

Be Led by the Spirit

ROMANS 8:5-6

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GALATIANS 5:16

So I say, walk by the Spirit, and you will not gratify the desires of the flesh.

Today Christian leaders need to be spiritually minded.

I'm not concerned about be "relevant", as I am as being "in-step" with the Spirit.

In that sense being in step with the Spirit also includes being "prophetic."

What do I mean when I say prophetic? This means that I should be speaking what God is speaking.

The gift of prophecy is a gift of insight. I should be bringing God's insight into situations.

What if Jesus were living in our country today, how would He deal with the cultural pressures we face?

JOHN 5:17

In his defense Jesus said to them, "My Father is always at his work to this very day, and I too am working."

That is being prophetic. We must begin to see what the Lord sees and respond accordingly.

To be spiritually minded is to speak Christ's love and redemption into the heart of the individual caught in sin.

We see Jesus doing this. He didn't speak generally to the world but He did confront individuals.

He touched that sick person, He released that demon-possessed person, He forgave the other person who was famous for sinning.

What Keeps us From Being Spiritually Minded?

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The Bible says that Satan appears as an angel of light. Let's look at some way that might seem good but actually keep in carnal, earthly, fleshly thinking and not spiritually minded.

- **Theology vs. Revelation**
- **Education vs. Character Building**
- **Psychology vs. Discernment**
- **Program vs. Supernatural Direction**
- **Eloquence vs. Supernatural Power**

- Reasoning vs. Walk of Faith
- Laws vs. Love

What Can We Do?

ROMANS 8:14

For those who are led by the Spirit of God are the children of God.

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JOEL 2:28-29

“And afterward, I will pour out my Spirit on all people. Your sons and daughters will prophesy, your old men will dream dreams, your young men will see visions. ²⁹ Even on my servants, both men and women, I will pour out my Spirit in those days.

ACTS 2:14-18

Then Peter stood up with the Eleven, raised his voice and addressed the crowd: “Fellow Jews and all of you who live in Jerusalem, let me explain this to you; listen carefully to what I say. ¹⁵ These people are not drunk, as you suppose. It’s only nine in the morning! ¹⁶ No, this is what was spoken by the prophet Joel: ¹⁷ ““In the last days, God says, I will pour out my Spirit on all people. Your sons and daughters will prophesy, your young men will see visions, your old men will dream dreams. ¹⁸ Even on my servants, both men and women, I will pour out my Spirit in those days, and they will prophesy.

ACTS 1:8

But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.”

- Understand the times we live in and the power the Lord has given us to be witnesses for Him.

I CHRONICLES 12:32

. . . from Issachar, men who understood the times and knew what Israel should do—200 chiefs, with all their relatives under their command;

ESTHER 1:13

Since it was customary for the king to consult experts in matters of law and justice, he spoke with the wise men who understood the times

- **Be spiritually led, be a spiritual voice, be a spiritual leader.**

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