

HE GUIDES AND TEACHES

Listening to the Holy Spirit

“Look! I stand at the door and knock. If you hear my voice and open the door, I will come in, and we will share a meal together as friends.” (Revelation 3:20)

“My sheep listen to my voice; I know them, and they follow me.” (John 10:27)

The Holy Spirit guides and teaches us

“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**...” (John 16:13,14)

“But when the Father sends the Advocate as my representative—that is, the Holy Spirit—he will **teach you** everything and will **remind you** of everything I have told you.” (John 14:26)

...For his Spirit searches out everything and shows us **God's deep secrets**...And we have received God's Spirit (not the world's spirit), **so we can know the wonderful things God has freely given us**. When we tell you these things, we do not use words that come from human wisdom. Instead, we speak words given to us by the Spirit, using the Spirit's words to explain spiritual truths. But people who aren't spiritual can't receive these truths from God's Spirit. It all sounds foolish to them and they can't understand it, for **only those who are spiritual can understand** what the Spirit means. (1 Corinthians 2:10,12-14)

Examples: Acts

For 2000 years He has been guiding and teaching

God's Word

Your word is a lamp to **guide** my feet and a **light** for my path. (Psalm 119:105)

All Scripture is inspired by God and is useful to...It **corrects** us when we are wrong and **teaches** us to do what is right. God uses it to **prepare** and **equip** his people to do every good work. (2 Timothy 3:16-17)

Prayer

Don't worry about anything; instead, **pray about everything**. Tell God what you need, and thank him for all he has done. Then you will experience God's peace... (Philippians 4:6-7)

The Holy Spirit speaks to our spirit

For all who are **led by the Spirit** of God are children of God...you received God's Spirit when he adopted you as his own children. Now we call him, “Abba, Father.” For his **Spirit joins with our spirit** to affirm that we are God's children. (Romans 8:14-16)

Godly community...Godly counsel

All the believers devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching...fellowship, and to sharing in meals (including the Lord's Supper), and to prayer. A deep sense of awe came over them all...miraculous signs and wonders. And all the believers met together in one place and shared everything they had...They worshiped together **at the Temple**...met **in homes**...all the while praising God and enjoying the goodwill of all the people. And each day the Lord added to their fellowship those who were being saved. (Acts 2:42-44, 46,47)

One day as these men were worshiping the Lord and fasting, the Holy Spirit said, “Appoint Barnabas and Saul for the special work to which I have called them.” (Acts 13:2)

Circumstances

Pray for us, too, that God will give us many **opportunities**... (Colossians 4:3)

Learning to listen

Understand this, my dear brothers and sisters: You must all be **quick to listen**, slow to speak... (James 1:19)

1. A time...a place...a plan

And may you have the power to understand, as all God's people should, how wide, how long, how high, and how deep his love is. (Ephesians 3:18)

2. Tune in at the speed of life...daily

A. 15 min

B. 30 min.

Reflection Question:

What steps do I need to take to learn to listen to the Holy Spirit?

Scripture from the NLT unless noted.