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What is your high calling in Christ? How do you take hold of it? How do you overcome the enemy's efforts to keep you from taking hold of it?

Allow the Holy Spirit to lead you. That will bring you into sonship.

*“For you have not received a spirit of slavery leading again to fear [of God’s judgment], but you have received the Spirit of adoption as sons [**the Spirit producing sonship**]” (Romans 8:15a Amplified Bible).*

Sonship has nothing to do with male or female. It's about maturity in Christ, and I'll explain that. The adoption this verse mentions is Eastern adoption rather than Western adoption. In Western adoption, a family adds a child to their family who wasn't born into their family. We aren't adopted into God's family that way. We must be born into God's family. We must be born again by the flowing water of the Holy Spirit. Only born sons can experience Eastern adoption. In Eastern adoption, a child has come to a level of maturity where the father can give the child responsibility. God sets mature sons (and daughters) into positions of authority. We haven't yet entered into the event the Bible calls “adoption” yet, but we wait for it with anticipation.

*“so that He might redeem and liberate those who were under the Law, that we [who believe] might be adopted as sons [as **God’s children with all rights as fully grown members of a family**]” (Galatians 4:5 Amplified Bible).*

How do we walk into sonship? We follow where God leads us. What's the alternative to following God? It's doing what we want to do. We either follow God's leading or we do what we want. God hasn't provided a neutral position. We choose one or the other. No matter what we're doing, we always make a decision one way or the other. If we follow God's leading, we're on the road to sonship. If not, we're on a downward spiral.

So, God leads us. We either listen or we don't. We either yield to His Spirit or we don't. Is that too simple? No. God's ways are simple. The rationalizations of the fleshly mind try to complicate God's ways. When we struggle against temptations, sickness, injury, unforgiveness, depression, or any other symptom of the fleshly nature, we're allowing our fleshly natures

to take over the job of defeating the fleshly nature. That makes God's ways seem complex, but God's ways are simple. We don't need to work to defeat the sinful flesh. We need only listen to God's leading and yield to God's Spirit. This article will speak of our high calling of sonship and how to walk God's simple way without the fleshly nature tripping us.

GOD'S HIGH CALLING

Christ is coming in His body, in you and me. He's calling us higher now. Darkness is covering the whole world, but we're of the Light and must arise at the command of the Spirit of Christ.

"Arise, shine; for thy Light is come, and the glory of the LORD is risen upon thee. For, behold, the darkness shall cover the earth, and gross darkness the people: but the LORD shall arise upon thee, and His Glory shall be seen upon thee. And the Gentiles shall come to thy Light, and kings to the brightness of thy rising" (Isaiah 60:1-5 KJV).

Joel also spoke of a day of darkness, but like morning on the mountaintops. Those on the mountaintops experience Light, but thick darkness below. May we live in the mountain tops in Christ where His Day is dawning.

"the day of the LORD cometh, for it is nigh at hand; A day of darkness and of gloominess, a day of clouds and of thick darkness, as the morning spread upon the mountains: a great people and a strong; there hath not been ever the like, neither shall be any more after it, even to the years of many generations" (Joel 2:1b-2 KJV).

At the same time, some will walk in the Light while others walk in gross darkness. Everyone will see the visible glory of God in His people. Some will come to the Light just as some have always come to the Light. Others will run from the Light into darkness. And they will find darkness beyond what mankind has ever found. Those who walk in the darkness will completely lose the distinction between right and wrong and between reality and make-believe. Look around. Many have already lost that distinction. Today, that contrast between Light and darkness has intensified beyond what we would have thought possible. God knows all about the current darkness of the world and the Light that's beginning to rise in

intensity in His called-out people. We know Christ is that Light, and He lives within every person who's born again. In the church, some are seeking to listen to God's leading and yield to the Holy Spirit as never before. Others want nothing to do with the Holy Spirit of the leading of God. They go so far as to say, "God no longer leads anyone." They want to do what they want to do. They are satisfied with a religion that strokes the ego, entertains the flesh, and stimulates the intellect. Some Christians want everything to stay as it is. They want nothing to change. Of course, that's an empty hope. We are at the time of decision-making now. In our present condition, we haven't fully conformed to the image and likeness of Christ. And we can't be satisfied with that condition. The Holy Spirit wants to change us completely into the image of Christ. The forces of spiritual wickedness want to destroy humanity.

The Light the Holy Spirit is intensifying in us is Christ.

