

THE RIGHT GUIDE WILL TURN THE TIDE

John 14:16-17; 16:7, 13-14

- Moses - *"Today, I'm giving you a choice. You can choose life and success, or you can choose death and disaster. I am commanding you to love the Lord your God, to live the way He has told you . . . If you obey Him, you will live and you will become successful and powerful."* (Deuteronomy 30:15-16)
- **We tend to make better choices when we have the right guides in our lives.**
- **Many people go through life without much guidance, while others seem to be guided by political leaders, news stations, social media algorithms or dysfunctional friends or entertainers.**
- **The Lord has given us a guidebook, which is the Bible, but He's also given us His Holy Spirit to help guide us to strength and success in our lives.**
- Jesus - *"I will ask the Father, and He will give you another Advocate, who will never leave you. He is the Holy Spirit, who leads into all truth. The world cannot receive Him, because it isn't looking for Him and doesn't recognize Him. But you know Him, because He lives with you now and later will be in you.* (John 14:16-17)
- **The Holy Spirit comes into our lives when we receive Jesus as our Savior - and He comes in to be our Helper, Empowerer and Guide.**
- Jesus - *"It is best for you that I go away, because if I don't, the Advocate won't come. If I do go away, then I will send Him to you. . . . When the Spirit of truth comes, He will guide you into all truth. He will not speak on his own but will tell you what He has heard. He will tell you about the future. He will bring Me glory by telling you whatever He receives from Me."* (John 16:7, 13-14)
- ***How does the Holy Spirit guide us in our lives?***

God's Holy Spirit Helps Us To:

KNOW <u>TRUTHS</u> WE NEED TO KNOW

- Jesus - *"He is the Holy Spirit, who leads into all truth."* (John 14:17)

- **There are things we need to know that are essential information; and if we don't know them we're going to fail.**
- **The Holy Spirit not only helps us know what we need to know, He helps us know what we need to know when we need to know it.**
- Jesus - *"When the Spirit of Truth comes, He will lead you into all truth."* (John 16:13)
- **We need the Holy Spirit's direction and truth, because if we base our life on lies of the Devil or the world we're going to mess up in our lives.**
- *"There was a man in Jerusalem named Simeon. . . . The Holy Spirit was upon him and had revealed to him that he would not die until he had seen the Lord's Messiah."* (Luke 2:25-26)
- **Whatever the Spirit of God reveals to us will never contradict the Word of God.**

God's Holy Spirit Helps Us To:

GET TO <u>PLACES</u> WE NEED TO GO

- **There are some places we need to get to in life and places we want to go, but there's no way we're going to get there by ourselves.**
- *"Philip . . . met the treasurer of Ethiopia, a eunuch of great authority under the Kandake, the queen of Ethiopia. The eunuch had gone to Jerusalem to worship, and he was now returning. Seated in his carriage, he was reading aloud from the book of the prophet Isaiah. The Holy Spirit said to Philip, 'Go over and walk along beside the carriage.'"* (Acts 8:26-29)
- **The Lord will speak to us through His Spirit to give us the direction and help that we need for our lives (Joshua 1:1-2).**
- **The leading of God's Spirit is one of the major factors that has helped Celebration Church make the impact we have made on the world.**
- **When we don't know what to do, we can say, "I need to check with the Lord," and then pray and ask God's Spirit to give us the guidance we need.**

God's Holy Spirit Helps Us To:

SAY <u>WORDS</u> WE NEED TO SAY

- *"The Holy Spirit led David to say . . . "* (Mark12:36 CEV)
- **God's Spirit has used many of us, even when we didn't know He was using us, to speak words of affirmation, instruction or inspiration to others.**
- Jesus - *"Don't worry about how to respond or what to say. God will give you the right words at the right time. For it is not you who will be speaking - it will be the Spirit of your Father speaking through you."* (Matthew 10:19-20)

God's Holy Spirit Helps Us To:

WAIT FOR THE RIGHT <u>TIMES</u> TO MOVE FORWARD

- **Timing is so crucial in most areas of life.**
- *"We who live by the Spirit eagerly wait to receive by faith the righteousness God has promised to us."* (Galatians 5:5)
- **When we receive direction from God's Spirit He tells us what we need to know, say and do; but He also lets us know when to take the steps He's instructed us to take.**
- **We need to understand that "God's delays are not God's denials."**
- *"The LORD is a faithful God. Blessed are those who wait for His help."* (Isaiah 30:18)
- **While we're waiting on what God wants to do in, for and through our lives we need to keep conversing with God's Spirit so that our understanding of the "what", "why" and "when" of His will become clearer and clearer.**

God's Holy Spirit Helps Us To:

RESIST <u>TEMPATIONS</u> WE NEED TO OVERCOME

- *"Let the Holy Spirit guide your lives. Then you won't be doing what your sinful nature craves."* (Galatians 5:16)
- **We're all going to struggle from time to time for the rest of our lives with our "sinful desires."**
- **If we're guided and empowered by God's Spirit we will be able to resist temptations and overcome struggles because the Holy Spirit's power is better than our willpower.**
- ***Celebrate Recovery* is a great ministry that helps us to learn how to access God's Spirit's help in overcoming temptations and struggles.**

God's Holy Spirit Helps Us To:

AVOID <u>TROUBLES</u> WE NEED TO AVOID

- **The more we listen to the Holy Spirit the better choices we're going to make and the less we listen to Him the more mistakes we're going to make.**
- *"The Holy Spirit warned Paul not to go to Jerusalem."* (Acts 21:4)

- **We are most likely to hear God's Spirit when we are pursuing a closer relationship with the Lord (i.e. fasting and prayer).**
- **God's Spirit will speak to us through God's Word (Psalm 119:103-105), God's People (Proverbs 19:20), Dreams and Visions (Joel 2:28) and through a still, small voice (Acts 8:29, 13:2).**
- Paul - *"Letting your sinful nature control your mind leads to death. But letting the Spirit control your mind leads to life and peace."* (Romans 8:6)
- Paul - *" All who are led by the Spirit of God are children of God."* (Romans 8:14)