

# More for Us

**Central Truth:** God will use our own spirit to guide us.

Just as the human mind can be educated and trained intellectually, so the human spirit can be trained spiritually. It can be built up in strength just as the body can be built up. In this lesson we will look at four ways by which this can be accomplished:

1. Meditating in the Word of God
2. Practicing the Word of God
3. Giving the Word of God First Place
4. Instantly Obeying the Voice of Our Spirit

As we apply these four principles to our daily lives, we can come to know the will of God in even the minor details of life.

God communicates with the spirit and not with our reasoning faculties. As we instantly obey our spirit, we will find that we are obeying the Holy Spirit. God said in His Word, “The spirit of man is the candle of the Lord, searching all the inward parts of the belly” ([Proverbs 20:27](#)). This means that God is going to use our own spirit to guide us. The spirit of man is the candle of the Lord.

## **Rule 1 – Meditating in the Word of God** [Joshua 1:8](#)

8 This book of the law shall not depart out of thy mouth; but thou shalt meditate therein day and night, that thou mayest observe to do according to all that is written therein: for then thou shalt make thy way prosperous, and then thou shalt have good success.

Another translation of the last phrase of [Joshua 1:8](#), quoted above, says, “You will be able to deal wisely in the things of life.” Certainly we wouldn’t have good success if we could not deal wisely in the things of life. God told Joshua to meditate in the Word, and that if he would do so God would make his way prosperous and he would have good success.

The most deeply spiritual men and women I have known are those who give time to meditation. One cannot develop spiritual wisdom without meditation in God’s Word.

## **Rule 2 – Practicing the Word of God**

## James 1:22

22 But be ye doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving your own selves.

Practicing the Word is what James called being a “doer of the Word.” Some people think that being a doer of the Word is keeping the Ten Commandments. However, under the new covenant we have one commandment – the commandment of love. If you love someone, you won’t steal from him. You won’t lie about him. Paul said love is the fulfilling of the law. If you walk in love, you won’t break any law that was given to curb sin.

Philippians, “Be careful for nothing; but in every thing by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known unto God” ([Philippians 4:6](#)). The Amplified translation says, “Do not fret or have any anxiety about anything. But in every thing by prayer and supplication let your requests be made known unto God with thanksgiving.”

Usually we practice only part of this. We don’t mind practicing the part that tells us to pray. But if we just practice one part and not the other, we are not practicing the Word. We are not a doer of the Word.

First of all, the Lord said not to fret. If we are going to fret and have anxieties, then it isn’t going to do any good to make requests. If God said not to fret, then this means that we can keep from it. God is a just God and He won’t ask us to do something that we cannot do. There was a time when I believed that I could make my requests known unto God, but I had difficulty believing that I couldn’t fret. However, God said that we don’t have to fret. So I would say then that I refuse to fret or have any anxiety about anything. I would tell the Lord that I bring my requests to Him, and then I would thank Him. This quiets my spirit and pacifies the troubled spirit that the devil would try to make me have. If this inner turmoil persists, I simply go right back to this verse and read it again. I keep claiming it. “God’s peace will garrison and mount guard,” is the Amplified Version of verse 7. It will keep guard over your heart and your spirit.

The education of our spirits comes by practicing the Word. Can you reap the results and have peace without being a doer of the Word? No, we really can’t. Be a doer of the Word and you’ll grow spiritually.

## **Rule 3 – Giving the Word First Place**

## Proverbs 4:20-22

20 My son, attend to my words; incline thine ear unto my sayings.

21 Let them not depart from thine eyes; keep them in the midst of thine heart.

22 For they are life unto those that find them, and health to all their flesh.

With so many different voices surrounding us, it is often difficult to stop and listen to the voice of the Word of God. Family and friends are always ready to give us their opinions and advice. However, an essential of training the spiritual man is learning to listen to what God's Word has to say to us. It is giving the Word first place in our lives.

In the verses quoted above, God tells us to do three things with His Word: to listen to it, to read it, and to memorize it. In verse 20 we read, "... incline thine ear unto my sayings." Anytime the Bible is being read aloud – in church, in family devotions, on a gospel radio or television program – give careful attention to its words. Then verse 21 tells us, "Let them not depart from thine eyes ...". In other words, spend time alone reading God's Word. Let it sink deep into your thoughts and your heart. Memorize it, as the second part of verse 21 tells us. "... Keep them in the midst of thine heart."

If we will do these three things, we will find that God's Word is "... life unto those that find them, and health to all their flesh" (verse 22). We will enter into the life more abundant in Christ Jesus. We will find physical healing for our bodies. All we need to do is to give God's Word first place in our lives.

