

**The
Leading of
the Holy
Spirit**

**Romans
8:14**



The phrase “led by the Spirit” only used three times in New Testament:

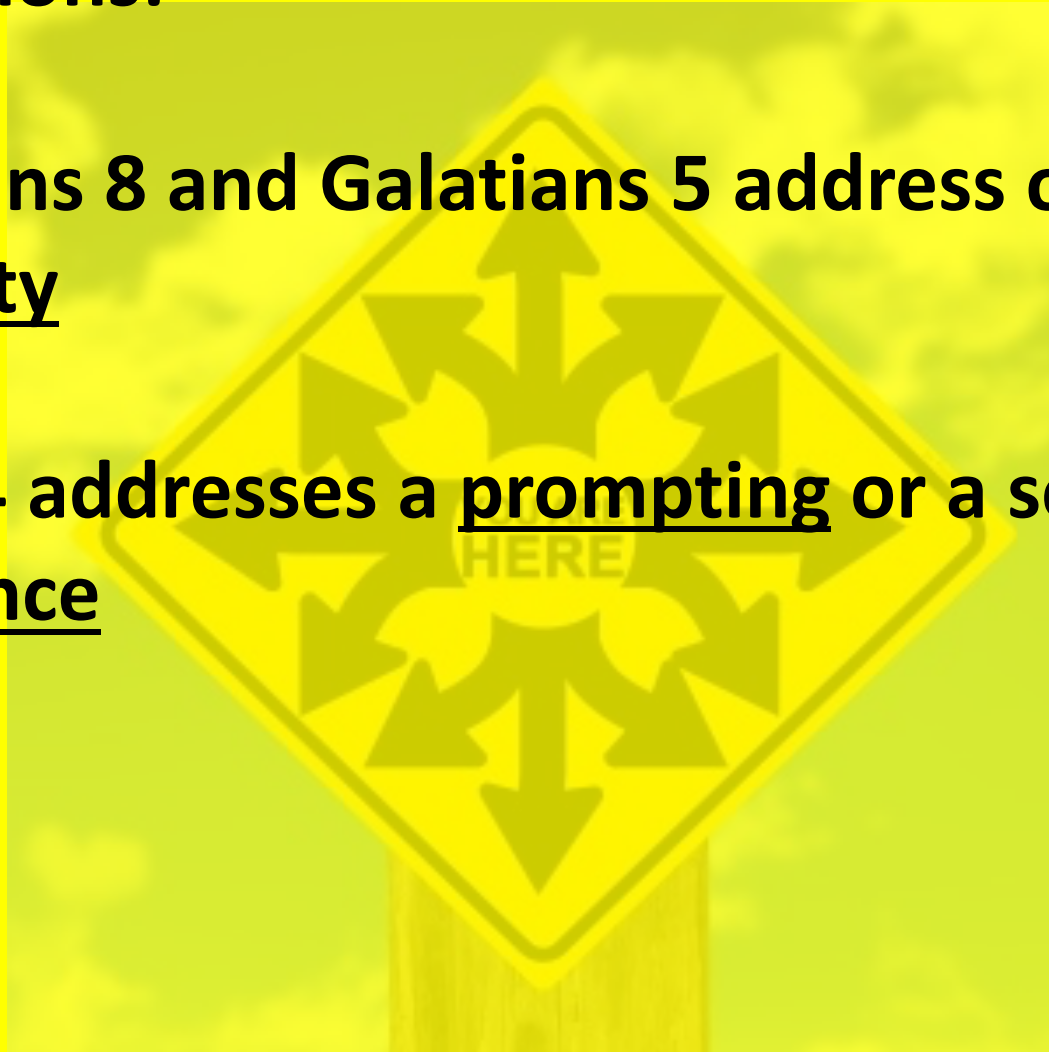
Luke 4:1 - And Jesus, full of the Holy Spirit, returned from the Jordan and was led by the Spirit in the wilderness (Page 501)

Romans 8:14 - For all who are led by the Spirit of God are sons of God. (Page 550)

Galatians 5:18 - But if you are led by the Spirit, you are not under the law. (Page 567)

Observations:

1. Romans 8 and Galatians 5 address our Identity
2. Luke 4 addresses a prompting or a sense of guidance



How to Know that we are NOT being Led by the Holy Spirit?

1. Going against God's Word
2. Living in Unrepentant Sin
3. When we have an unwillingness to study scripture on a matter
4. When we COUNSEL SHOP
5. When we ignore the Counsel of Godly men and women
6. When we are relying on inner peace, feelings, visions, impressions, etc.

How to Know that we ARE being Led by the Holy Spirit?

- **We need to take a brief detour!**
- **Kind of brief!**



How to Know that we ARE being Led by the Holy Spirit?

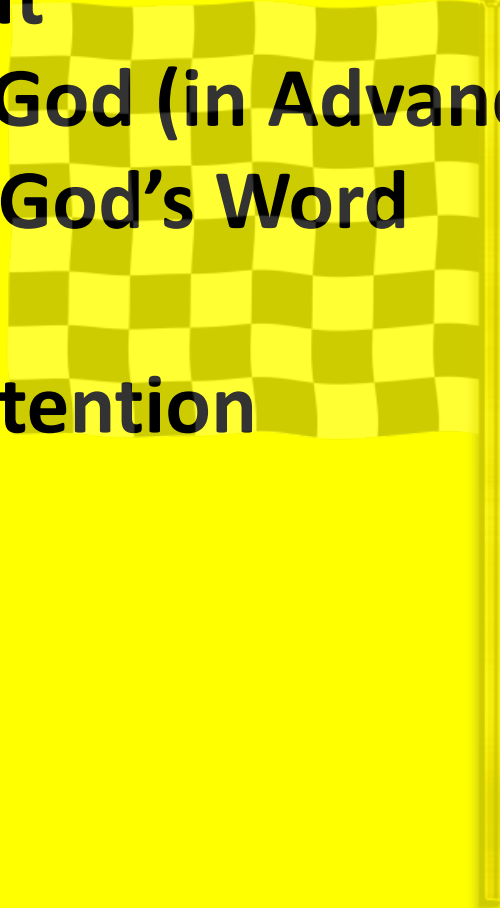
There are some things we need to Pre-Emptively Address:



Need to Stop

1. Following a culture that doesn't follow Jesus
2. Following Friends that don't follow Jesus
3. Looking to other sources besides Jesus (as your first recourse)
4. Solely being led by your circumstances
5. Being driven by your feelings

Need to Start

1. **Wanting it**
 2. **Obeying God (in Advance)**
 3. **Going to God's Word**
 4. **Asking**
 5. **Paying attention**
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How to Know that we ARE being Led by the Holy Spirit?

- 1. We will be in obedience to the revealed Will/Word of God (Every time)**
 - The Holy Spirit will never Contradict God's Word (EVER)**
- 2. We will deal with our own personal sin (8:12-14 and Gal 5:16-22)**
- 3. We will bring honour to Jesus Christ (John 16:14)**