

# Being Led by the Spirit

ROM 8:14 "For as many as are led by the Spirit of God, they are the sons of God."

## Introduction

The involvement of God with His people is a theme that runs through all of revival theology. God wants to energize His people to reach the lost and build His kingdom, He wants to fellowship with us, He wants to bless us, He wants us to live a righteous life and overcome sin. He wants the "best" for us and sin leads to separation, death and destruction. Our God wants to lead us and go before us and be our advocate, our counselor, the one that will say go this way, do this, it's not time yet, it's time to move on, and so on...so that we can function in His perfect will.

In the Old Covenant God led His people by speaking directly to His prophets and reinforcing His word through signs and miracles. He also provided visible evidence for the people to follow such as the pillar of a cloud by day and a pillar of fire by night.

- EXO 13:21 "And the LORD went before them by day in a pillar of a cloud, to lead them the way; and by night in a pillar of fire, to give them light; to go by day and night:" 22 "He took not away the pillar of the cloud by day, nor the pillar of fire by night, from before the people."

They separated themselves..from the rest of the world because they were led by God, are they any different than us today? Can you say truthfully that you are led by God and different from all the people on the face of the earth?

- EXO 33:14 "And he said, My presence shall go with thee, and I will give thee rest." 15 "And he said unto him, If thy presence go not with me, carry us not up hence." 16 "For wherein shall it be known here that I and thy people have found grace in thy sight? is it not in that thou goest with us? so shall we be separated, I and thy people, from all the people that are upon the face of the earth."

They recognized the cloud as supernatural as it was not just an ordinary cumulus cloud but a pillar, probably shaped something like a tornado but not a funnel, the word calls it a pillar, the same dimensions on the bottom as on the top. It had to be a cloud you would never see in the natural , it was a supernatural cloud. They were dependent upon the cloud for reassurance that God was leading them.

- EXO 40:34 "Then a cloud covered the tent of the congregation, and the glory of the LORD filled the tabernacle." 35 "And Moses was not able to enter into the tent of the congregation, because the cloud abode thereon, and the glory of the LORD filled the tabernacle." 36 "And when the cloud was taken up from over the tabernacle, the children of Israel went onward in all their journeys:" 37 "But if the cloud were not taken up, then they journeyed not till the day that it was taken up." 38 "For the cloud of the LORD was upon the tabernacle by day, and fire was on it by night, in the sight of all the house of Israel, throughout all their journeys."

A couple of observations. Their actions were regulated by God. Secondly, the presence of the Lord protected them and none left this period with any want for food, clothing or healing. Secondly, God led and protected His people with the tangible, visible Ark of the Testimony, a type of Christ.

- JOS 3:1 "And Joshua rose early in the morning; and they removed from Shittim, and came to Jordan, he and all the children of Israel, and lodged there before they passed over." 2 "And it came to pass after three days, that the officers went through the host;" 3 "And they commanded the people, saying, When ye see the ark of the covenant of the LORD your God, and the priests the Levites bearing it, then ye shall remove from your place, and go after it." 4 "Yet there shall be a space between you and it, about two thousand cubits by measure: come not near unto it, that ye may know the way by which ye must go: for ye have not passed this way heretofore." 11 "Behold, the ark of the covenant of the LORD of all the earth passeth over before you into Jordan."
- 2SA 6:11 "And the ark of the LORD continued in the house of Obededom the Gittite three months: and the LORD blessed Obededom, and all his household." 12 "And it was told king David, saying, The LORD hath blessed the house of Obededom, and all that pertaineth unto him, because of the ark of God. So David went and brought up the ark of God from the house of Obededom into the city of David with gladness."

The Ark of the Testimony contained three items, the stone tablets which gave them the law, an omer of manna, and Aaron's rod. The contents were everlasting reminders to the children of Israel of the law given at Mt. Sinai, the provision God made for them in the wilderness and the authority God gave to the priesthood when Aaron's rod budded and the rebellion ceased. The children of Israel had complete confidence when the Ark went before them. It also brought prosperity to Obededom when it

stayed in his house. David expressed ecstatic joy when he brought the Ark into Jerusalem. David's joy resided in knowing the presence of the living God was now in the city in which he dwelt and this assured shalom (peace) would reside there. His joy also received sharp criticism from his wife which God judged severely...which reinforces the theme that God's provision is not to be mocked.

