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Dear Steve,

This month begins a series in the lead article on learning the art of guidance by the Lord. Listening for His voice is exhilarating because it is highly **intimate** and filled with **significance**. But it is also of immense **practical value** as the second article explains, especially in light of the times in which we live. Enjoy.

Walking in the Spirit

Keeping stride with the Lord.

Walking in the Spirit has two dimensions: conscious and unconscious! Though this may be a strange way of phrasing it, the truth is that all of us have been "sleep walking" with the Lord all of our lives. That is, He has been guiding us in countless ways all along, but we have not been consciously aware of the many specific ways by which He has done so. Our first task, therefore, is to understand, identify and acknowledge **these hidden ways of un-self-conscious guidance**. The Holy Spirit is like the perfect waiter who doesn't make His service to us obvious. It is up to us to seek to acknowledge Him so that He can more intimately direct our paths.

Trust in the Lord with all your heart, and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways acknowledge Him, and He shall direct your paths. Proverbs 3:5-6

Dimension one: unselfconscious guidance. Walking in the Spirit is like breathing. The Spirit empowered walk is easy and natural--it's meant to be child's play! In fact it was the Spirit, the great Teacher and Giver of life, who taught us how to nurse, how to eat, how to speak, how to walk, how to play. Or will we have something to boast of apart from Him (Eph 2:8)? In fact scripture shows us that this Spirit empowered and sustained walk has been going on since birth. God "carried Israel"--led them through it all--and then had to remind them of it later (Isa 46:3-4).



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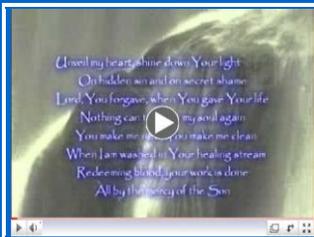
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...you saw how the LORD your God carried you, as a man carries his son, in all the way that you went until you came to this place. Deuteronomy 1:31

To this day the greatest exemplars of what it is like to walk in the Spirit and display the fruit of the Spirit, are little children (Mt 18:2-4). They are masters at living into the Kingdom.

But Jesus called them to Him and said, "Let the little children come to Me, and do not forbid them; for of such is the kingdom of God. Assuredly, I say to you, whoever does not receive the kingdom of God as a little child will by no means enter it." Luke 18:16-17

The Holy Spirit has been with us all along—even from before birth. He is always teaching and leading us into life. He is the Giver and Sustainer of life (Isa 42:5; Jn 14:16-18). St. Augustine put it this way: **love God and do as you please.** He means of course that once we "love God" by surrendering to Him our lives and loved ones and are willing to do His will above our own, then He begins to draw us by desires that please Him as well as us. Examples are eating, sleeping, befriending, parenting, working, loving, laughing (Gal 2:20).

...for it is God who works in you both to will and to do for His good pleasure. Philippians 2:13

Trusting is essential to all forms of guidance, but especially to unselfconscious guidance. We are admonished not only to acknowledge Him, but also to trust Him, that He may direct our paths. For the trusting heart guidance happens naturally and can be eagerly anticipated. Let me close with this quotation from the one who taught me so much as a young Christian about issues of guidance, Hannah Whithall Smith:

Every peculiarly precious spiritual gift is always necessarily linked with some peculiar danger... but we must not be discouraged by this... That God cares enough about us to regulate the details of our lives is the strongest proof of His love He could give... above all else trust Him... God cannot guide the souls who never trust Him enough to believe that He is doing it. [The Christian's Secret of a Happy Life](#)

Prayer Request

Please join us in prayer that the Lord will lead His people to us and to the resources that we have made available for them on the web (a lot of it is free). There are people who need help with their emotional/spiritual life all over this planet and we have NO DOUBT that we have been given teachings and ministries of the Spirit that will help them recover their lives. We see the impact and the transformations all the time! But there are so many who don't know what is available! Much prayer is needed. Thank you.

From We to Thee

*Preparing for the worst
Hoping for the best*



Have you all been hearing the forecasts that are going around the world and the Body of Christ? This is one time when there is strong agreement between people of forward looking vision in both camps-- whether they are blessed with prophetic vision or financial insight into world affairs. I truly believe that we need to take the warnings to heart. Not that we should take fear, but that we need to consult Wisdom and take precautions.

Basically what they are saying is that America's privileged position compared to the rest of the world of prosperity and security is about to be badly shaken--at least for a season. With eyes schooled only "in the natural" it is reasonable to look upon the world financial crisis and see that the European Union, Japan, and the United States are teetering on the brink of monetary and fiscal disaster. But there are prophetic voices, people who have a solid track record of hearing from the Lord well in advance of natural events, who are saying they have been shown that **times of great crisis are coming our way**. I don't want to go into the details here, but will provide the links at the end of this article.

This is the main reason why I devoted the lead article space in this newsletter to issues of guidance. If what they are saying is true--and I believe it very likely is--then we will all need to know **how to listen for the voice of the Lord** for ourselves in order to be guided by Him through the times that are coming. There is no better place of safety than to be in the will of God and to be living under His leadership. This is of the utmost practical advantage in difficult times for the Lord has a proven track record of being able to lead His people to safety.

Indeed guidance by the Lord has always been our daily bread: Jesus said that **His sheep would know His voice** and that they would follow Him. Few things in life are more thrilling than hearing from God and being shown what He specifically wants us to do. And yet I fear that for many Christians it is an unknown art. Is it possible that we have spent too much time asking *what do I want to do*, and not nearly enough time asking Jesus *what do YOU want me to be doing?* And yet I suspect that, even for those who are "sheepish" about admitting to hearing from God (for fear of what people will say), there is an almost innate listening that we do as Christians for that inner voice of the Holy Spirit. It is this ability that we would love to help cultivate through further teachings.

Here are two very different people with compelling visions about what may be in our near future:

Rick Joyner, respected leader in the prophetic movement. See his video series, "Special Bulletin: Japanese Earthquake."

www.morningstarministries.org

Porter Stansberry, financial advisor. His analysis of our position in peril as source for the world's reserve currency (the dollar) leaves little doubt about the genuine risks we are facing.

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