

Thought :

Trying to find God's leadership is possible even in an atmosphere and climate charged with the natural man's desires, ..leadings, ..promptings, ..impulses, and ..feelings,..all of which whose sole purpose is to use man's natural flesh to ..crowd, ..confuse and ..block out the wisdom of the Spirit of God that is being spoken into our lives. It is like static on an electronic audio or video channel distorting the delivery of the message.

SECULAR – NON-SPIRIT OF CHRIST – GUIDANCE TECHNIQUES

News, Commentators, Teachers, Professors, Religious Leaders, Political Leaders, Hollywood Personalities, Investment Brokers, Advisors, Counselors, Bosses, Co-Workers, Relatives, Friends, Peers, Social Media, ...etc ...all speaking their best ideas from the mind of man without the wisdom that comes from above. (James 3:17)

Emotions, Imaginations, Impulses, Feelings, Prejudices, Traditions, Mystical Influences, Philosophers, Science, Psychiatry, Psychology, Crystal Balls, Astrology, Quija Boards, ESP, Horoscopes, Para-Psychology, Mind Reading, Handwriting Analysis, Seances, Fortune-Telling, Palm-Reading Spiritism & Mysticism, Religions ...etc all speaking through man's flesh with their ultimate purpose to deceive and turn believers and non-believers away from Fellowship with our Creator, the God of Abraham, Isaac, & Jacob in the his son the Lord Jesus Christ.

The natural man has always wanted to look into the future to know how to make his decisions. But the natural man can not use any techniques of the Holy Ghost / Spirit for guidance. The Spiritual is reserved for the born again children of God walking with Jesus Christ in his in-dwelling Spirit.

TECHNIQUES USED BY THE O.T. PEOPLE OF GOD

The Scriptures of the Bible definitely provide guidance and insight into God's will.

Prophet visitation, Angels, Visions, Dreams

Most commonly were Prophet visitation, Angels, Visions, Dreams which were all initiated by God to provide divine instruction for individuals or his people in specific circumstances. These do occur in the New Testament after the Spirit came on the day of Pentecost.

Casting Lots - Signs - Fleeces

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SOME WEAK GUIDANCE TECHNIQUES

"God if you don't want me to go close the door!"

"God if you want me to go open the door !"

Both of these are charged with the potential for damage to our soul.

It is safer if we allow him to close doors, rather than using our bouncing off closed doors as guidance.

Scripture Finger-Pointing

With your eyes closed, open your Bible and point to a spot on a page. Open your eyes and read your verse of guidance. What do you think. It worked once in my life time. But only when I was prompted to do so during a time of intense prayer. And it was right on. But never again. Again potential for great danger and hurt.

Keep Pushing the Buttons

If you don't get what you want at first, try, try again. Just keep on asking, seeking, pushing, finger-pointing, pushing the buttons, etc. until you get what you want. Yes, eventually you might get exactly what you want. Again, living dangerously, selfishly, and carnally. Bad.

Promise Card Boxes

Close your eyes and pull a card from your Promise Card Box. That's it. Instant guidance. It is possible that God might speak this way, but don't base your life on it. It will fail.

PRIMARY N. T. GUIDANCE TECHNIQUES

1. Scripture
2. Holy Spirit Witness
3. Circumstances

It is a firm belief of this believer that the God of Abraham, Isaac, & Jacob is speaking 24/7 to his people; he is speaking individually to each of his born again Holy Spirit filled disciples....to you and to me.

Our difficulty is in trying to "tune in" to his voice among the thousands of other voices that are clamoring so loudly for our attentions. Distracting Voices of the Man-kind.

There are really only two "guidance" broadcasts going out over the earth.

One is of the world, of the flesh, of the natural man, of sin and the dark powers of the prince of this world; the devil. The ultimate source is the devil using the ultimate vehicle or transmission conduit of the flesh, carnal nature, or the nature of man. Man's Mind. Man's Heart. Man's Will.

The other is the voice of the true Spirit of God which only speaks in and through the Spirit and divine nature of Christ Jesus. He may use various instruments and conduits, ... but it is always of His Spiritual Christ Nature.

One is a wisdom from above, ...heavenly. The other is a wisdom from below, ...earthly.

*Jas 3:14-18 But if ye have bitter envying and strife in your hearts, glory not, and lie not against the truth. This **wisdom descendeth not from above**, but is earthly, sensual, devilish. For where envying and strife is, there is confusion and every evil work.*

*But **the wisdom that is from above** is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, and easy to be intreated, full of mercy and good fruits, without partiality, and without hypocrisy. And the fruit of righteousness is sown in peace of them that make peace.*

WISDOM THAT IS FROM ABOVE

As we see, God's divine wisdom unto his people is presented in a spirit of purity (not mixture), a spirit of peace, a gentleness, easy to talk to and reason with, saturated with mercy and good fruits of the Spirit, never with partiality or favoritism and sincerity, without deceit or hypocrisy.

