

# Lesson 7 – Led by the Spirit

## Introduction

Knowing who we are in Christ is foundational, but discipleship is not only about identity, it is about daily direction. God did not leave us to navigate life on our own. Instead, He gave us His Spirit to guide, convict, comfort, and lead us into truth. To be a disciple of Jesus means to be Spirit-led in decisions, relationships, and daily living. This lesson helps us understand the biblical foundation for being led by the Spirit and offers practical ways to walk in step with Him.

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## Teaching Session

### 1. God's Promise of a New Heart and Spirit

#### **Ezekiel 36:26–27 (NIV)**

*I will give you a new heart and put a new spirit in you; I will remove from you your heart of stone and give you a heart of flesh. And I will put my Spirit in you and move you to follow my decrees and be careful to keep my laws.*

- God's plan was always for His Spirit to live within His people.
  - The Spirit transforms our desires from the inside out.
  - Obedience flows not from duty but from a Spirit-renewed heart.
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### 2. Sons and Daughters Led by the Spirit

#### **Romans 8:14 (NIV)**

*For those who are led by the Spirit of God are the children of God.*

- Being Spirit-led is the mark of true sonship.
  - The Spirit's leading is proof of belonging.
  - To live as God's child is to live in constant dependence on His Spirit.
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### 3. Walking by the Spirit

#### **Galatians 5:16–18 (NIV)**

*So I say, walk by the Spirit, and you will not gratify the desires of the flesh. For the flesh desires what is contrary to the Spirit, and the Spirit what is contrary to the flesh. They are in conflict*

*with each other, so that you are not to do whatever you want. But if you are led by the Spirit, you are not under the law.*

- Life in the Spirit is a daily walk, not a one-time event.
  - The Spirit enables victory over sinful desires.
  - Spirit-led living frees us from legalism, because grace empowers what the law demands.
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#### **4. The Spirit's Guidance Into Truth**

##### **John 16:13 (NIV)**

*But when he, the Spirit of truth, comes, he will guide you into all the 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.*

- The Spirit reveals God's truth in Scripture and circumstances.
  - He gives clarity when human wisdom falls short.
  - The Spirit speaks consistently with God's Word, never against it.
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#### **5. Practical Spirit-Led Living**

- Pray and listen: Create space to hear His voice.
  - Align with Scripture: The Spirit never contradicts God's Word.
  - Test impressions: Confirm through peace, counsel, and fruit.
  - Obey promptly: The Spirit's guidance becomes clearer with practice.
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#### **Study & Discussion Questions**

1. What does Ezekiel 36:26–27 teach us about the Spirit's role in transforming our hearts?
  2. Why is being led by the Spirit considered the mark of sonship (Romans 8:14)?
  3. In your experience, what is the difference between living by the flesh and walking by the Spirit?
  4. How can we discern the Spirit's voice in a world full of competing voices?
  5. Share a time when you sensed the Spirit's leading. What was the outcome?
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#### **Application & Reflection**

- **Memory Verse:** *"For those who are led by the Spirit of God are the children of God."* (Romans 8:14, NIV)

- **Personal Reflection:** Think of a current decision you are facing. Write down practical steps to seek the Spirit's guidance (prayer, Scripture, counsel). Journal what you sense the Spirit leading you to do.
- **Group Activity:** Role-play a real-life decision scenario (e.g., career choice, relationship conflict) and discuss together how to apply Spirit-led discernment. Pray as a group for sensitivity to the Spirit's leading in daily life.