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Revealed Knowledge

Just days after I was filled with the Holy Ghost, I began to pray in tongues the whole day long as I was working as a welder in a manufacturing plant. I had sought for the gift for three years and when He finally came I just loved to pray in other tongues. As I prayed, something unexpected began to happen with me, whenever I paused the Lord would speak something to me. I never heard an audible voice, He spoke to me in my thoughts, what I heard I could never have come up with on my own. I began to write down what He told me and share them with my mentors, they were amazed at what I had received from the Lord.

John 16:13 When the Spirit of Truth is come, He will guide (lead) you into all truth: for He will not speak of Himself; but whatsoever He hears, that shall He speak.

You cannot see nor touch the Holy Spirit, but He will speak to you if you believe. You are a spirit, God created you so you could hear His voice; this isn't anything to marvel at, it's just God's way. Some ungodly people think you're insane if you claim to hear God's voice, but I say you are blessed. How could God lead us if He couldn't communicate with us? When the Lord began to speak to me I didn't know He had a plan and a purpose for

everything He spoke to me. Later on He called me into the office of the teacher and I was already armed with the things He wanted taught to His people. Despite these wonderful revelations, I was met with opposition, people who did not have revealed knowledge wanted to argue and debate.

Luke 4:4 It is written, man shall not live by bread alone, but by every Word of God.

Ignorant people were opposing the very Word God was giving them in order to have the abundant life. The Lord instructed me to show His Word and let them choose to believe or not. Forcing a person to believe something even if it is the truth is not Christianity. Every Christian must choose what they will accept, the Lord can only offer His truth. If God commanded everyone to believe, then Christianity would become legalism. As an old school Catholic, I was commanded to

abstain from meat on Friday or go to hell, this is legalism.

1 Corinthians 12:3 I give you to understand, that no man can say that Jesus is the Lord, but by the Holy Ghost.

When a Christian is convinced that Jesus is the Son of God and that He was crucified and raised from the dead, this person had heard from the Holy Ghost. If God will speak one thing to you, He will speak everything to you. God does not care what your title is, He will speak to whosoever wants to hear Him. Once you begin to hear His voice you will never be alone again, you will always have someone to converse with. God is not like men, He speaks very little but what He says translates into volumes of revelation. I simply ask the Lord for a nugget to chew on and it becomes a letter of vital information. Needless to say, I love revealed knowledge and I'm addicted to it.



Lead Me, O Lord

Based on His promise we must not be moved by circumstances because they are all subject to change.

If a man chooses to be led of the Spirit, he will need to hear the voice of the Lord. I never seek the voice of God just for the sake of hearing His voice. I seek Him because I want to please Him and I don't want to get off into the weeds.

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

This is what this Scripture is saying: if you choose to be led of the Spirit, God will deal with you as if you are His son because you are. A good son listens to his Father and he does what the Father tells him. I don't hear God's voice as much as I sense His inward witness.

Let me explain how the inward witness manifests, I just suddenly know some-

before he tugs on the reins. The closer we draw to our Lord and the more will we are to be led, the quicker we hear Him.

Psalm 26:2 Examine me O Lord, and prove me, try my reins and my heart.

In this Psalm, David is praying to the Lord and telling Him that he is ready and available to be instructed. I believe we should officially ask the Lord to lead us, don't just assume that He will. We must give the Lord permission to lead and correct us, this is the prayer of submission David prayed. I think some Christians are afraid to let God lead them, they think He will lead them to do something that will make them uncomfortable.

David proved that we can trust the Lord, so he is encouraging us to allow Him to lead us through this life. If God tells you to do something you will benefit. God can see into the spirit realm, He can see what the devil is plotting and He can see the angels He dispatched to watch over us. When someone loves you as much as Jesus does you can put all your trust in Him.

Jeremiah 29:11 I know the thoughts that I think toward you saith the Lord, thoughts of peace and not evil, to give you an expected end.

God knows what He thinks of us and He is making those thoughts known to us. He has already planned out our future and knows how it will end, with a peaceful settlement. Based on His promise we must not be moved by circumstances because they are all subject to change. Like Yogi Berra use to say, "it aint over till it's over!" Jerry Savelle calls being led of the Spirit an adventure in faith. The more you commit to the Lord the more success you see, and the more success you see the more confident you become. After awhile you can't imagine being led any other way, you crave it, you can't live without Him. When God led Israel out of Egypt, He led them into a place where they had to trust Him for their sustenance. They never did trust Him, that whole generation wandered around in the wilderness until they died.



thing or I just know what to do. It's kind of like a well trained horse, the horse knows what the rider wants

Psalm 9:10 They that know your Name will put their trust in You, for you, Lord have not forsaken them that seek you.

We are Born to Follow

Have you ever seen a baby duck or goose right after it has hatched? Through instinct they will follow the first living thing they see no matter what it is. When God created man He gave him a free will and an opportunity to connect with one of two beings, God or the devil.

Romans 6:16 To whom you yield yourselves servants to obey, his servants you are to whom you obey: whether of sin unto death, or of obedience unto righteousness.

don't even know it. The devil is the great deceiver, he will take a man into captivity and then convince him that he is free. He will tell a man great and wonderful things, all the while he leads him to death.