- 2SA 6:13 "When those who were carrying the ark of the LORD had taken six steps, he sacrificed a bull and a fattened calf." 14 "David, wearing a linen Ephod, danced before the LORD with all his might," 15 "while he and the entire house of Israel brought up the ark of the LORD with shouts and the sound of trumpets." 16 "As the ark of the LORD was entering the City of David, Michal daughter of Saul watched from a window. And when she saw King David leaping and dancing before the LORD, she despised him in her heart." 17 "They brought the ark of the LORD and set it in its place inside the tent that David had pitched for it, and David sacrificed burnt offerings and fellowship offerings before the LORD." 18 "After he had finished sacrificing the burnt offerings and fellowship offerings, he blessed the people in the name of the LORD Almighty." 19 "Then he gave a loaf of bread, a cake of dates and a cake of raisins to each person in the whole crowd of Israelites, both men and women. And all the people went to their homes." 20 "When David returned home to bless his household, Michal daughter of Saul came out to meet him and said, "How the king of Israel has distinguished himself today, disrobing in the sight of the slave girls of his servants as any vulgar fellow would!" 21 "David said to Michal, "It was before the LORD, who chose me rather than your father or anyone from his house when he appointed me ruler over the Lord's people Israel--I will celebrate before the LORD." 22 "I will become even more undignified than this, and I will be humiliated in my own eyes. But by these slave girls you spoke of, I will be held in honor." 23 "And Michal daughter of Saul had no children to the day of her death."

Now the Ark of the Covenant or Testimony is accepted as a type of the Lord Jesus Christ. His Spirit, The Holy Spirit, dwells within us and is the Spirit that leads us... "those that are son's of God are led by the Spirit of God". We no longer have the visible cloud, fire or Ark, however, we have the Holy Ghost that is just as real...

## The Carnal man

Before we embark on the study of the spiritual man, the subject of the carnal man needs to be understood in order to be a backdrop to help us understand the changes made when the Holy Spirit entered us. The bible says that the carnal mind is hostile to God, he does not accept or welcome the gifts, teachings or revelations of the Holy Spirit, he is incapable of knowing them. Paul addresses his brethren as carnal in Corinth, men of whom the flesh dominates. (1CO 2:9-3:3 AMP) Therefore, it seems to me, that carnality or soulish worldliness lies at the root of the problem of not being able to be led by God. In plain english, we need to grow up spiritually, but before that begins we must recognize that there is more to God and that where we are is not where we need to be. Pray over these texts and ask God to speak to your heart..

- ROM 8:5 "Those who live according to the sinful nature have their minds set on what that nature desires; but those who live in accordance with the Spirit have their minds set on what the Spirit desires." 6 "The mind of sinful man is death, but the mind controlled by the Spirit is life and peace;" 7 "the sinful mind is hostile to God. It does not submit to God's law, nor can it do so." 8 "Those controlled by the sinful nature cannot please God."
- 1CO 2:14 "The man without the Spirit does not accept the things that come from the Spirit of God, for they are foolishness to him, and he cannot understand them, because they are spiritually discerned." 15 "The spiritual man makes judgments about all things, but he himself is not subject to any man's judgment:" 16 ""For who has known the mind of the Lord that he may instruct him?" But we have the mind of Christ." 3:1 "Brothers, I could not address you as spiritual but as worldly--mere infants in Christ." 2 "I gave you milk, not solid food, for you were not yet ready for it. Indeed, you are still not ready."  
Other texts: Hebrews 5:11-6:1

## The Spiritual man

First, the spiritual person is where the Holy Ghost resides. The word says we are the temple of the Holy Ghost..

- 1CO 6:19 "Do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit, who is in you, whom you have received from God? You are not your own;" 20 "you were bought at a price. Therefore honor God with your body."

Secondly, the spiritual man is filled with the "fullness of God".

