

Keep in step with the Spirit

Galatians 5:25, "Since we live by the Spirit, let us keep in step with the Spirit"

The Spirit of God is given to the believers to teach them all things (John 14:26) to give wisdom, understanding, knowledge in all manners of workmanship. (Exodus 31:3). The word workmanship is related to employment in all types of business, education and industry and sports. The knowledge, ability, skill, understanding and wisdom in every area of employment is taught by the Spirit of God.

Keeping in step with the Spirit involves being led by the Spirit.

John 16:13, *"But when he, the Spirit of truth, comes, he will guide you into all 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."*

Romans 8:14, *"Because those who are led by the Spirit of God are sons of God."*

How does the Holy Spirit lead?

By the Word of God

By counsel from parents, elders and those in authority

By circumstances

By "Still small voice"

By peace of mind

Keeping in step with the Spirit means that the Holy Spirit will teach you what to speak and He Himself will speak in and through you.

Lukas 12:12, *"When you are brought before synagogues, rulers and authorities, do not worry about how you will defend yourselves or what you will say, for the Holy Spirit will teach you at that time what you should say."*

Mark 13:11 *"Whenever you are arrested and brought to trial, do not worry beforehand about what to say. Just say whatever is given you at the time, for it is not you speaking, but the Holy Spirit."*

Keeping in step with the Spirit involves manifesting the fruit of the Spirit.

Galatians 5:22-23, *“But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control”*.

The fruit of the Spirit is the Life of the Lord Jesus Christ being manifested in your life. This happens when you fully and completely surrender and submit your life to Jesus Christ and allow Him to live His life in an through you in the power of the Holy Spirit.

Keeping in step with the Spirit results in being bold to share the Word of God

Acts 4:31, *“After they prayed, the place where they were meeting was shaken. And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and spoke the word of God boldly.*

⁴² *Day after day, in the temple courts and from house to house, they never stopped teaching and proclaiming the good news that Jesus is the Christ”*.

Keeping in step with the Spirit involves knowing how to use the Word of God.

Ephesians 6:17, *“And take the sword of the Holy Spirit. The sword is God’s word”*.

Keeping in step with the Spirit means being filled with JOY

Acts 9:52, *“And the disciples were filled with joy and with the Holy Spirit”*.

Romans 14:17, *“For the kingdom of God is not a matter of eating and drinking, but of righteousness, peace and joy in the Holy Spirit”*.

Keeping in step with the Spirit means experiencing and manifesting POWER.

Ephesians 3:16, *“I pray that out of his glorious riches he may strengthen you with power through his Spirit in your inner being”*

2 Timothy 1:7, *“For God did not give us a spirit of timidity, but a spirit of power, of love and of self-discipline.”*

Keeping in step with the Spirit means being at the right place at the right time.

In Acts we have the account of Philip being led by the Holy Spirit to leave an exciting and productive ministry in the city of Samaria and walk for several days to lonely desert road in Gaza. Philip obeyed the instructions of the Holy Spirit. He met the Minister of Finances from Ethiopia traveling from Jerusalem back to Ethiopia. God used Philip to share the Gospel of the Lord Jesus with the African. This was perfect timing. The official was baptized and continued on his way rejoicing. History tells us that this government official was used by God to win many of his countrymen to Christ and it was the beginning of Christianity in Africa.

MAY GOD GRANT THAT ALL OF US KEEP IN STEP WITH THE SPIRIT AND BE USED BY GOD FOR HIS GLORY AND HONOR AND FOR THE ADVANCEMENT OF HIS KINGDOM IN THE NATIONS OF THE WORLD WHERE WE LIVE AND SERVE.