

Spiritual GPS

For as many as are led by the Spirit of God, they are the sons of God.

Romans 8:14

One of the marvels of today's technology is the GPS. GPS stands for global positioning system, which uses satellites to coordinate and locate desired locations. When information is typed into the system, it is transferred to the satellites that are circling the globe, and then the program maps out a route to follow to reach a prescribed destination. We now have a guidance system from above with our cell phones or the car's computer that guides our travels.

Believers, at the moment of their conversion, receive a heavenly guidance system in the person of the Holy Spirit. After adopting new believers into the family of God, the Holy Spirit can steer the newborn in a route that is designed to teach and strengthen them. There will be daily lessons to learn. Now, as a child of God with His guidance from within, we are equipped to have our sensitivity heightened to the negative desires and reactions that are ingrained in our carnal nature. Other lessons may come from the variety of people whose paths we cross. With insight from the Holy Spirit, these encounters offer instruction either through their words or the example of their lives. Some of these will be examples or warnings of lifestyles to avoid, while others will inspire us to greater endeavors. God's inspired Word also serves as a lamp unto our feet and a light unto our path. The Holy Spirit uses the Word to guide us through the darkness of this present evil world. It is imperative for believers to read the scriptures, but it is equally important to allow the Spirit to guide us in what portion to study and to reveal the depths of its truth. Different needs and circumstances require the proper scriptures to fit the current needs. Being confronted by the crossroads that life presents requires the Spirit's leading to make the right choices. We can't see all the future ramifications of choices we make; because of that, we must pray and be sensitive to the Spirit's leading. Often, we plan out the schedule of our day, yet those annoying unexpected interruptions come. In those moments, we must seek the Lord to know if He might be leading us to shine some light on a person in need or even to learn some edifying lesson. Hopefully, if we mature as believers, we will learn to recognize and yield to the Spirit's leadership.

Today, whether you have a busy schedule or one of those off days, seek the Spirit's leading to guide your steps. As you read portions of His word, look for its truth to be reinforced in situations throughout your day. When the day concludes, may we have the sweet satisfaction that we were led by the Spirit.

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