

Life

(With the Holy Spirit)



Lesson 3: God Lives in You to Guide You

God lives in you to help you

God lives in you to teach you

God lives in you to guide you

God has plans for you

Psalms 139:16 You saw me before I was born. Every day of my life was recorded in your book. **Every moment was laid out before a single day had passed.** *New Living Translation-SE*

Jeremiah 1:5 “I knew you before I formed you in your mother’s womb. **Before you were born I set you apart** and appointed you as my prophet to the nations.” *New Living Translation-SE*

Galatians 5:25 Since we are living by the **Spirit**, let us **follow the Spirit’s leading** in every part of our lives. *New Living Translation-SE*

Psalms 48:14 For that is what God is like. He is our God forever and ever, and **he will guide us until we die.** *New Living Translation-SE*

Two extremes of being guided by the Spirit

1. The "God told me" Christians

John 14:26 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. *New International Version*

2. The "God doesn't tell me anything" Christians

God can lead us in many ways

1. Desires
 - A. Compelling feelings
 - B. Thoughts
3. The inner voice
4. The spectacular

1 Thessalonians 5:19 Do not stifle the Holy Spirit. *20* Do not scoff at prophecies, *21* but test everything that is said. Hold on to what is good. *New Living Translation-SE*

The truth is in the test

Testing God's Will Litmus Test

1. Is it your passion or God's leading?

Revelation 3:7 "To the angel of the church in Philadelphia write: These are the words of him who is holy and true, who holds the key of David. What he opens no one can shut, and what he shuts no one can open. *New International Version*

2. Will it make God look good?
3. Do the numbers add up?

Proverbs 21:5 Good planning and hard work lead to prosperity, but hasty shortcuts lead to poverty. *New Living Translation-SE*

4. Is it forcing you to make a quick decision?

Proverbs 19:2 Desire without knowledge is not good— how much more

will hasty feet miss the way! *New International Version*

5. Does it produce inner peace?
6. Do mature Christian mentors agree with you?

Proverbs 15:22 Plans fail for lack of counsel, but with many advisers they succeed. *New International Version*

7. Do you admit past failures?
8. Are you in a time of crisis?

Creating the perfect atmosphere for the Holy Spirit to guide you

1. Trust God
2. Ask God

Proverbs 3:5 Trust in the LORD with all your heart; do not depend on your own understanding. **6 Seek his will in all you do, and he will show you which path to take.** *New Living Translation-SE*