"A Light to lighten the Gentiles, and the glory of thy people Israel" (Luke 2:32 KJV).

We also know God has called us to grow to the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ.

*"Till we all come in the unity of the faith, and of the knowledge of the Son of God, unto a perfect man, unto the **measure of the stature of the fulness of Christ**"* (Ephesians 4:13 KJV).

You are children of Light if you continue to listen to the One Who IS Light and yield to His Spirit. The darkness won't blind those who walk in the righteousness of Christ. Those who are walking in the Spirit don't have to fear the judgments that God is bringing on the earth.

"For yourselves know perfectly that the day of the Lord so cometh as a thief in the night. For when they shall say, Peace and safety; then sudden destruction cometh upon them, as travail upon a woman with child; and they shall not escape. But **ye, brethren, are not in darkness, that that day should overtake you as a thief. Ye are all the children of Light**, and the children of the day: we are not of the night, nor of darkness. Therefore let

us not sleep, as do others; but **let us watch and be sober**" (1 Thessalonians 5:2-6 KJV).

The Holy Spirit has been leading us toward a coming event the Bible calls "the manifestation of the sons of God." As we have walked, the Holy Spirit has been transfiguring us: growing Christ in us while removing the fleshly veil.

*"For I reckon that the sufferings of this present time are not worthy to be compared with **the Glory which shall be revealed in us**. For the earnest expectation of the creature waiteth for **the manifestation of the sons of God**" (Romans 8:18-19 KJV).*

The word "manifestation" is "apokalupsis" in Greek, and it speaks of removing the fleshly veil. This isn't an event that just happens for no reason. The Holy Spirit has been leading us toward this event for decades. We grow into it. As we allow the Holy Spirit to lead us, we come to maturity. The fleshly nature dies away while the Holy Spirit forms Christ in us until we come to the complete manifestation.

*"For **as many as are led by the Spirit of God, they are the sons of God**" (Romans 8:14 KJV).*

If the Holy Spirit leads us, that means we listen and follow. As we listen and follow, the Holy Spirit changes us by degrees. He is bringing us to "*the unity of the faith, and the knowledge of the Son of God.*" He continues to transfigure us "*to a perfect man, to the measure of the stature of the fulness of Christ.*" In that blessed state, God will deliver the world from the bondage of corruption through us and bring it into the glorious liberty of the mature children of God.

*"Because **the creature itself also shall be delivered from the bondage of corruption into the glorious liberty of the children of God**. For we know that **the whole creation groaneth and travaileth in pain together until now**. And not only they, but ourselves also, which have the firstfruits of the Spirit, even we ourselves groan within ourselves, waiting for **the adoption, to wit, the redemption of our body**" (Romans 8:22-23 KJV).*

The Holy Spirit is forming us in the image of Jesus Christ.

*“And we know that all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are the called according to **His purpose**. For whom He did foreknow, He also did predestinate **to be conformed to the image of His Son**, that He might be the firstborn among many brethren” (Romans 8:28-29 KJV).*

What is the image of Christ? We will completely submit to the Father, always listening to His leading and moving as He directs us. We will only say the words He says through us. We will only do the acts He does through us. Our thoughts will be pure. The rebellious sinful nature will have vanished from existence. Disease, pain, fear, and sorrow will have ceased. God will delegate total authority and power to us. God will set us with the responsibility to rule and reign with Him. With the fleshly nature removed, the glory of Christ will shine out of us. We’re called to greater works than Christ did on earth.

*“Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that believeth on Me, the works that I do shall he do also; **and greater works than these shall he do**; because I go unto My Father” (John 14:12 KJV).*

No one has seen anything like what’s coming. Don’t try to imagine it. You can’t.

*“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**” (1 Corinthians 2:9 KJV).*

What are the limits of God’s power in His people? Those who overcome their fleshly natures and have Christ formed within must follow Christ. They are limited to the leading of the Holy Spirit. However, if the Holy Spirit asks them to move a mountain, the mountain will move. If the Holy Spirit asks them to raise someone from the dead, that dead person will come back to life. God isn’t limited, and Christ unveiled in His people isn’t limited. Those who doubt create their limits. Unbelief stops godly progress. God is calling mature sons and daughters to rule and reign in His kingdom.

*“Then the kingdom and dominion, And the greatness of the kingdoms under the whole heaven, **Shall be given to the people, the saints of the***

Most High. *His kingdom is an everlasting kingdom, And all dominions shall serve and obey Him" (Daniel 7:27 KJV).*

A man-child company of mature children of God is being born from the church. They will rule over the nations with authority and power, and they will bear the fruit of the Spirit. They will execute justice, love mercy, and walk in humility as no one has ever done.