- EPH 3:19 "and to know this love that surpasses knowledge--that you may be filled to the measure of all the fullness of God." 20 "Now to him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to his power that is at work within us," 21 "to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, for ever and ever! Amen."
- JOH 7:37 "On the last and greatest day of the Feast, Jesus stood and said in a loud voice, "If anyone is thirsty, let him come to me and drink." 38 "Whoever believes in me, as the Scripture has said, streams of living water will flow from within him." 39 "By this he meant the Spirit, whom those who believed in him were later to receive. Up to that time the Spirit had not been given, since Jesus had not yet been glorified."
- ACT 4:8 "Then Peter, filled with the Holy Spirit, said to them: ....

Third, the spiritual man is Spirit, soul and body. There are two texts that seem to be clear evidence that this is a truth.

- 1TH 5:23 "May God himself, the God of peace, sanctify you through and through. May your whole spirit, soul and body be kept blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ."
- HEB 4:12 "For the word of God is living and active. Sharper than any double-edged sword, it penetrates even to dividing soul and spirit, joints and marrow; it judges the thoughts and attitudes of the heart."

Note: The study "The Tabernacle of Moses" is related to this line of thought.

Fourth, the spirit is our primary contact with God. Some refer to this as our "spirit - man". This is the first of the three parts that is regenerated when we are born again.

- 1CO 2:9 "But as it is written, Eye hath not seen, nor ear heard, neither have entered into the heart of man, the things which God hath prepared for them that love him." 10 "But God hath revealed them unto us by his Spirit: for the Spirit searcheth all things, yea, the deep things of God." 11 "For what man knoweth the things of a man, save the spirit of man which is in him? even so the things of God knoweth no man, but the Spirit of God." 12 "Now we have received, not the spirit of the world, but the spirit which is of God; that we might know the things that are freely given to us of God." 13 "Which things also we speak, not in the words which man's wisdom teacheth, but which the Holy Ghost teacheth; comparing spiritual things with spiritual." 14 "But the natural man receiveth not the things of the Spirit of God: for they are foolishness unto him: neither can he know them, because they are spiritually discerned." 15 "But he that is spiritual judgeth all things, yet he himself is judged of no man." 16 "For who hath known the mind of the Lord, that he may instruct him? But we have the mind of Christ."

We have received the spirit which is of God, that we might know the things that are freely given to us of God. God communicates to us through our spirit. It is our contact with God. It is where we KNOW, not where we understand.

Fifth, our spirit can pray...and sing..

- 1CO 14:14 "For if I pray in an unknown tongue, my spirit prayeth, but my understanding is unfruitful." 15 "What is it then? I will pray with the spirit, and I will pray with the understanding also: I will sing with the spirit, and I will sing with the understanding also." 16 "Else when thou shalt bless with the spirit, how shall he that occupieth the room of the unlearned say Amen at thy giving of thanks, seeing he understandeth not what thou sayest?" 17 "For thou verily givest thanks well, but the other is not edified." 18 "I thank my God, I speak with tongues more than ye all:"
- ROM 8:26 "Likewise the Spirit also helpeth our infirmities: for we know not what we should pray for as we ought: but the Spirit itself maketh intercession for us with groanings which cannot be uttered."

It is obvious that since we are to pray for the interpretation, we do not understand what the spirit has prayed, while the prayers are in progress. That is because we are praying in the prayer language we received when we were baptized in the Holy Spirit. When we don't know exactly what to pray for,

God has given us the gift of being able to pray with our spirit and He has also made provision for the interpretation of what He prompted us to pray.

Six, our spirit consists of our conscience and intuition. I will explore this in detail when we look at seven ways the Spirit leads us.

- ROM 9:1 "I say the truth in Christ, I lie not, my conscience also bearing me witness in the Holy Ghost,"

## Our Soul

First, our soul is our intellect, our will, and our emotions. It is the center for our reasoning and our understanding. Lets look at these texts again:

- 1TH 5:23 "And the very God of peace sanctify you wholly; and I pray God your whole spirit and soul and body be preserved blameless unto the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ."  
Notice that the word refers to the fact we are sanctified in the order of spirit, then soul, then body; not body soul and spirit as we hear quoted so often by unbelievers. When we are born again our spirit is a new one and we are positionally righteous in the Father's eyes. Then the sanctification process gradually "cleans up" our soul and body.
- HEB 4:12 "For the word of God is quick, and powerful, and sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing even to the dividing asunder of soul and spirit, and of the joints and marrow, and is a discernor of the thoughts and intents of the heart."

