

HOW CAN I BE LED AND EMPOWERED BY THE HOLY SPIRIT?

To be led by the Holy Spirit means to receive His thoughts and respond accordingly. To be led by the Spirit we must yield control of our life to God, allowing His Spirit to live through us.

1. First recognize that you cannot live the Christian life in your own strength (John 15:5).
2. Then desire to be led and empowered by the Holy Spirit (2 Peter 1:3).
3. Agree with God concerning any area where you have been in charge of your own life, accept His forgiveness, and yield control of this area to Him (presenting your body (Romans 12:1-2).
4. Ask the Spirit to lead, teach, reveal, bring to your remembrance, empower you, etc. based on the promises from God's Word. You can be sure that He will do so based on His promise that we will receive whatever we ask if it is in accordance with God's will (1 John 5:14-15). Since living by the Spirit is a command (Galatians 5:16), then we know that it is in accordance with His will and He will grant our request.
5. Continue to depend on the Holy Spirit - believing God's promise to lead and empower by His Spirit (John 15:14).

WHEN I AM BEING LED BY THE SPIRIT:

1. Being led and empowered by the Spirit does not mean you will be sinless and perfect or never struggle in your Christian life.
2. Being led and empowered by the Spirit is living in a vital and personal relationship with our Heavenly Father and His Son Jesus Christ by means of a dependent relationship on the person of the Holy Spirit.
3. When walking in the power of the Spirit, we are focused on receiving, relating and responding to God.
4. Being led by the Spirit is not a one-time experience, but a day-to-day, moment-by-moment relationship.

EVIDENCE OF BEING LED BY THE SPIRIT:	
Trusting in God	Proverbs 3:5-6
Songs, making melody in your heart to the Lord	Ephesians 5:18-19
Praise and thanksgiving	Ephesians 5:20
Submission to others (yielding my personal rights and preferences)	Ephesians 5:21
Receiving God's thoughts, His wisdom based on His Word	2 Corinthians 2:10-13
Love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, gentleness, faithfulness, self-control	Galatians 5:22-23
Life and peace	Romans 8:6
Resting, not striving	Matthew 11:18-20
Abiding in Christ, bearing fruit	John 15
Living under Grace, not legalism	Galatians