*"And there appeared a great wonder in heaven; a woman clothed with the sun, and the moon under her feet, and upon her head a crown of twelve stars: And she being with child cried, travailing in birth, and pained to be delivered. And there appeared another wonder in heaven; and behold a great red dragon, having seven heads and ten horns, and seven crowns upon his heads. And his tail drew the third part of the stars of heaven, and did cast them to the earth: and the dragon stood before the woman which was ready to be delivered, for to devour her child as soon as it was born. And **she brought forth a man child, who was to rule all nations with a rod of iron:** and her child was caught up unto God, and to His throne" (Revelation 12:1-5 KJV).*

Two things must happen to prepare us to qualify for this responsibility, and these are the two things the Holy Spirit has been doing in us as we listen to His leading and yield ourselves to His righteousness so He can work through us. **First, the Holy Spirit forms Christ in us. He becomes our identity. Second, the Light of Christ demolishes the old fleshly nature we inherited from Adam.** God has shown us His Way to form Christ in us and remove the fleshly veil.

HOW GOD TRANSFIGURES US:

As you are led by the Spirit, Christ will bring you to a state of holiness in Christ little by little. He does this by doing His righteousness through you, and your part is to yield the members of your body to His righteousness. God shows us the Pathway from glory to glory, and we know the way. **The Way is simple: Listen to God's voice and yield to God's Spirit.**

Listen to God's voice.

*“While it is said, To day **if ye will hear His voice**, harden not your hearts, as in the provocation” (Hebrews 3:15 KJV).*

*“Man shall not live by bread alone, but **by every word that proceedeth out of the mouth of God**” (Matthew 4:4b KJV).*

Yield to God’s Spirit.

*“Neither yield ye your members as instruments of unrighteousness unto sin: but **yield yourselves unto God**, as those that are alive from the dead, and your members as instruments of righteousness unto God” (Romans 6:13 KJV).*

We call that “being led by the Holy Spirit,” and God made it a priority for us since 1948. Yet we haven’t fully taken hold of it. Why? When the Spirit leads us, we hear the voice of the Holy Spirit. He speaks a vision, and we see it. God tells us to **ask Him for spiritual eyes to see and ears to hear**. We can only recognize the gifts of the Spirit, the ministries in Christ’s body, and God’s leading as the Holy Spirit reveals them to us. We must also realize that **everything good comes from God and we can’t self-generate anything good**.

*“Trust in the Lord with **all thine heart**, and **lean not unto thine own understanding**. In **all thy ways acknowledge Him**, and He will direct your paths (Proverbs 3:5-6 KJV).*

*“**Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above**, and cometh down from the Father of lights, with whom is no variableness, neither shadow of turning” (James 1:17 KJV).*

*“It is the Spirit that quickeneth; **the flesh profiteth nothing**” (John 6:63a KJV).*

Our walk is an upward spiral. I’ll give a quick overview now, but I’ll explain later. God speaks to every person. He speaks His Living Word to you. You acknowledge Him, pay attention to the authority of His voice, and lean heavily on Him. The Living Word of God authors God’s faith in you. (Hebrews 12:2) Faith comes by hearing. (Romans 10:17) As you let His Spirit flow into you, God reveals that your flesh can offer nothing. You

access grace through faith. (Ephesians 2:8) As you yield to the power of God's grace, God's grace does God's works through you. (Romans 5:17) God plants the Seed of Christ in your heart. (Matthew 13:3-23) He builds up Christ in you this way from one instant to the next. This upward spiral repeats moment by moment and each cycle begins when God speaks His Word to you. You grow in Christ with each upward cycle, but your progress may seem imperceptible, so you need to exercise patience. This is walking in the Spirit. And it will bring you to spiritual maturity step-by-step. As you grow in maturity you develop spiritual eyes to see and ears to hear.

*"But strong meat belongeth to **them that are of full age**, even those who by reason of use have their **senses exercised to discern both good and evil**" (Hebrews 5:14 KJV).*

When you respect, glorify, and acknowledge God, you walk in Light and humility. Then you begin to depend on God for every thought, word, and deed, and you reject every other influence. You even reject the rambling thoughts of your fallen mind. Your ability to discern increasingly becomes more acute as the Holy Spirit transforms you. In the same way, those who fail to listen to God's leading and don't yield to His Spirit go into a downward spiral, and God's leading becomes increasingly unclear.