Second, and continuing along with this line of thought, our soul is to be "renewed" and "restored" and if this is true, it obviously was in a depraved state before we were saved, and it did not totally change at the time our spirit was regenerated. Hebrews 4:12 says that the soul and spirit are separated when the Holy Spirit quickens us when the word is read. Since the spirit is the part of us that receives the communication from God, when the soul dominates our being, very little communication gets through. To be led by God, we must be able to hear from Him and to do so, the "flesh" needs to be crucified. When we "die" to the desires of the flesh, our spirit comes alive to receive the things of God.

- GAL 2:20 "I am crucified with Christ: nevertheless I live; yet not I, but Christ liveth in me: and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by the faith of the Son of God, who loved me, and gave himself for me."
- 1CO 15:22 "For as in Adam all die, even so in Christ shall all be made alive."
- JOH 12:24 "Verily, verily, I say unto you, Except a corn of wheat fall into the ground and die, it abideth alone: but if it die, it bringeth forth much fruit." JOH 12:25 "He that loveth his life shall lose it; and he that hateth his life in this world shall keep it unto life eternal." JOH 12:26 "If any man serve me, let him follow me; and where I am, there shall also my servant be: if any man serve me, him will my Father honour."

The bible's reference to our soul being restored and renewed:

- PSA 23:3 "He restoreth my soul: he leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for his name's sake."
- ROM 12:2 "And be not conformed to this world: but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of God."

Then, as our soul is sanctified or made for holy use, our mind becomes more like the mind of Christ, our will is surrendered to God and our emotions are opened up to receive communion with God. The lines of communication are opened up to allow us to be led by God.

## Our Body

Our body is our contact with the physical world. It is our physical presence on this earth, it is evidence of our right to citizenship here. We belong on this earth as this is where God placed us long before the fall. God gave man dominion here. Satan stole it, Jesus came back in a body as the second Adam, made atonement for sin and the Father sent the Holy Spirit to restore and build the Kingdom of God. It is in this body that we have the right to expel Satan's activities as he has no legal right to this earth, but we do! Our body is important to the kingdom of God. If Satan can make it weak or destroy it he can hinder what God wants to do through you. One reason why He is Jehovah-Rapha your healer, why it is important to live a life of righteousness, so we can be led by Him and do His work. Our bodies are to be maintained healthy and strong, it is the temple of the Holy Spirit. It is through this body that

the Holy Spirit flows. We are to , by the power of the Spirit, keep our bodies in subjection to the Spirit, and thereby glorify God. The Spirit leads us.

- ROM 12:1 "Therefore, I urge you, brothers, in view of God's mercy, to offer your bodies as living sacrifices, holy and pleasing to God--this is your spiritual act of worship."
- ROM 8:13 "For if ye live after the flesh, ye shall die: but if ye through the Spirit do mortify the deeds of the body, ye shall live."
- 1CO 6:20 "For ye are bought with a price: therefore glorify God in your body, and in your spirit, which are God's."
- 1CO 9:27 "But I keep under my body, and bring it into subjection: lest that by any means, when I have preached to others, I myself should be a castaway."

### Seven ways the Spirit leads you.

First, we are led by His word.

- JER 8:6 "I have listened attentively, but they do not say what is right. No one repents of his wickedness, saying, "What have I done?" Each pursues his own course like a horse charging into battle." 7 "Even the stork in the sky knows her appointed seasons, and the dove, the swift and the thrush observe the time of their migration. But my people do not know the requirements of the LORD."
- JOS 1:8 "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." 9 "Have not I commanded thee? Be strong and of a good courage; be not afraid, neither be thou dismayed: for the LORD thy God is with thee whithersoever thou goest."
- PSA 119:105 " Thy word is a lamp unto my feet, and a light unto my path."
- PRO 4:20 "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."

Second, the Holy Spirit leads us by an inward witness. The bible makes reference to three things, an "unction", it "seems good", and "I perceive" as what I conclude is an inward witness to our spirit man.