Always sown in peace. Never takes our peace from us. This is how Christ's wisdom comes to us through the Holy Spirit.

WISDOM THAT IS NOT FROM ABOVE ...BUT BELOW

Wisdom from below comes packaged a little differently with a different spirit. (Satan loves to make God's children think God is leading them with his imitation wisdom) This counterfeit wisdom comes in a mixture spirit (pure with impure) sprinkled with envy and dis-cord which are directly linked to the natural man's senses. Satan's imitation wisdom comes in a different spirit. Peace and the good fruits of the Holy Spirit are masked by irritableness to have it my way that pleases the self. Mercy will be distant. Favoritism will silently rear it's head. It is Saturated with earthiness, fleshiness, and a very self-centered attitude. A spirit of insistence and demanding prevails. Man's Mind. Man's Heart. Man's Will.

One wisdom is from God, from Christ. The other is counterfeit wisdom, an imitation of God's wisdom.

GUIDANCE BY GOD'S SPIRIT IS NOT AN EXACT SCIENCE

John Wesley is quoted as saying, *"Do not hastily ascribe things to God. Do not easily suppose dreams, voices, impressions, visions or revelations to be from God. They may be from Him, they may be from nature, they may be from the devil. Therefore, believe not every spirit, but try the spirits, whether they be from God."*

Exact Spiritual guidance for the child of God is not a given. It is a skill that can be improved with time as the child of God exercises himself or herself using certain Holy Spirit, Christ principles. Christ always operates in the same divine nature.

We can **always expect** the natural man to **always operate** in a carnal, fleshy, natural mind manner under the unktion of the mind of the world which is ultimately and always in direct conflict with God's will.

Often for the born again child of God, guidance and being led of the Spirit is not an exact science or something they can put a definite finger on. It may in some way feel intangible. But one thing is sure. If it is not saturated with the Spirit & Nature of Christ as James presented; it is a sure thing that it is a good imitation. Remember, all counterfeit wisdom is to move me away from being led by the true Holy Spirit of Jesus Christ.

There seems to be an innate fear in man to follow God's will. The warfare to follow the flesh or self-nature is weaker or less intense, when compared to the increased warfare that ensues as we attempt to follow Christ, after the Spirit nature.

CONDITIONS THAT PROMOTE BEING LED BY THE SPRIT OF CHRIST

One is child-like attitude. A dependence upon God, upon Christ, just as a child is utterly dependent upon their parent. When we move out of this attitude, we enter a danger zone.

IT TAKES THE PEACE OF GODTO HEAR HIS SOFT-STILL VOICE.
IT TAKES INTEGRITY..... AN ABIDING IN THE WORD

note: Some Questions Can Not Be Answered By the TextOnly By The Spirit!

CONDITIONS THAT HINDER TRUE HOLY SPIRIT OF CHRIST GUIDANCE

PRIDE	SELF-SUFFICIENCY	IMPATIENCE	INSINCERITY
DISOBEDIENCE	SELFISHNESS	STUBBORNNESS	

Each of these are operating upon our natural man to confuse and divert us. They must be continually over-come by the in-dwelling Spirit of Christ to be able to hear the voice of the Christ within our inner Spirit.

WE CAN BE “CONSCIOUS” OF BEING LED BY CHRIST’S SPIRIT

Voices, angels, dreams, visions, prophecies, a inner prompting may occur with our mind in gear, with us realizing that it is happening to us.

OFTEN WE ARE “UN-CONSCIOUSLY” BEING LED BY CHRIST’S SPIRIT

This may happen when events and circumstances occur which are out of our control. Later we may see that these things were God's wisdom and guidance even though we did not know it at the time. Being in the right place at the right time.??

****AS EACH OF US ...MATURES and ...DEVELOPS IN GROWING UP INTO HIM "CHRIST", GOD MAY USE WEAK AND SECONDARY METHODS BECAUSE OUR SPIRIT IS NOT DEVELOPED TO THE LEVEL THAT WE CAN HEAR OR DISCERN HIM.**

****WE SHOULD KNOW THAT THE HIGHEST FORM OF GUIDANCE IS....THE INNER SPIRIT MOVINGS OF CHRIST ON AN INNER SPIRITUAL LEVEL.**