The narrow way is very narrow and constricted since whatever God didn't lead you to do, give you faith for, and do through you by the power of His grace is sin. Sin is stepping off the Pathway to Life. The Pathway to Life is Jesus Christ.

*"**whatsoever is not of faith is sin**" (Romans 14:23 KJV).*

Listening to the voice of Christ, seeing His vision, and yielding to His Spirit must be our top priority.

*"He went on to say, 'Pay attention to what you hear. With **the measure you use, it will be measured to you, and even more will be added to you. For whoever has will be given more. But whoever does not have, even what he has will be taken away from him.**'"* (Mark 4:24 Berean Standard Bible)

OUR FLESH OFFERS TO HELP US OVERCOME OUR FLESH:

Christians have thought up many ways to overcome the flesh or improve the flesh. Self-improvement is a huge Christian enterprise. And yet, every time someone comes up with a new method, the flesh is at war with the flesh. It's a scam from our deceptive enemy, and he uses the fleshly human nature to execute his scam. When we're led by the Spirit, the Holy Spirit opposes our fleshly natures. Then the battle starts between our flesh and the Holy Spirit.

"For the flesh lusteth against the Spirit, and the Spirit against the flesh: and these are contrary the one to the other" (Galatians 5:17a KJV).

Our flesh shouts: "I CAN HELP YOU OVERCOME MY SHORTCOMINGS." "WITHOUT ME, YOU CAN'T FUNCTION." "GOD GAVE YOU A RATIONAL MIND." "I CAN FIGURE THINGS OUT." The flesh wants us to keep it as a necessary part of our lives, but it must go. God hates a mixture of the fleshly with the spiritual. Christ defeats independence, comparisons to others, self-importance, egotism, cowardice, the desire for acceptance, attention, or control, and much more. The fleshly nature wants to preserve itself, so our fallen natures try to short-circuit the work of grace because we destroy the flesh when we yield to the Spirit. Our flesh will attempt to convert God's grace and righteousness into a set of rules, principles, or concepts. The flesh tries to divert the work of the Spirit into self-glorification and pride. You can't reform the flesh or improve it. You can't sweep the darkness out of a room, but you can turn on the Light by turning to Jesus and yielding to His Spirit.

"You put so much effort into fighting your flesh. And all you need to do is yield to Me." (A recent prophecy)

Christ already defeated our flesh and every demonic power on the cross. Listen to Him tell you, and receive His faith. Then, walk it victory in Jesus. Christ has already set you free. Sin, sickness, death, and hell have no power over you. Christ already bought this for you when He died on the cross. He's waiting for you to allow Him to complete the work in you. The world (or culture), which consists of the collective fleshly natures of humanity,

uses every means to stop the holy Seed from reaching good ground. Good ground is the heart of someone who hears God speaking and understands His words.

*“Love not the world, neither the things that are in the world. **If any man love the world, the love of the Father is not in him**” (1 John 2:15-16 KJV).*

Our enemy uses cleverly packaged news, advertising, public service messages, social media, books, magazines, education systems, movies, and TV shows to subvert us. He uses wicked laws and proclamations. And he especially uses people we know and love who are connected to the world systems. That old serpent has been using all these means to subtly influence us throughout our lives, building strong lying convictions in our minds that seem more real to us than reality. When truth conflicts with our inner fake-realities, we think the truth is insanity. Only the Holy Spirit can dismantle these deceptive inner strongholds of the enemy. In this critical hour, we can't afford to be double-minded. We can't afford to doubt God.

*“For let not that man think that he shall receive any thing of the Lord. **A double minded man is unstable in all his ways**” (James 1:7-8 KJV).*

We can't afford to be half-hearted, fearful, or lazy.

*“And ye shall seek Me, and find Me, **when ye shall search for Me with all your heart**” (Jeremiah 29:13 KJV).*

Keep your eyes on Jesus, and He'll complete His work in you. He identifies and tears down the deceptive strongholds in our minds. If we try to accomplish this work or help Him, our fleshly minds are **trying to deceive us by saying they can help us get rid of themselves**. We must turn to Jesus, listen to His voice, and see His vision of reality. Even then, our flesh will promise to improve and obey God, but it can't. We need to yield to the Holy Spirit and allow Him to work through us. Then we're doing everything in Jesus' name.