- LUK 1:3 "It seemed good to me also, having had perfect understanding of all things from the very first, to write unto thee in order, most excellent Theophilus,"
- ACT 15:28 "For it seemed good to the Holy Ghost, and to us, to lay upon you no greater burden than these necessary things;"
- MAR 2:8 "And immediately when Jesus perceived in his spirit that they so reasoned within themselves, he said unto them, Why reason ye these things in your hearts?"
- ACT 27:9 "Now when much time was spent, and when sailing was now dangerous, because the fast was now already past, Paul admonished them," 10 "And said unto them, Sirs, I perceive that this voyage will be with hurt and much damage, not only of the lading and ship, but also of our lives."
- 1JO 2:20 "But ye have an unction from the Holy One, and ye know all things."

How do you hear this inner witness? Have you heard a preacher say "Have I got a witness?" What are they talking about? Notice that when they "perceived" or "it seemed good" or they had an "unction" , it wasn't "thus sayth the Lord". On reflecting upon my experiences, the witness is a gentle urging, an impression, a leading. It came from believing that the Holy Spirit , in fact does communicate this way, and then asking Him for guidance while quietly trying to hear with "an ear to hear".

His leading is always absolutely consistent with His word and His attributes.

Third, the conscience, integrity of the heart, leads.

- GEN 20:5 "Did he not say to me, 'She is my sister,' and didn't she also say, 'He is my brother'? I have done this with a clear conscience and clean hands." 6 "Then God said to him in the dream, "Yes, I know you did this with a clear conscience, and so I have kept you from sinning against me. That is why I did not let you touch her."
- 1SA 24:5 "And it came to pass afterward, that David's heart smote him, because he had cut off Saul's skirt."

- ACT 23:1 "And Paul, earnestly beholding the council, said, Men and brethren, I have lived in all good conscience before God until this day."
  - ROM 9:1 "I say the truth in Christ, I lie not, my conscience also bearing me witness in the Holy Ghost,"
  - 1JO 3:21 "Beloved, if our heart condemn us not, then have we confidence toward God." 22 "And whatsoever we ask, we receive of him, because we keep his commandments, and do those things that are pleasing in his sight."
- Now , there is the fact that the conscience has degrees of sensitivity to the Spirit.
- 1CO 8:7 "Howbeit there is not in every man that knowledge: for some with conscience of the idol unto this hour eat it as a thing offered unto an idol; and their conscience being weak is defiled." 8 "But meat commendeth us not to God: for neither, if we eat, are we the better; neither, if we eat not, are we the worse." 9 "But take heed lest by any means this liberty of yours become a stumblingblock to them that are weak." 10 "For if any man see thee which hast knowledge sit at meat in the idol's temple, shall not the conscience of him which is weak be emboldened to eat those things which are offered to idols;" 11 "And through thy knowledge shall the weak brother perish, for whom Christ died?" 12 "But when ye sin so against the brethren, and wound their weak conscience, ye sin against Christ."
  - 2CO 1:12 "For our rejoicing is this, the testimony of our conscience, that in simplicity and godly sincerity, not with fleshly wisdom, but by the grace of God, we have had our conversation in the world, and more abundantly to you-ward."
  - 1TI 4:2 "Speaking lies in hypocrisy; having their conscience seared with a hot iron;"
  - 1TI 1:5 "Now the end of the commandment is charity out of a pure heart, and of a good conscience, and of faith unfeigned:"
  - 1TI 1:19 "Holding faith, and a good conscience; which some having put away concerning faith have made shipwreck:"
  - HEB 10:22 "Let us draw near with a true heart in full assurance of faith, having our hearts sprinkled from an evil conscience, and our bodies washed with pure water."
  - 1PE 3:16 "Having a good conscience; that, whereas they speak evil of you, as of evildoers, they may be ashamed that falsely accuse your good conversation in Christ."
  - 1PE 3:21 "The like figure whereunto even baptism doth also now save us (not the putting away of the filth of the flesh, but the answer of a good conscience toward God,) by the resurrection of Jesus Christ:"

Remember now , that the conscience is a part of our spirit man. The conscience can be weakened, it can be strong, it can be seared, it can be good, it was evil..As you draw closed to God your conscience will become more and more tender. Every time you refuse to yield to the conscience correcting you it becomes a little more seared. Every time you follow it your conscience becomes more tender, your spirit becoming more desirous of pleasing God. 100% obedience to the leading of the Spirit is what I feel is referred to as "perfection". Not sinless, but obedient.

