rom. 8:6 → 2 kinds of mindsets

Rom. 8:7-8 The one kind of mind is at odds with God. It does not & cannot please God.

8:9 The Holy Spirit indwells believers

1 Peter 3:18 For Christ also hath once suffered for sins, the just for the unjust, that he might bring us to God....

1 John 3:24 And he that keepeth his commandments dwelleth in him, and he in him. And hereby we know that he abideth in us, by the Spirit which he hath given us.

1 John 4:13 Hereby know we that we dwell in him, and he in us, because he hath given us of his Spirit.

Romans 8:16-17 The Spirit itself beareth witness with our spirit, that we are the children of God: And if children, then heirs; heirs of God, and joint-heirs with Christ; if so be that we suffer with *him*, that we may be also glorified together.

II. As the Spirit of Holiness → He leads us into holiness.

What is the most common name for the Spirit? Holy Spirit

Romans 8:14 **For** (???) as many as are led by the Spirit of God, they are the sons of God.

Romans 8:12-13 Therefore, brethren, we are debtors, not to the flesh, to live after the flesh. For if ye live after the flesh, ye shall die: but if ye through the Spirit do mortify the deeds of the body, ye shall live.

Romans 1:4 And declared *to be* the Son of God with power, according to **the spirit of holiness**, by the resurrection from the dead:

How can I know the Spirit of God is leading me? Am I becoming more holy?

1 Thessalonians 4:3-8 For this is the will of God, *even* your sanctification, that ye should abstain from fornication: That every one of you should know how to possess his vessel in sanctification and honour; Not in the lust of concupiscence, even as the Gentiles which know not God: That no *man* go beyond and defraud his brother in *any* matter: because that the Lord *is* the avenger of all such, as we also have forewarned you and testified. For God hath not called us unto uncleanness, but unto holiness. He therefore that despiseth, despiseth not man, but God, who hath also given unto us his holy Spirit.

1 Thessalonians 5:18 In every thing give thanks: for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus concerning you.

Psalms 23:2 He **maketh** me to lie down in green pastures: he **leadeth** me beside the still waters.

Psalms 23:4 Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil: for thou *art* with me; thy rod and thy staff they comfort me.

Psalms 51:8 Make me to hear joy and gladness; *that* the bones *which* thou hast broken may rejoice.

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According to this text there are 2 kinds of people:

1. One kind are controlled by their fallen, human nature.

2. Another kind puts that nature to death & they and they alone are Christians & → they know!!!

The Spirit of holiness will:

➤ **Make us more aware of our lack of holiness**

Luke 5:8 When Simon Peter saw *it*, he fell down at Jesus' knees, saying, Depart from me; for I am a sinful man, O Lord.

Luke 18:13 And the publican, standing afar off, would not lift up so much as *his* eyes unto heaven, but smote upon his breast, saying, God be merciful to me a sinner.

➤ **Lead us to more holiness**

III. As the Spirit of Truth → He leads us into truth.

Romans 8:7-8 Because the carnal mind *is* enmity against God: for it is **not** subject to the law of God, **neither indeed can be**. So then they that are in the flesh **cannot** please God.

1 Corinthians 2:14 But the natural man **receiveth not** the things of the Spirit of God: for they are foolishness unto him: **neither can he know them**, because they are spiritually discerned.

Pastor, how does it feel to be color blind?

1 John 2:20 But **ye** have an unction from the Holy One, and **ye** know all things.

1 John 2:27 But the anointing which **ye** have received of him abideth in **you**, and ye need not that any man teach **you**: but as the same anointing teacheth **you** of all things, and is truth, and is no lie, and even as it hath taught **you**, **ye** shall abide in him.

John 14:16-17 And I will pray the Father, and he shall give you another Comforter, that he may abide with you for ever; *Even the Spirit of truth*; whom the world cannot receive, because it seeth him not, neither knoweth him: but ye know him; for he dwelleth with you, and shall be in you.

John 15:26 But when the Comforter is come, whom I will send unto you from the Father, *even the Spirit of truth*, which proceedeth from the Father, he shall testify of me:

John 16:12-13 I have yet many things to say unto you, but ye cannot bear them now. 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.

This is primarily about the apostles.

This is secondarily about us.

I witness as the Spirit leads me!

The Spirit has already commanded you!

Matthew 28:19-20 Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost: Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, I am with you alway, *even* unto the end of the world. Amen. Mark 16:15 And he said unto them, Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature. Acts 1:8 But ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you: and ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judaea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth.

I give as the Spirit leads me!

The Spirit has already commanded you!

I pray as the Spirit leads me!

The Spirit has already commanded you!

I memorize &/ meditate as the Spirit leads me!

The Spirit has already commanded you!

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. Psalm 1:2-3 But his delight *is* in the law of the LORD; and in his law doth he meditate day and night. And he shall be like a tree planted by the rivers of water, that bringeth forth his fruit in his season; his leaf also shall not wither; and whatsoever he doeth shall prosper.