*“And whatsoever ye do in word or deed, **do all in the Name of the Lord Jesus**” (Colossians 3:17 KJV).*

Many try to understand Scripture by the fleshly power of the human intellect. If they lean on preconceived ideas, doctrines, theological training, Bible commentaries, or marginal notes rather than Christ, those act as “old wineskins” that burst under the pressure of the “new wine” flowing from God’s throne. The fleshly nature acts as a veil to blind them and dull their hearing.

*“But even unto this day, **when Moses is read, the veil is upon their heart**” (2 Corinthians 3:16-18 KJV).*

When they read Scripture, they only see the theology they’ve been taught. The fleshly veil makes it impossible for them to hear God’s voice. We need to turn our attention to Jesus and listen closely to His voice.

*“Nevertheless **when it shall turn to the Lord, the veil shall be taken away. Now the Lord is that Spirit: and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is liberty. But we all, with open face beholding as in a glass the glory of the Lord, are changed into the same image from glory to glory, even as by the Spirit of the Lord**” (2 Corinthians 3:16-18 KJV).*

The word they translated as “open” is literally “unveiled,” and the word they translated as “changed” is literally “transfigured.”

IDENTIFICATION

One stronghold in our mind says we ARE the sinful fleshly nature. It’s a lie that Satan has repeated so often it’s become a stronghold. It seems real. It’s a lie. **Our true identity is Christ in us the hope of glory.** The Holy Spirit will tear down this stronghold. Christ in you is your ministry. That’s who you are. You aren’t the flesh. If you identify with the flesh, you’ll manifest the fruit of the flesh. Your flesh will tell you, “THAT’S HOW GOD MADE YOU.” “YOU CAN’T HELP IT.” “YOUR TENDENCY TO SIN IS WHO YOU ARE.” If you listen to your fleshly mind, you’ll fulfill what it says. You must listen to the Spirit, and the Spirit says, “Christ lives in you, and Christ in you is who you are.” “Christ in you cannot sin, and that’s who you are.” “Christ in you has full authority and power over your flesh and exercises this authority and power when you turn your attention to Christ.” Your flesh isn’t born again and can’t do righteousness. When you were born again, a brand new

Person was born in you. Christ in you is born again, not the flesh. How much sin can Christ, He Who is born of God, do? None. How much righteousness can the flesh do? None.

“Whosoever abideth in Him sinneth not: whosoever sinneth hath not seen Him, neither known Him. Little children, let no man deceive you: He that doeth righteousness is righteous, even as He is righteous. He that committeth sin is of the devil; for the devil sinneth from the beginning. Whosoever is born of God doth not commit sin; for His seed remaineth in Him: and He cannot sin, because He is born of God” (1 John 3:6-9).

The flesh is flesh and can't be reformed. Christ in you is Christ and can't sin. Paul identified with Christ in Him. He was not his flesh. Neither are you your flesh. The old fleshly nature has passed away.

“For that which I do I allow not: for what I would, that do I not; but what I hate, that do I. If then I do that which I would not, I consent unto the law that it is good. Now then it is no more I that do it, but sin that dwelleth in me. For I know that in me (that is, in my flesh,) dwelleth no good thing: for to will is present with me; but how to perform that which is good I find not. For the good that I would I do not: but the evil which I would not, that I do. Now if I do that I would not, it is no more I that do it, but sin that dwelleth in me” (Romans 7:15-20 KJV).

You may wonder about some evil thoughts that come to you. They may not be coming from your fleshly nature. Demonic entities also get into the fight. Those thoughts don't come from you. You are the Christ in you. Christ in you can't sin. Christ in you has full authority over any demons.

“For we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high places” (Ephesians 6:12 KJV).

FAITH NOT FLESH

“...we shall come to the realization that we can receive faith only as He gives it. No longer will we foolishly attempt to struggle to believe.”

Charles S. Price, The Real Faith

No effort of our own will create faith in us. If we work hard to make ourselves believe, we'll have a make-believe faith. Real faith comes one way. It comes by hearing.

