

Prerequisites to Being Led by the Spirit of God

Hearing from God is vital to living an abundant life of peace; however, many people are not in position to hear His voice. Those who have not accepted Jesus as their personal Savior are not qualified to hear from God. God speaks to everyone, but only those who are properly positioned will hear Him and be open to His leading.

A. The Spirit of God will only lead a person onto profitable paths.

1. As a result of allowing the Spirit of God to lead your life, you will enjoy four benefits:
 - a. Protection.
 - b. God's backing.
 - c. Ease.
 - d. The Devil rendered helpless against you.

B. It is vital that you learn to fellowship with the Holy Spirit and to follow His leading.

1. The Holy Spirit sees your future and wants to lead you into all truth for your life.
2. Success is the result of living a Spirit-led life.
3. God leads you through your born-again spirit (Proverbs 20:27).
4. Check with the Holy Spirit before you proceed to do anything in life.

C. There are prerequisites to hearing from God.

1. You must be born again.
 - a. You must be a covenant child of God before He can lead you.
 - b. A spiritually dead man can't perceive the things of God (John 3:3).
 - c. Being a good person without having Jesus as your Lord and personal Savior is not enough to get you into heaven.
 - d. God can be speaking to you, but if you aren't born again, you will not hear Him (1 Corinthians 2:14).
 - e. Divine direction is only the heritage of sons of God (Romans 8:14).
 - f. Don't allow condemnation to hinder you from hearing from God. Stand in your righteousness.
2. You must bear the element of the fruit of the Spirit of meekness.
 - a. Character is the key to hearing from God.
 - b. God will guide the meek and teach them His ways (Psalm 25:9).
 - c. The meek will inherit the earth (Matthew 5:5).
 - d. When you are meek, you have access to God's guidance (Psalm 103:7).
 - e. There is a three-fold definition of meekness.
 - i. Self-controlled and slow to give or take offense.
 - ii. Humble in spirit and lowly in mind.
 - iii. Teachable.

- f. Real humility is submitting yourself to the Word of God.
- g. An unteachable man will find an excuse to remain average.
- h. The meek man will do what's right even when he's being falsely accused.
- i. When you are mistreated, hit the "pause button" and let God show you how to react His way.

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