John 14:23 If a man love Me, he will keep My Word: and My Father will love him, and we will come into him, and make our abode with him.

A born-again Christian is one who has invited Jesus into their

no match for our Heavenly Father.

1 Timothy 4:1 The Holy Spirit warns us in the last days many will depart from the faith, giving heed to seducing spirits and doctrines of devils.

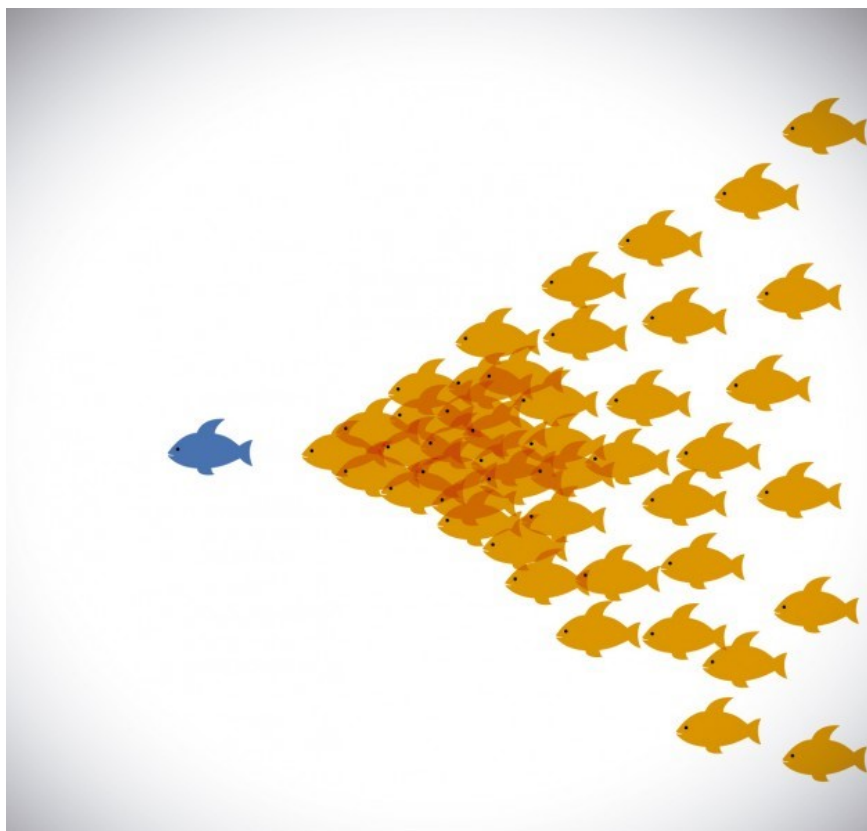
The devil can always find some dude to publish his doctrine, it worked on Adam and it works on his descendants. We must never stop letting our Lord lead us into all truth, the devil never gives up, he has nothing to lose. No matter what the devil offers a man, if that man will accept the Bible as final authority the devil will fail. One of life's greatest pleasures is hearing the thoughts of Christ every day. One word from the Lord will change your life forever.

2 Timothy 3:13 Evil men and seducers will wax worse and worse, deceiving and being deceived.

The devil has had thousands of years to learn what works and what does not work. One thing I have learned of the devil is he keeps coming back despite being cast out! Over the years he has learned that some folks are not as committed to

Jesus as they say they are. If he persists in his attempts he can wear the child of God down and weaken them. Now you know why the Bible tells us to *not grow weary in well doing*. The devil puts pressure on us by telling us we need to act quickly, well ignore him, *time is on our side*.

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Adam made the decision to listen to the serpent and he knew better, God told him he would die if he ate from the tree. Adam began to follow God's arch enemy, he could not see the devil, but when he obeyed he received the nature of his new evil stepfather. The world is full of darkness and evil because the bulk of people instinctively follow the devil and

life, He takes up residence in their spirit. The devil is evicted but he never stops calling from afar, trying to lead us into mischief. We no longer have his nature, we must deceive our own heart in order to follow him! Remember now that God is in our hearts and He speaks to our heart, the devil is out and calls out to our mind. The devil is cunning and crafty but he is

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Know Your Enemy

The devil is cunning and crafty but he is not smart, although he would lead us to believe he is. The devil talks a good game but he cannot do anything he says he can, remember he is a liar and the father of all lies. If you want to know the truth, just believe the opposite of what he tells you. The devil is not capable of receiving revelation knowledge, he is spiritually dead so he cannot hear God's voice.

1 Corinthians 2:8 None of the princes of the world knew: for had they known it, they would not have crucified the Lord of Glory.

From the day Adam sinned God initiated the plan of redemption, the prophets wrote about it but very few could comprehend it. It was a mystery to every living being that was spiritually dead, man and the devils.

The Bible is a mystery until we find the key that opens it. Then it becomes a message.

The only revelation the devil has is what the believer repeats when God speaks to them. The devil is an eavesdropper, he listens to us repeat what the Spirit

says and then begins to twist it in our mind and challenge its validity. Once you get to know your enemy and his mode of operation you can shut him out of your life. Not everything the Lord speaks to us should be repeated, don't let the devil know what you and the Lord have planned. The devil is a loser, let's keep him that way.