*"...you can not generate it; you can not work it up; you can not manufacture it. It is imparted and infused by God Himself. You can not sit in your homes and **struggle to have faith**, and affirm that something is; nor can you turn your hope and desire into faith by your own power. The only place you can get it is from the Lord,"* Charles S. Price, The Real Faith

Dr. Price goes on to talk about *"unscriptural mental and intellectual gyrations in our attempt to find a faith we do not possess."* Then He says this:

*"**Faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by a Word of God. Let Jesus speak to this heart of mine** and doubts will take the wings of the morning and fly away. **Let Jesus breathe a little Word to this poor mind of mine ... That is how faith comes!** Not through the channels of human concepts. Not along the paths of human understandings. Not by the abilities of minds to comprehend, or the power of the intellect to affirm. ... One little Word from Jesus is worth all the words in a dictionary of human language."* Charles S. Price, The Real Faith

If we want faith, we must get into the presence of God so we can listen to His voice. When faith comes, we receive certainty of whatever God told us to do. When God tells us to do something, He gives us authority in the thing He told us to do.

*"Now **faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen.**" (Hebrews 11:1)*

Faith is substance. That means faith is reality. It's not conceptual. It's real. It's solid. Whatever God told you to do is concrete, and the vision of hope that comes with faith is also concrete. And faith is also evidence. It's absolutely certain proof of what God said even though you haven't seen it yet. There's no doubt is faith. Faith is unwavering and unmoved by anything that comes against it.

*“But let him ask in faith, **nothing wavering**. For he that wavereth is like a wave of the sea driven with the wind and tossed. For let not that man think that he shall receive any thing of the Lord. A double minded man is unstable in all his ways.” (James 1:6-8)*

HEARING

Once we finally stop struggling to get faith because we realize faith comes by hearing God's voice, we start an unnecessary struggle to hear God's voice. I've had different people tell me they never hear God's voice. I suppose they expect the skies to open with flashes of lightning and God's booming voice shaking the ground. God is speaking. We need to tune in to Him. Everyone hears God's voice but few acknowledge Him. He's the Light Who lights every person, even unbelievers. He shines Light on everyone. Not all acknowledge Him. God speaks through the Bible. He speaks through brothers and sisters in Christ. He can give a vision or dream. When you seek Him, God often speaks through a combination of a quiet inner voice, a feeling, your conscience, or your intuition. As you live your life in His Presence, you know what's right or wrong. You know what to do. You give the next word of the prophecy as it comes to you. You turn from evil toward what's right. Demonic voices and fallen minds say you can't tell the difference between God's voice and something else, but here's what God says:

*“And when He putteth forth His own sheep, He goeth before them, and **the sheep follow Him: for they know His voice**. And **a stranger will they not follow**, but will flee from him: for they know not the voice of strangers.” ...
“I am the Good Shepherd, and know My sheep, and am known of Mine.” ...
“**My sheep hear My voice**, and I know them, and **they follow Me**” (John 10:3-5, 14, & 27 KJV).*

The word translated as “hear” in this passage means to comprehend and understand. If that wasn't clear enough, Jesus also said His sheep recognize Him. They know Him. They know the difference between Christ's voice and the voice of their fallen mind or a demon. When you are in church meetings where the body of Christ has the freedom to prophesy, you gain a keen sense to recognize the voice of Christ. However, all who are born again know His voice. He created us to be constantly in His Presence

listening to His voice, and any time we aren't connected directly to Him, we won't find happiness. In His Presence, we find fullness of joy, and we can't find it anywhere else. God's leading will never conflict with Scripture, and it will flow with the fruit of the Spirit. You'll sense steadfastness, authority, and the Presence of Christ when He speaks. If a message isn't from God, you'll sense a check, dread, or uneasiness.

*"no man **speaking by the Spirit of God** calleth Jesus accursed: and that no man can say that Jesus is the Lord, **but by the Holy Ghost.**"* (1 Corinthians 12:3b KJV).

We have another safeguard when God is leading us, especially concerning revelation that has greater scope than personal leading in your life. Every leading is a revelation, but God has special protections when that revelation will affect more than one person in Christ's body.

*"How is it then, brethren? when ye come together, every one of you hath a psalm, hath a doctrine, hath a tongue, hath **a revelation**, hath an interpretation. Let all things be done unto edifying"* (1 Corinthians 14:26 KJV).

A member may have a revelation during a meeting, but God will confirm any revelation through two or three other members. We need to check our revelation because the fleshly nature is still strong and deceptive. The 29th verse seems to be saying two or three prophets confirm a prophecy.

*"Let the prophets speak **two or three**, and let the other judge. If any thing be revealed to another that sitteth by, let the first hold his peace"* (1 Corinthians 14:29-30 KJV).

The following verses show the principle of two or three witnesses:

*"But if he will not hear thee, then] take with thee one or two more, that **in the mouth of two or three witnesses** every word may be established"* (Matthew 18:16 KJV).