### **Rule 4 – Instantly Obeying the Voice of Our Spirit**

The human spirit has a voice. We call that voice conscience. Sometimes it is called intuition. We call it an inner voice of guidance. It is our spirit talking to us. Every man's spirit has a voice, whether he is saved or unsaved. But the new birth is a rebirth of the human spirit. As your spirit meditates upon the Word, this is where your spirit gets its information. Learn to obey your spirit.

Your spirit has the life and nature of God in it, for the Holy Spirit dwells within you. The devil can't be giving you the information because he is not in you. He is on the outside of you. God has to communicate with you through your spirit because that is where He is. He isn't in your head. He isn't in your reasoning

faculties. He is in your spirit. Your spirit gets its information through Him. Learn to obey your spirit.

Some people say that conscience isn't a safe guide. But this isn't always true. The conscience is a safe guide in the Spirit-filled believer because God is dwelling within him. The believer's conscience, the voice of his spirit, becomes the voice of God. God is speaking to him. Paul said that he obeyed his conscience ([Acts 23:1](#)).

"The spirit of man is the candle of the Lord ..." ([Proverbs 20:27](#)). God will use your spirit to guide you. He will use it to enlighten you. As your spirit meditates and feeds upon the Word, then it becomes more and more a safe guide. It is trained in the Word.

**With those of us who have certain ministry gifts, the Holy Spirit does speak a little differently. But as a rule in the lives of believers the inward voice is the voice of the spirit speaking, not just the Holy Spirit. The Holy Spirit often speaks to me about others, but I never hear Him for my own benefit. A prophet's ministry isn't given for his benefit. It is given for the benefit of others. I have to receive guidance for myself through my own inward voice.**

Memory Text: *"The spirit of man is the candle of the Lord, searching all the inward parts of the belly"* ([Proverbs 20:27](#)) *"But be ye doers of the word, and not hearers only ...."* ([James 1:22](#))

Chronicles 32 King James Version (KJV)

**32** After these things, and the establishment thereof, Sennacherib king of Assyria came, and entered into Judah, and encamped against the fenced cities, and thought to win them for himself. 1.... A multitude of Nations were all ready defeated that many were formidable opponents but were defeated easily.

<sup>2</sup> And when Hezekiah saw that Sennacherib was come, and that he was purposed to fight against Jerusalem, 2... Visualizes the problem as severe and desperate - in the natural

<sup>3</sup> He took counsel with his princes and his mighty men to stop the waters of the fountains which were without the city: and they did help him. 1.. The counsel was pivotal that they be in agreement not to surrender - Jesus mentioned such a practice that should be considered.

<sup>4</sup> So there was gathered much people together, who stopped all the fountains, and the brook that ran through the midst of the land, saying, Why should the kings of Assyria come, and find much water? 1...Natural - cut off anything that will feed the problem

<sup>5</sup> Also he strengthened himself, and built up all the wall that was broken, and raised it up to the towers, and another wall without, and repaired Millo in the city of David, and made darts and shields in abundance. 1... deliberately made it difficult for his adversary to have access to him

<sup>6</sup> And he set captains of war over the people, and gathered them together to him in the street of the gate of the city, and spake comfortably to them, saying, 1... Put people in charge that would know how to war and could direct others

<sup>7</sup> Be strong and courageous, be not afraid nor dismayed for the king of Assyria, nor for all the multitude that is with him: for there be more with us than with him: Spiritual- Believe in the supernatural God that you serve that he will defend you!

<sup>8</sup> With him is an arm of flesh; but with us is the Lord our God to help us, and to fight our battles. And the people rested themselves upon the words of Hezekiah king of Judah.

Spiritual... gives the distinction of flesh and blood and benefits of the spirit.

Then Elisha prayed, "O LORD, open his eyes and let him see!" The LORD opened the young man's eyes, and when he looked up, he saw that the hillside around Elisha was filled with horses and chariots of fire.

New testament - Language is the same and most of the rules.

<sup>2</sup> But I beseech you that I may not be bold when I am present with that confidence, wherewith I think to be bold against some, which think of us as if we walked according to the flesh.

<sup>3</sup> For though we walk in the flesh, we do not war after the flesh:

1. There are certain things we have to and choose to do in the natural but then we must practice the word.

<sup>4</sup> (For the weapons of our warfare are not carnal, but mighty through God to the pulling down of strong holds ;) There are weapons they you can utilize that emanate through the most powerful force in the universe.

<sup>5</sup> Casting down imaginations, and every high thing that exalted itself against the knowledge of God, and bringing into captivity every thought to the obedience of Christ;

It has to get your natural assessment and ideas out of the way for the 'force ' to operate.

The knowledge of Isaiah 53 Philippians 1:6 Psalm 103 1-3

<sup>6</sup> And having in a readiness to revenge all disobedience, when your obedience is fulfilled.

Ready to deal with the problem and issue as soon as your obedience is fulfilled and part of that can be the period you waited faithfully for God to do what he said (Joseph)