

Part 2 - Keep in Step with the Holy Spirit

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Series: Holy Spirit

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The Holy Spirit dwells within every believer.

Do you not know that you are God's temple and that God's Spirit dwells in you?

1 Cor. 3:16 ESV

If we live by the Spirit, let us also keep in step with the Spirit.

Gal. 5:25 ESV

Stoicheō: to march in rank, (fig.) adhere one's life to a standard

Since we are living by the Spirit, let us follow the Spirit's leading in every part of our lives.

Gal. 5:25 NLT

In order to mature in your relationship with the Holy Spirit, you must attentively align your life with Him.

3 Steps towards a more mature relationship with the Holy Spirit:

1. Read what He said.

Knowing this first of all, that no prophecy of Scripture comes from someone's own interpretation. For no prophecy was ever produced by the will of man, but men spoke from God as they were carried along by the Holy Spirit.

2 Pet. 1:20-21 ESV

"The Scriptures are the Holy Spirit's greatest product" - R.T. Kendall

The Bible is so much more than just a regular book. It's alive and it has power!

The Holy Spirit will encounter you when you read His word!

When the Holy Spirit speaks to you, He will never contradict His written word.

The same Holy Spirit that inspired the writing of the Scriptures will meet you when you read the Scriptures.

12 For the word of God is living and active, sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing to the division of soul and of spirit, of joints and of marrow, and discerning the thoughts and intentions of the heart.

Heb. 4:12

16 All Scripture is breathed out by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, 17 that the man of God may be complete, equipped for every good work.

2 Tim. 3:16-17 ESV

2. Listen to His voice.

When the Spirit of truth comes, he will guide you into all the truth, for he will not speak on his own authority, but whatever he hears he will speak, and he will declare to you the things that are to come. He will glorify me, for he will take what is mine and declare it to you.

John 16:13-14 ESV

The Holy Spirit guides, speaks, and declares to you, according to Jesus himself!

He dwells within you, but He is not you.

The voice of the enemy sounds like shame and accusation.

The voice of your flesh sounds like temptation and self-indulgence.

What does the Holy Spirit sound like?

1. The voice of the Holy Spirit sounds like the God of the Scriptures.
2. The voice of the Holy Spirit reveals Jesus.
3. The voice of the Holy Spirit brings conviction, but not condemnation.
4. The voice of the Holy Spirit asks you to step outside of your comfort zone.

Ask a question and then silently listen.

3. Respond obediently to Him.

Do not quench the Spirit

1 Thes. 5:19 ESV

And do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God.

Eph. 4:30a ESV

Maturity in your relationship with the Holy Spirit involves taking risks based on your relationship. Sometimes the HS tells you to do something out of the ordinary that makes you a bit uncomfortable.

How do I respond to the HS without being weird?

1. Prioritizing loving people. (1 Cor. 13, John 13:34-35)
2. Obey the Holy Spirit in an orderly way, not a chaotic way. (1 Cor. 14)
3. Obey the Holy Spirit in a humble manner, not an arrogant manner.

Are you keeping in step with the Holy Spirit?

- Reading His word and expecting Him to meet you
- Giving Him your attention (not ignoring Him)
- Praying about your decisions
- Asking questions
- Listening
- Living a holy life
- Taking obedient risks

Holy Spirit, what is one step that I can take to mature in keeping in step with You?