*"One witness shall not rise up against a man for any iniquity, or for any sin, in any sin that he sinneth: at the mouth of two witnesses, or **at the mouth***

of three witnesses, shall the matter be established” (Deuteronomy 19:15 KJV).

“In the mouth of two or three witnesses shall every word be established” (2 Corinthians 13:2b KJV).

For revelation, confirmation is a matter of safety for the church. When God reveals a truth to us, we long for other members of Christ’s body to receive that same revelation and confirm it. It’s exciting to hear someone prophesy the same revelation that was so new to you when you have never told that person about the revelation.

If the Holy Spirit confirms a revelation through many members of the church, we take it more seriously. However, that doesn’t establish the revelation. Revelation isn’t established unless the Holy Spirit confirms the revelation to all the apostles.

“it is now revealed unto his holy apostles and prophets by the Spirit” (Ephesians 3:5b KJV).

God reveals doctrine to the apostles in the same ways He gives revelation to any other member. For instance, God may reveal something to the apostles through Scripture, prophecy in a camp meeting or local church meeting, or a quiet inner voice. God delegates the authority and responsibility to the apostles to reveal the vision and direction of the church. God settles this vision when the Holy Spirit confirms it to all the apostles. This way God keeps the church from being pulled in many directions by many conflicting visions. A false vision can do terrible damage and has caused much hardship and division. God delegates the authority and responsibility to the apostles to equip the members of Christ’s body for ministry so the members can build up Christ in each other.

“And He gave some, apostles; and some, prophets; and some, evangelists; and some, pastors and teachers; For the perfecting of the saints, for the work of the ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ” (Ephesians 4:11-12 KJV).

We can only receive revelation by the power of the Holy Spirit. That’s true whether that revelation is coming through the Bible, a personal vision, a

dream, a doctrine taught by an apostolic ministry, or any other means.

We need the Holy Spirit to receive any revelation: to understand the Bible, to know the apostles are apostles, or to recognize any gift, ministry, or office in the church. God has delegated the authority and responsibility to all the members of the body, including elders, deacons, and apostles, to bring Christ's body to maturity and unity.

“But speaking the truth in love, may grow up into Him in all things, which is the Head, even Christ: From whom the whole body fitly joined together and compacted by that which every joint supplieth, according to the effectual working in the measure of every part, maketh increase of the body unto the edifying of itself in love” (Ephesians 4:15-16 KJV).

God doesn't want anyone to walk alone. We walk as a body. A person alone can go astray, and no one is there to correct him or her. All ministries must walk in submission to God's delegated authority in every other ministry. Christ in one shows respect to Christ in the other.

“Submitting yourselves one to another in the fear of God” (Ephesians 5:21 KJV).

God leads us through the members of the body who speak the truth in love. When we hear His voice and recognize that Christ is speaking to us through our brothers and sisters, faith comes. And faith brings us to grace so we can do what God asked us to do when He spoke through our brothers and sisters. Then Christ is more fully formed in us since we have allowed the Holy Spirit to plant the Seed of the Word in our hearts.

IN A NUTSHELL:

What's happening here? The Father led you by speaking the Word. Christ is the Word. Faith comes by hearing the Word.

“So then faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the Word [leading] of God” (Romans 10:17 KJV).

Christ authors faith in you.

*“looking unto **Jesus, the Author and Finisher of our faith**” (Hebrews 12:2a KJV).*

Faith gives you a vision of hope.

*“Now **faith is the substance [reality as opposed to concept] of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen**” (Hebrews 11:1 KJV).*

God gives you spiritual eyes to see Christ as He is, and you see He’s a many-membered body.

*“Beloved, now we are children of God; and it has not yet been revealed what we shall be, but we know that **when He is revealed, we shall be like Him, for we shall see Him as He is**” (1 John 3:2 KJV).*

In God’s vision of hope, He shows you your place in that body. And He shows you the Christ in each member. He leads. You follow by the power of grace. Grace does God's righteousness through you. [A prayer. A prophecy. A kind word. An act that helps someone. Doing what’s right. Turning from error or sin. Fulfilling a responsibility.] You receive the gift of righteousness and allow it to do what God intended for that moment.

*“For if by the one man’s offense death reigned through the one, much more those who receive abundance of **grace and of the gift of righteousness will reign in life through the One, Jesus Christ**” (Romans 5:17 KJV).*

The Holy Spirit has planted the Seed in your heart, and that Seed is Christ.

