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Introduction

Christ molds us to the mind of Christ through the Spirit, and the blessing of having the mind of Christ is beyond words. We have the Spirit of Christ willing to guide us through life, guiding us with his perfect love and divine wisdom. When we walk in the Spirit we are in control and we are free in Christ. *It is for freedom that Christ has set us free. Stand firm, then, and do not let yourselves be burdened again by a yoke of slavery.* (Galatians 5:1)

The power of God lives in us, and when we walk in the Spirit he leads us in all truth and guides us in every situation, giving us life to the full. *The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy; I have come that they may have life, and have it to the full.* (John 10:10) We walk in the Spirit implies we depend on the Spirit to guide our thoughts, words, and actions, enabling us to overcome the world. *Everyone born of God*

overcomes the world. This is the victory that has overcome the world, even our faith. (1 John 5:4)

Do you not know that you are God's temple and that God's Spirit dwells in you?" (1 Corinthians 3:16) Walking in the Spirit is walking according to God's guidance, and he understands everything and makes all things possible. Is there anything better in life than to be guided by our Lord, creator of Heaven and earth who loves us more than we can imagine?

But when he, the Spirit of truth, comes, he will guide you into all the truth. He will not speak on his own; he will speak only what he hears, and he will tell you what is yet to come. (John 16:13)
The Spirit opens the Word to understand God's truth, and this is critical because Satan and his demons are filling the world with lies, self-deceiving people in an effort to pull them away from God into his dark world.

So I say, walk by the Spirit, and you will not gratify the desires of the flesh. (Galatians 5:16)
The Spirit gives us divine power to control the

sinful desires of the flesh. *Everyone born of God overcomes the world. This is the victory that has overcome the world, even our faith.* (1 John 5:4) The Spirit draws us closer to our Lord increasing our faith and guides us to overcome the world, meaning we are not controlled by our sinful fleshy desires but we are controlled by the Spirit's guidance.

Hearing the Spirit

The key to hearing God is to know the language of God, His Word, because everything we hear we compare to the Word, then we know it's from God. The Spirit will do this for us because he brings us the truth, enabling us to compare what we hear to the Word.

The Lord speaks to us through the Spirit, and the more we ask the Spirit for guidance the more we hear. The Spirit makes our conscious sensitive whenever Satan leads us in the wrong direction, and this is called conviction which is designed to keep us on God's divine plan. If we are dependent on the Spirit for guidance, and we ask

and pray for divine guidance, then we are more capable of hearing. The more our hearts desire and pray to walk in the Spirit, the more successful we will be.

The Spirit gives us deep understanding of the Word. *For who knows a person's thoughts except their own spirit within them? In the same way no one knows the thoughts of God except the Spirit of God.* (1 Corinthians 2:11) The Spirit reveals truth, and when life's circumstances leave us questioning God, the Spirit will speak and tell us God's plan or that his plan works all things for good. *And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to his purpose.* (Romans 8:28)

The Spirit gives us divine understanding of the world and of people. Everything is controlled by the spirits, we are spiritual people, Satan and his demons are rulers of the air, and God is sovereign over everything. So if we see the world from the Spiritual view, knowing Satan's

plan and knowing God's plan, and studying the book of Revelations, we will have divine understanding of the world. We also understand people and we know what they need from the Spirit, and we know the Lord is the answer for every soul we encounter. When we minister to people the Spirit gives us understanding and leads us to scriptures they need to hear.

Spiritual Guidance

Through the Spirit we learn to control our thoughts, we depend on the Spirit, and we walk in faith trusting the Lord's guidance. All this is a process and as we grow closer to the Lord, we become more able to follow the Spirit. *And without faith it is impossible to please God, because anyone who comes to him must believe that he exists and that he rewards those who earnestly seek him.* (Hebrews 11:6) The more faith we have the more we depend on the Lord and the more we seek the Spirit's guidance.

If we see ourselves as self-sufficient, then it will be difficult to follow the Spirit. If we don't

depend on the divine wisdom and guidance of our Lord, then we depend on ourselves which God will view as pride. *But he gives us more grace. That is why Scripture says: "God opposes the proud but shows favor to the humble."* (James 4:6)

I am the vine; you are the branches. If you remain in me and I in you, you will bear much fruit; apart from me you can do nothing. (John 15:5) We are created to be a light for Christ and bear fruit pointing people to the Kingdom and we cannot do that without the Spirit guiding us in the Word. If we talk to the Spirit it shows we are dependent on the Spirit and we are more able to hear.

Staying in the Spirit

Day by day staying in the Spirit may be the most difficult task to learn. Remaining in the Spirit keeps our thoughts on the Word and on our Lord, both in our conscious mind and in our subconscious mind. The following is a quote that describes being connected to the Spirit in both

our conscious mind and unconscious mind; (*Pursuit of God* by T. W. Tozer, pg 89) “Many have found the secret of which I speak and, without giving much thought to what is going on within them, constantly practice this habit of inwardly gazing upon God. They know that something inside their hearts sees God. Even when they are compelled to withdraw their conscious attention in order to engage in earthly affairs, there is within them a secret communion always going on. Let their attention but be released for a moment from necessary business and it flies at once to God again.” Below is a brief list that can help us stay in the Spirit, which can help us to have a secret communion as mentioned in the quote.

- Serving the Lord

If any man serve me, let him follow me; and where I am, there shall also my servant be: if any man serve me, him will my Father honor. (John12:26) When the Lord changes our hearts we live to serve him by pointing lost souls to Christ. This

is now our first priority in life and the main reason we live, and it will keep us in the Spirit seeking to be Christ-like.

- Pray, Word, Fellowship

Praying, studying the Word, and fellowshiping with our Christian family, becomes important and desirable. This is because we need the Word for ministering, we need prayer for ministering, and we need fellowship for encouragement and guidance. The more we minister to the world the more we need and desire prayer, Word, and fellowship; because it gives us a closer relationship with the Lord and He helps us to stay in the Spirit.

- Meditation

Christian meditation is a form of prayer where our thoughts are deeply focused and reflect upon the revelations of **God**. When we meditate, we should be alone in a quiet location with our thoughts on the

Lord and his Word, such that we escape the world and move into the Spirit. Meditation takes practice, but the rewards are great because it increases our closeness to the Lord, increases our faith, and comforts us. *Keep this Book of the Law always on your lips; meditate on it day and night, so that you may be careful to do everything written in it. Then you will be prosperous and successful.* (Joshua 1:8)

- Making Choices

Whenever we make choices in word or action, let's be reminded to seek Godly wisdom and not react out of emotion. *My dear brothers and sisters, take note of this: Everyone should be quick to listen, slow to speak and slow to become angry, because human anger does not produce the righteousness that God desires.* (James 1:19-20) If we train ourselves to be quick to listen and slow to speak we can respond

with Godly wisdom which is greatly to our advantage.

Conclusions

Walking in the Spirit is something we continually improve until our last breath. The blessings of walking in the Spirit are numerous, brings us closer to the Lord, guides us to minister to the world, increases our love and faith, and opens the door for Christ to guide us and carry us to our Heavenly home.

Strive to walk in the Spirit and pray for the Lord's divine guidance and help to walk in the Spirit, and you will find walking in the Spirit will become more natural and desirable. Walking in the Spirit gives us control through God's power. The more love and power we have the more humble and secure we become.