Fourth, the still small voice.

- 1KI 19:11 "And he said, Go forth, and stand upon the mount before the LORD. And, behold, the LORD passed by, and a great and strong wind rent the mountains, and brake in pieces the rocks before the LORD; but the LORD was not in the wind: and after the wind an earthquake; but the LORD was not in the earthquake:" 12 "And after the earthquake a fire; but the LORD was not in the fire: and after the fire a still small voice." 13 "And it was so, when Elijah heard it that he wrapped his face in his mantle, and went out, and stood in the entering in of the cave. And, behold, there came a voice unto him, and said, What doest thou here, Elijah?"

Fifth, by visions and dreams.

- ACT 10:1 "There was a certain man in Caesarea called Cornelius, a centurion of the band called the Italian band," 2 "A devout man, and one that feared God with all his house, which gave much alms to the people, and prayed to God alway." 3 "He saw in a vision evidently about the ninth hour of the day an angel of God coming in to him, and saying unto him, Cornelius." 4 "And when he looked on him, he was afraid, and said, What is it, Lord? And he said unto him, Thy prayers and thine alms are come up for a memorial before God."

- ACT 10:9 "On the morrow, as they went on their journey, and drew nigh unto the city, Peter went up upon the housetop to pray about the sixth hour:" 10 "And he became very hungry, and would have eaten: but while they made ready, he fell into a trance," 11 "And saw heaven opened, and a certain vessel descending unto him, as it had been a great sheet knit at the four corners, and let down to the earth:" 12 "Wherein were all manner of fourfooted beasts of the earth, and wild beasts, and creeping things, and fowls of the air."

### Sixth, by the voice of the Holy Ghost.

- 1SA 3:4 "That the LORD called Samuel: and he answered, Here am I." 5 "And he ran unto Eli, and said, Here am I; for thou calledst me. And he said, I called not; lie down again. And he went and lay down." 6 "And the LORD called yet again, Samuel. And Samuel arose and went to Eli, and said, Here am I; for thou didst call me. And he answered, I called not, my son; lie down again." 7 "Now Samuel did not yet know the LORD, neither was the word of the LORD yet revealed unto him." 8 "And the LORD called Samuel again the third time. And he arose and went to Eli, and said, Here am I; for thou didst call me. And Eli perceived that the LORD had called the child."
- ACT 11:12 "And the Spirit bade me go with them, nothing doubting. Moreover these six brethren accompanied me, and we entered into the man's house:"
- ACT 13:1 "Now there were in the church that was at Antioch certain prophets and teachers; as Barnabas, and Simeon that was called Niger, and Lucius of Cyrene, and Manaen, which had been brought up with Herod the tetrarch, and Saul." 2 "As they ministered to the Lord, and fasted, the Holy Ghost said, Separate me Barnabas and Saul for the work whereunto I have called them."

### Seven, God changes the circumstances to move us on...

- 1KI 17:2 "And the word of the LORD came unto him, saying," 3 "Get thee hence, and turn thee eastward, and hide thyself by the brook Cherith, that is before Jordan." 4 "And it shall be, that thou shalt drink of the brook; and I have commanded the ravens to feed thee there." 5 "So he went and did according unto the word of the LORD: for he went and dwelt by the brook Cherith, that is before Jordan." 6 "And the ravens brought him bread and flesh in the morning, and bread and flesh in the evening; and he drank of the brook." 7 "And it came to pass after a while, that the brook dried up, because there had been no rain in the land." 8 "And the word of the LORD came unto him, saying," 9 "Arise, get thee to Zarephath, which belongeth to Zidon, and dwell there: behold, I have commanded a widow woman there to sustain thee."

In my own case, as we now look back, God dried up the work opportunities to move us out east for a season. I have seen this work in the lives of our children also. God has a perfect will for you and you sometimes you settle for His permissive will because you hang on to things too tightly. Be willing to follow the leading of the Spirit in all things. God Bless.