*“And He spake many things unto them in parables, saying, Behold, **a Sower went forth to sow**; And when He sowed, some Seeds fell by the way side, and the fowls came and devoured them up: Some fell upon stony places, where they had not much earth: and forthwith they sprung up, because they had no deepness of earth: And when the sun was up, they were scorched; and because they had no root, they withered away. And some fell among thorns; and the thorns sprung up, and choked them: **But other fell into good ground**, and brought forth fruit, some an hundredfold, some sixtyfold, some thirtyfold....Hear ye therefore the parable of the Sower. When any one heareth the word of the kingdom, and understandeth it not, then cometh the wicked one, and catcheth away that which was sown in*

*his heart. This is he which received Seed by the way side. But he that received the Seed into stony places, the same is he that heareth the Word, and anon with joy receiveth it; Yet hath he not root in himself, but dureth for a while: for when tribulation or persecution ariseth because of the Word, by and by he is offended. He also that received Seed among the thorns is he that heareth the Word; and the care of this world, and the deceitfulness of riches, choke the Word, and he becometh unfruitful. **But he that received Seed into the good ground is he that heareth the Word, and understandeth it; which also beareth fruit, and bringeth forth, some an hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty**" (Matthew 13:3-23 KJV).*

That Seed is the Word. The Word proceeds from the Father. The Word is Christ Who now dwells in you.

"Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every Word that proceedeth out of the mouth of God" (Matthew 4:4b KJV).

Sometimes, we may forget how powerful the words we speak are. You can speak the Word of God, the Living Christ. By Him, the Father created the universe. He now preserves every created thing and holds it together by the power of His Word. When you speak by the Holy Spirit, you speak the Living Word. You speak Christ. Otherwise, you speak death, darkness, and destruction.

"Death and life are in the power of the tongue" (Proverbs 18:21a KJV).

Let's go over how God transfigures you once more since this is the whole point of your walk in the Spirit. Think of it as an upward spiral, and each circuit in the spiral begins when God leads you. You hear Him and receive what He says. You listen. Christ authors God's faith in you. By faith, you see Christ in each member. You see gifts and ministries. And faith also gives you authority in God's leading. You yield to God's Spirit, and God's powerful grace does God's work through you. The Holy Spirit plants the Seed of Christ in your heart and transfigures you a little to a new level of glory. In a moment you have completed one circuit in the spiral. At that point, Jesus Christ has finished your faith for that circuit since you yielded so God could do His work through you. And then, you continue in this upward spiral moment by moment, day by day, over and over.

THEORY or ACTION:

It does no good to understand God's ways if we don't walk in them. We can learn about how to enter into sonship and never do what God showed us to do.

“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” (1 Corinthians 9:27 KJV).

Stay connected to Christ every moment because He's the ONLY Source of ALL wisdom, knowledge, understanding, and truth.

“Him that overcometh will I make a pillar in the temple of my God, and he shall go no more out: and I will write upon him the name of My God” (Revelation 3:12a KJV).

Acknowledge Him in everything you do, and listen to His leading because that's how God starts your transfiguration.

“In all thy ways acknowledge Him, and He shall direct thy paths” (Proverbs 3:6 KJV).

Always stand, walk, and work in the power of the Anointing because He's your strength. Yield to the point of obedience because the Holy Spirit plants the Seed of Christ into the garden of your innermost being each time you obey by His grace.

“What doth it profit, my brethren, though a man say he hath faith, and have not works? can faith save him?...For as the body without the spirit is dead, so faith without works is dead also” (James 2:14 & 26 KJV).

Since that Seed is God's Word, which is Christ, the Holy Spirit is progressively forming Christ in you. That gradual growth will finish in the fullness of Christ in you and the end of the rebellious fleshly nature. When the work is complete, the Father will call you into a spiritual place of authority and power to rule and reign with Christ.

“My little children, of whom I travail in birth again until Christ be formed in you” (Galatians 4:19 KJV).

The Holy Spirit is forming Christ in you, and your fleshly nature loses control a little each time Christ's Light grows brighter in you. Light overcomes darkness.

“And they that are Christ's have crucified the flesh with the affections and lusts” (Galatians 5:24 KJV).

God transfigures you little by little from glory to glory by the Spirit of the Lord. Your part is to listen to His leading, teaching, and correction and yield to the power of His grace so He can say His words and do His acts through you. It's that simple.