

Sons are Led by the Spirit

Mountain View Community Church

**Romans 8:14 For all who are
'allowing' themselves to be led by
the Spirit of God are sons of God.**

Being led by the Holy Spirit
is a **choice**

Galatians 5:16 My counsel is this: Live freely, animated and motivated by God's Spirit. Then you won't feed the compulsions of selfishness. For there is a root of sinful self-interest in us that is at odds with a free spirit, just as the free spirit is incompatible with selfishness.

These two ways of life are antithetical, so that you cannot live at times one way and at times another way according to how you feel on any given day. Why don't you choose to be led by the Spirit and so escape the erratic compulsions of a law-dominated existence?

**When we choose not to be led by
the Spirit we end up dissatisfied,
empty and without purpose**

Galatians 5:19 It is obvious what kind of life develops out of trying to get your own way all the time: repetitive, loveless, cheap sex; a stinking accumulation of mental and emotional garbage; frenzied and joyless grabs for happiness; trinket gods; magic-show religion; paranoid loneliness; cutthroat competition;

**all-consuming-yet-never-satisfied wants; a
brutal temper; an impotence to love or be
loved; divided homes and divided lives;
small-minded and lopsided pursuits; the
vicious habit of depersonalizing everyone
into a rival; uncontrolled and
uncontrollable addictions; ugly parodies of
community.**

**Being led by the Spirit releases
God's wonderful blessings**

Galatians 5:22 **But what happens when we live God's way?** He brings gifts into our lives, much the same way that fruit appears in an orchard—things like affection for others, exuberance about life, serenity. We develop a willingness to stick with things, a sense of compassion in the heart, and a conviction that a basic holiness permeates things and people. We find ourselves involved in loyal commitments, not needing to force our way in life, able to marshal and direct our energies wisely.

**Religion or self-effort cannot
reproduce the fruit of the Spirit
in our character**

**Galatians 5:23 Legalism is helpless
in bringing this about; it only gets in
the way.**

**John 6:63 Human effort
accomplishes nothing.**

**Sons and daughters are
supposed to be 'led' by the
Spirit not by their own desires
or self-effort**

Who or what are you allowing to lead you?

Who is the Spirit of God?

He is the Third Person of the Trinity

**What is the Holy Spirit's
job description?**

Spirit Functions

- He '**comforts**' you (John 14:18)
- He '**convicts**' you of sin (John 16:8)
- He '**reminds**' you what Jesus said (John 14:26-27)

- He '**informs**' you of what lies ahead (John 16:13)
- He '**helps**' you pray (Romans 8:26)

**The Holy Spirit's primary
function is to tell you that the
Father is pleased with you**

Romans 8:14-15 (**Passion**

Translation) The true children of

God are the ones who are moved by

the impulses of the Holy Spirit.

Isn't it true that you did not receive

the “spirit of duty,” leaving you

fearful of never doing enough?

But you have received the “**Spirit of Full Acceptance!**” And as he rises up within us we join him in saying the words of affection, “**Abba! My Father!**” The Holy Spirit delights to whisper into our innermost being, “**You are God’s beloved child!**”

**The Spirit of God ultimately
wants to lead you to paths of
righteousness**

Psalm 23:1-3 The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want. He makes me lie down in green pastures; He leads me beside still waters. He restores my soul; He leads me in paths of righteousness for His name's sake.

Why?

So the Father can 'give' you
everything you need.

Matthew 6:33 But first and most importantly seek aim at, strive after His kingdom and His righteousness His way of doing and being right — the attitude and character of God, and all these things will be given to you also.

The Son was led by the Father

John 5:19 Jesus: The truth is that the Son does nothing on His own; all these actions are led by the Father. The Son watches the Father closely and then mimics the work of the Father.

Jesus pursued His Father's agenda

John 5:30 I have not ever acted, and will not in the future act, on My own. I listen to the directions of the One who sent Me and act on these divine instructions. For this reason, My judgment is always fair iand never self-serving. I'm committed to pursuing God's agenda and not My own.

**Jesus heals a man
paralyzed for 38 years**

John 5:1-4 Later on there was a Jewish feast festival, and Jesus went up to Jerusalem. Now in Jerusalem, near the Sheep Gate, there is a pool, which is called in Hebrew Jewish Aramaic Bethesda, having five porticoes alcoves, colonnades. In these porticoes lay a great number of people who were sick, blind, lame, withered, waiting for the stirring of the water; for an angel of the Lord went down into the pool at appointed seasons and stirred up the water; the first one to go in after the water was stirred was healed of his disease.

John 5:5-9 There was a certain man there who had been ill for thirty-eight years. When Jesus noticed him lying there helpless, knowing that he had been in that condition a long time, He said to him, “Do you want to get well?” The invalid answered, “Sir, I have no one to put me in the pool when the water is stirred up, and while I am coming to get into it myself, someone else steps down ahead of me.” Jesus said to him, “Get up; pick up your pallet and walk.” Immediately the man was healed and recovered his strength, and picked up his pallet and walked.

Jesus restores a woman caught in adultery

John 8:2-5 Early in the morning He came back into the temple court, and all the people were coming to Him. He sat down and began teaching them. Now the scribes and Pharisees brought a woman who had been caught in adultery. They made her stand in the center of the court, and they said to Him, “Teacher, this woman has been caught in the very act of adultery. Now in the Law Moses commanded us to stone such women to death.

So what do You say to do with her — what is Your sentence?”

John 8:6-9 They said this to test Him, hoping that they would have grounds for accusing Him. But Jesus stooped down and began writing on the ground with His finger. However, when they persisted in questioning Him, He straightened up and said, “He who is without any sin among you, let him be the first to throw a stone at her.” Then He stooped down again and started writing on the ground. They listened to His reply, and they began to go out one by one, starting with the oldest ones, until He was left alone, with the woman standing there before Him in the center of the court.

John 8:10-11 Straightening up, Jesus said to her, “Woman, where are they? Did no one condemn you?” She answered, “No one, Lord!” And Jesus said, “I do not condemn you either. Go. From now on sin no more.”

Being led by the Spirit requires
one simple thing: **obedience**

Spirit Leadings

- **Bible**
- **Discernment**
- **Dreams**

- **Impressions**
- **Visions**

TC's Dream

What is the Father's agenda today?

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