The HOLY SPIRIT wants to lead and guide you through green pastures to still waters.

"HE makes me lie down in [fresh, tender] green pastures; HE leads me beside the still and restful waters." Psalm 23:2

"For the LAMB WHO is in the midst of the throne will be their SHEPHERD, and HE will guide them to the springs of the waters of life; and GOD will wipe away every tear from their eyes." Revelations 7:17

However, in order for you to hear from HIM certain prerequisites must be met. Once you hear HIS Voice, your life becomes directed instead of driven.

"Roll your works upon the LORD [commit and trust them wholly to HIM; HE will cause your thoughts to become agreeable to HIS will, and] so shall your plans be established and succeed." Proverbs 16:3

1. You must have faith to hear from GOD.

"For we walk by faith [we regulate our lives and conduct ourselves by our conviction or belief respecting man's relationship to GOD and divine things, we trust and holy fervour; thus we walk] not by sight or appearance." 2 Corinthians 5:7

- a) Faith is "having confidence in GOD and HIS WORD"
  - Faith involves walking by the WORD that has yet to be made manifest in your life.
  - GOD cannot direct you if you are led by your physical senses.
  - Emotions are unstable, and you cannot live by them:
    - Your actions must be based on truth (the WORD), which is stable.
    - You cannot live by the unstable opinions of society either.
    - The WORD, not your feelings, should determine your actions.
- b) Worship GOD in SPIRIT and in truth.

"GOD is a SPIRIT (a spiritual BEING) and those who worship HIM must worship HIM in spirit and in truth (reality)." John 4:24

GOD leads you through your born-again spirit.

"The spirit of man [that factor in human personality which proceeds immediately from GOD] is the lamp of the LORD, searching all his innermost parts." Proverbs 20:27

"For what person perceives (knows and understands) what passes through a man's thoughts except the man's own spirit within him? Just so no one discerns (comes to know and comprehend) the thoughts of GOD except the SPIRIT of GOD." 1 Corinthians 2:11

c) Without faith, it is impossible to please GOD.

"But without faith it is impossible to please and be satisfactory to HIM. For whoever would come near to GOD must [necessarily] believe that GOD exist and that HE is the Rewarder of those who earnestly and diligently seek HIM [out]." Hebrews 11:6

- To seek GOD is:
  - To search HIM,
  - To inquire of HIM,
  - To practice HIS presence
- Faith will cause you to seek HIM.
- DIVINE direction is given to those who diligently seek GOD.
- d) GOD will use peace to direct your life.

"And let the peace (soul harmony which comes from CHRIST 'S rule (act as umpire continually) in your hearts [deciding and settling with finality all questions that arise in your minds, in that peaceful state] to which as [members of CHIRST'S] one body you were also called [to live]. And be thankful (appreciative), [giving praise to GOD always]."

Colossians 3:15

- 2. You must spend time with the HOLY SPIRIT to receive HIS DIVINE direction.
  - a) You have an anointing to know all things.

"But you have been anointed by [you hold a sacred appointment from, you have been given an unction from] the HOLY ONE, and you shall know [the Truth] or you shall know all things." 1John1:20

- When you fellowship with the HOLY SPIRIT, HE shares HIS knowledge with you and leads you into all truth.
- b) Develop a consciousness of HIS presence by talking to HIM.
  - When you do, HE will confirm HIS presence and will show you things to come.
  - Your fellowship with HIM gives you an advantage over the world.
- 3. A quiet spirit enhances your ability to hear from GOD.
  - a) You cannot hear from GOD when your spirit is consumed by the cares of the world.
    - Learn to cast your cares on HIM.

"Cast your burden on the LORD [releasing the weight of it] and HE will sustain you; HE will never allow the [consistently] righteous to be moved (made to slip, fall or fail)." Psalm 55:22

"Casting the whole of your care [all your anxieties, all your worries, all your concerns, once and for all] on HIM, for HE cares for you affectionately and cares about you watchfully."

1Peter5:7

- Worry is a sin, because it is a negative form of meditation that steals you away from the WORD of GOD.
- Spend time meditating on the WORD.

"This Book of the Law shall not depart out of your mouth, but you shall meditate on it day and night, that you may observe and do according to all that is written in it. For then you shall deal wisely and have good success." Joshua 1:8

b) Your quietness demonstrates your confidence in GOD'S WORD.

"For this says the LORD GOD, the HOLY ONE of Israel: In returning [to ME] you shall be saved; in quietness and in [trusting] confidence shall be your strength..." Isaiah 30:15

- c) Like Noah, you can hear from GOD in very specific detail.
  - What to say to Pharaoh
  - Leading the people out of Egypt
  - Every other matter Noah brought before the LORD
- d) Do not try to locate GOD in the "big" things. Instead, listen to HIS still, small Voice.

"And HE said, Go out and stand on the mount before the LORD. And behold, the LORD passed by, and a great and strong wind rent the mountains and broke in pieces the rocks before the LORD, but the LORD was not in the wind; and after the wind an earthquake, but the LORD was not in the earthquake; and after the earthquake a fire, but the LORD was not in the fire; and after the fire [a sound of gentle stillness and ] a still small voice..."

1Kings19:11&12

- A quiet spirit allows you to hear HIS Voice in the midst of a noisy environment.
- Although a quiet environment is helpful, an inner quietness is more profitable.
- Get rid of the stress in your life; learn how to have fun.
- Laughter will help you develop a quiet spirit.
- 4. You cannot expect to hear from GOD if you are not walking in love.
  - a) To walk in love is to live without malice and anger.
    - You must be free from "dis-ease" in your mind.
  - b) When you obey GOD'S commandments, you demonstrate your love for HIM.

"Now the LORD is the SPIRIT, and where the SPIRIT of the LORD is, there is liberty (emancipation form bondage, freedom). And all of us, as with unveiled face, [because we] continued to behold [in the WORD of GOD] as in a mirror the glory of the LORD, are constantly being transfigured into HIS very own image in ever increasing splendour and from one degree of glory to another; [for this comes] from the LORD [WHO is ] the SPIRIT." 2Corinthians 3:17&18

- c) Nothing in your life will work if you don't love others.
- d) Love is the key that releases the "SUPER" into the natural GOD'S SUPERNATURAL (in HIS WORD) promises made manifest in your life and interests.
- e) Do not allow past situations to ruin your ability to hear from GOD.
- f) Never measure GOD by HIS people they are likely to fail you and disappoint your expectations, while GOD is perfect in all HIS ways. (**Give people grace to make mistakes**).
- g) It is only when you are completely focussed on HIM that you can minister HIS love to others from a place of complete SHALOM having nothing missing, nothing broken and nothing wrong in your own life.

"And we receive from HIM whatever we ask, because we [watchfully] obey HIS orders [observe HIS suggestions and injunctions, follow HIS plan for us] and [habitually] practice what is pleasing to HIM." 1John 3:22

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