



## **QA: How Do We Know We Are Led By the Holy Spirit?** by [John T Polk II](#)

*All Scriptures and comments are based on the **New King James Version**, unless otherwise noted.*

### **QUESTION: "How do we know we are led by the Holy Spirit?"**

**Answer: It is problematic that people will listen to the Scriptures for promises of the Holy Spirit's work, but refuse to listen to anything else in the Scriptures where the Holy Spirit explains the fulfillment of His work!** Before He was crucified, Jesus told the Apostles:

"I still have many things to say to you, but you cannot bear them now. However, when He, the Spirit of truth, has come, He will guide you into all truth; for He will not speak on His own authority, but whatever He hears He will speak; and He will tell you things to come."  
(**John 16:12-13**)

*Exactly when, where, and how did the Holy Spirit-inspired Scriptures tell us this was done, or was this Jesus' promise to everyone? If to everyone, then there is no further need of any written New Testament Scripture, for the Holy Spirit will directly guide all individuals "into all truth." But, if the Holy Spirit intended to fulfill this indirectly, through the written Scriptures, then whatever people may think they are following, it is not the Holy Spirit teaching them, if they are not listening to the Apostles' writings. Jesus prayed over the 11 Apostles in Gethsemane, and said,*

"I do not pray for these alone, but also for those who will believe in Me through their word." (**John 17:20**)

Then the miracles that followed them as the New Testament was being written was: ...

The Lord working with them and confirming the word through the accompanying signs. Amen. (**Mark 16:20**)

**Jesus expected people to follow Him through the "word" given through the Apostles.** Incidentally, no one today would know of Jesus' promise of the Holy Spirit's work, except through the inspired, written word of John! Think of the irony of that!

**Many people think the Holy Spirit became a constant revealer of God's Will to each individual.** If that were the case, then God is a "respector of persons," (**Acts 10:34**) for many live in ignorance of what they must do to be saved. However, according to the written Scriptures, with the Lord, "There is no partiality" (**Colossians 3:25**). And if the Holy Spirit would provide on-the-job instruction, then why did He inspire Paul to write:

To the saints and faithful brethren in Christ [that] now you yourselves are to put off all these: anger, wrath, malice, blasphemy, filthy language out of your mouth. Do not lie to one another, since you have put off the old man with his deeds, and have put on the new man who is renewed in knowledge according to the image of Him who created him.

(**Colossians 1:2; 3:8-10**)

[They should] Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly in all wisdom.

(**Colossians 3:16**)

Was that the directly revealed or the written "word of Christ?" But, if the Holy Spirit is to directly influence and guide a Christian's heart, then did He fail with Ananias?

But Peter said, "Ananias, why has Satan filled your heart to lie to the Holy Spirit and keep back part of the price of the land for yourself?"

(**Acts 5:3**)

Was that a victory for Satan and failure for the Holy Spirit? The answer is "Yes," if both were directly-revealing their doctrine into Ananias' heart!

***To those misguided people who think God speaks to the individual's heart, why do we have written Scripture?***

All Scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness, that the man of God may be complete, thoroughly equipped for every good work.

(**2 Timothy 3:16-17**)

What was/ is the Holy Spirit to provide to the believer's heart that was not provided in "all Scripture?" Written Scriptures do not tell people to no longer listen to the written Scriptures!

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