

Positioning Yourself to be Led by God (Part 2)

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Scripture References

Jeremiah 29:11

Isaiah 30:21

James 4:6

Proverbs 20:27

Romans 12:2

Proverbs 23:7

John 3:3

Romans 8:14

1 Corinthians 2:14

Psalms 25:9

Psalms 103:7

Matthew 5:5

John 16:33

2 Timothy 3:12

2 Corinthians 5:7

Hebrews 11:6

1 John 2:20

John 16:13

John 4:24

Isaiah 30:15

1 Kings 19:11, 12

Summary

We all have a reason for living. God has a purpose for each of our lives; to find out what it is, we simply need to tune in to Him and let Him lead us. Learning to follow God involves being born again, and developing a relationship with Him as our heavenly Father. This brings clarity and understanding to what His plan is for us. Putting ourselves in a position for Him to lead us involves a willingness to be humble and accept His direction and guidance. Faith is also necessary on our spiritual walk, as is a relationship with the Holy Spirit. Studying God's Word and allowing it to influence us brings us spiritual light so that we can see where to walk on our journey.

A. Everyone is included in God's master plan. Knowing what it is gives our lives meaning.

1. God has a plan for each of us; in these end times, we need to know what it is. We cannot afford to be confused.
 - a. God's plans for us are for our good (Jeremiah 29:11).
 - b. We need a relationship with God. Spending time with Him positions us to hear directions from Him on what path in life to take.
 - c. And thine ears shall hear a word behind thee, saying, This is the way, walk ye in it, when ye turn to the right hand, and when ye turn to the left (Isaiah 30:21).
 - d. Being led by God requires humility on our part.
 - e. But he giveth more grace. Wherefore he saith, God resisteth the proud, but giveth grace unto the humble (James 4:6).
2. The spirit of man is the candle of the LORD, searching all the inward parts of the belly (Proverbs 20:27).
 - a. We are spirit beings possessing souls and living in physical bodies. Our souls are where our intellectual, thinking minds reside.
 - b. After being born again, the most important thing we can do as Christians is to renew our minds.
 - c. Renewing our minds allows us to learn God's will for our lives.

- d. ...But be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of God (Romans 12:2).
- e. The value of renewing our minds is that it enables us to think differently.
- f. For as he thinketh in his heart, so is he... (Proverbs 23:7).
- g. Candles provide guidance in dark places. God lights our spirits, and guides us through our spirits.

B. There are certain adjustments to make in order to hear spiritual direction from God.

1. The first adjustment is to get born again; this makes us covenant children of God and allows us to be led by Him. If we live on the natural level, we cannot discern God's guidance on the spiritual level.
 - a. Jesus answered and said unto him, Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God (John 3:3).
 - b. For as many as are led by the Spirit of God, they are the sons of God (Romans 8:14).
 - c. 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 (1 Corinthians 2:14).
 - d. The reason God knows the future is because He plans it, and then accomplishes it.
2. The second adjustment is to learn to live a life of meekness. Moses was meek enough for God to be able to lead him, despite his imperfections.
 - a. The meek will he guide in judgment: and the meek will he teach his way (Psalm 25:9).
 - b. He made known his ways unto Moses, his acts unto the children of Israel (Psalm 103:7).
3. Blessed are the meek: for they shall inherit the earth (Matthew 5:5).
 - a. A meek person has self-control and is slow to take offense. He is humble in spirit, lowly in mind, and teachable.
 - b. Things *will* happen to us, but it is our choice whether or not to be offended.
 - c. In the world we will have tribulation (John 16:33); they who live godly will have trouble (2 Timothy 3:12)

C. Trusting God allows Him to lead us; we also need a relationship with the Holy Spirit.

1. The third adjustment we must make is to have faith. Faith is necessary for God to direct us, because we need to believe that He will speak to us even *before* we hear from Him.
 - a. For we walk by faith, not by sight (2 Corinthians 5:7).
 - b. But without faith it is impossible to please him: for he that cometh to God must believe that he is, and that he is a rewarder of them that diligently seek him (Hebrews 11:6).
2. The fourth adjustment is to learn to fellowship with the Holy Spirit. He becomes our unseen partner when we get born again, and He reveals God's will for our lives. We must talk to Him, ask Him questions, and seek His help.
 - a. But ye have an unction from the Holy One, and ye know all things (1 John 2:20).
 - b. 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 (John 16:13).

D. The world is a noisy, cluttered place. We hear God by eliminating the spiritual static.

1. The fifth adjustment, spiritual quietness, aids in communicating with God. A calm spirit releases great strength into our lives.
 - a. God is a Spirit: and they that worship him must worship him in spirit and in truth (John 4:24).
 - b. For thus saith the Lord God, the Holy One of Israel; In returning and rest shall ye be saved; in quietness and in confidence shall be your strength: and ye would not (Isaiah 30:15).
2. And he said, Go forth, and stand upon the mount before the LORD. And, behold, the LORD passed by, and a great and strong wind rent the mountains, and brake in pieces the rocks before the LORD; but the LORD was not in the wind: and after the wind an earthquake; but the LORD was not in the earthquake: And after the earthquake a fire; but the LORD was not in the fire: and after the fire a still small voice (1 Kings 19:11, 12).
 - a. We must be careful not to get involved in so many distractions that we cannot hear God's still, small voice speaking to us.
3. The sixth adjustment we must make is to decide to walk in love, no matter what happens.
 - a. The mark of being a Christian is being able to show the fruit of love. Sometimes this is difficult to do.

For more on how tuning out the world's distractions and focusing on what God is saying to us reveals the mission He gave us for our lives, click on the link below for the DVD, *Positioning Yourself to be Led by God*.

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