

Dependant on Holy Spirit

1 Corinthians 15:57 tells us that in Christ we have already received the victory, but when a problem, a sickness or even a tragedy hits, too many people often feel at a loss on how to get a hold of that victory.

They are told to go to the Word, which is of utmost importance, but to them it is like finding a needle in a haystack. They might listen to different messages seeking a key that will unlock the blessing. One message might teach on fighting the good fight of faith, another on the importance of a good confession, another might give great keys on how to exercise spiritual authority, while another emphasizes the importance of entering into rest. It is all very good but it can also be very overwhelming, leaving one confused or relying on their own self efforts which in turn leads to failure.

Yes, Jesus obtained total victory for us, but the even better news is that we are not left on our own. He sent us the Holy Spirit to help us and guide us to that victory!

John 14:26 But the Helper, the Holy Spirit...He will teach you all things, and bring to your remembrance all things that I said to you.

John 16:13-14 Whatever He hears He will speak; and He will tell you things to come...He will take of what is Mine and declare it to you.

This is in fact the hallmark of this new Covenant in Christ, walking in perfect communion with Holy Spirit. But now we have been delivered from the law, having died to what we were held by, so that we should serve in the newness of the Spirit and not in the oldness of the letter. Rom. 7:6

Those who are led by the Spirit of God, these are sons of God. Rom. 8:14

I remember November 1999... I was feeling strong pain in my hip. At my husband's request I made an appointment to the doctor but a few days before, Holy Spirit woke me up 3 nights in a row at one in the morning sharp. I knew something was up. I got up, went to my living room and started to pray in other tongues. After about 20 minutes, I heard the Spirit of God warn me of imminent danger... "There is cancer in your body, but the joy of the Lord will be your strength!" I knew this came from God because I had such peace, and moreover, Holy Spirit started to give me the plan of attack, specific things to do and not to do. I did go to the doctor the next day, and after a series of MRI and scans, found out that I had bone cancer. The good news is that Holy Spirit had already given me the path to victory, and as far as I am concerned, I had already received my healing.

Long story short... at the end of 9 months of observatory MRIs and scans, without any treatments, chemotherapy or surgery, the oncologist declared that I was totally healed. Alleluia!

What Holy Spirit has done for me, He wants to do for everybody, but truth be known, we too often run to Google, or to people first, before running to the One who has all wisdom and all knowledge.

IT IS SO EASY TO RELY ON OUR OWN WISDOM & KNOWLEDGE

There is a way that seems right to a man, but its end is the way of death. Prov. 14:12

In 1 Chron. 13:1-13 David wanted to bring the ark of the covenant back to Jerusalem but this had to be done a certain way. Unfortunately, David consulted with his captains and leaders instead of consulting God. It seemed good to them to carry the ark on a brand new cart pulled by two bulls. The result was a disaster, and ended up with the death of Uzziah who touched the ark, trying to keep it from tipping over. Because of this David got angry at God, became afraid of the anointing, and totally abandoned the ark, which is a symbol of God's presence and power. Does this sound familiar? It is what happens with many people who want to do things their own way, and when it fails, they want to blame God for it and they pull away from God and then come up with some goofy doctrine against healing, faith or prosperity. Later, when David humbled himself and consulted God, he received specific instruction on how to carry the ark, and it worked beautifully.

Sad to say, we are too often like David, waiting at the last minute to call on Holy Spirit for His help, but God wants us to go to Him first, to seek Him first.

Here is another example. *2 Chron. 12:14* tells us that *King Asa did evil, because he did not prepare his heart to seek the Lord.* In *2 Chron. 16:12* *In the thirty-ninth year of his reign, Asa became diseased in his feet, and his malady was severe; yet in his disease he did not seek the Lord, but the physicians.*

It is not wrong to go to the doctor or to take medicine... But have you consulted the Lord first? Is this what Holy Spirit has led you to do?

Right after my marriage, I was diagnosed with a brain chemical imbalance which caused my mood to go from very happy to very depressed, to even suicidal urges. Being a person of faith, I was greatly bothered by the idea of having to take medicine but things were getting pretty rough so for the love of my husband I decided to take the medicine. Unfortunately, I was under so much condemnation, feeling like I was failing God and others. I even attempted to stop cold turkey, but this was a disaster. Finally I turned to God and asked Him what I ought to do. His response surprised me, even shocked me. There was no impatience, no judgment and no disdain in His answer but only kindness and encouragement... "Audrey, you need time to strengthen yourself, to re-position yourself, so take this pill, but take it by faith. Every time you take it, declare that it will help you, and will have no side effects, and when you are ready and it is time for you to stop... I WILL TELL YOU!

I did and He did, and a few weeks later I woke up one morning, just knowing that it was time for me to stop. I took all the pills and flushed them in the toilet... It was 18 years ago, and I have never needed them again. Alleluia!

THE DANGER IS TO USE METHODS & PRINCIPLES WITHOUT THE HELP OF HOLY SPIRIT

Our flesh is always opposed to the Spirit, and will always seek to remove itself from the control & leading of the Spirit. *Gal 5:17 For the flesh sets its desire against the Spirit, but the Spirit sets its desire against the flesh—for these are in opposition to one another.*

We see in 1 Chron. 14:8-11 that the Philistines attacked Israel. David inquired of God and received God's plan of attack "Go up against them!". A few verses later, we see the Philistines attacking Israel again, and it would have been tempting for David to use the same method - after all, it worked! But David inquired again of the Lord who gave him a total different strategy: "Circle around them, and come upon them in front of the mulberry trees."

It is easy, once we have experienced victory with the help of Holy Spirit, if the same problem occurs to want to apply the exact same spirit led solution. But you will find often that what once worked, no longer is effective. Why? The answer is easy. What is not led by the Spirit has no life in it. God doesn't want you to use methods or principles which make us self-dependent, but He wants us to be totally dependent on Holy Spirit. Methods and principles without the life of the Spirit gets us into self efforts and a work mentality that causes the grace of God to stop flowing.

Rom. 11:6 And if by grace, then it is no longer of works; otherwise grace is no longer grace. But if it is of works, it is no longer grace; otherwise work is no longer work.

The moral of the story is that Jesus has sent us Holy Spirit to guide us, to encourage us and to lead us to triumph. He has all knowledge of the past, present and future, and He has all wisdom. He knows our heart, our situation, our enemy, and He knows exactly what we need to do to overcome the problem.

2 Cor. 2:14 Now thanks be to God (Holy Spirit) who always leads us in triumph in Christ!