

The Spirit Pt 2 Be led of the Spirit

This is a second study on the Spirit. Last week we covered three points–
i) we are to live in the Spirit, ii) we are to walk in the Spirit, and (iii) the LORD promised to put His spirit in Israel so they would walk in His statutes. This week we will cover an additional three points– (i) let us be led of the Spirit, (ii) let us be taught by the Spirit, and (iii) let us be reproved by the Spirit.

A little more detail on our three points–

1. Let us be led of the Spirit

“But if ye be led of the Spirit...” (Gal.5: 18).

2. Let us be taught by the Spirit when we compare the scriptures

“Which things also we speak, not in the words which man's wisdom teacheth, but which the Holy Ghost teacheth; comparing spiritual things with spiritual” (1 Cor.2: 13). See also 1 Jn 2:27.

3. Let us be reproved by the Spirit

[7] Nevertheless I tell you the truth; It is expedient for you that I go...for if I go not away, the Comforter will not come unto you; but if I depart, I will send him unto you.
[8] And when he is come, he will reprove the world of sin...” (Jn.16: 7 & 8)

Illustration

Rev. Margret Mayman was a Presbyterian minister when the NZ government was considering changing the definition of marriage– through the marriage reform bill that allowed sodomites to marry. She is a professed Lesbian with a partner, but she was after the law to be changed to make their relationship legally accepted by “marriage”. Through the CIME the Rev. Mayman brought a submission to government explaining why the Christian churches should be accepting two women to “marry”, when the scriptures, on the face value say otherwise. Her pivotal argument– Writing about the reference in Rom.1: 26–27– “It is clear from the text that Paul thought that the people he was addressing were heterosexual (they were giving up what was natural for them). The idea of homosexual orientation was not part of his world–view. We now know that there are people who are homosexual by nature (creation)...Paul clearly believes that homosexual behaviour is contrary to nature, whereas we have learned that it is found in a wide variety of species.”

Question of the scriptures

For a Christian that handles the word of God deceitfully– what are the stages of spiritual decline he will face from his sin?

Answers from the scriptures

When we sin the Spirit of God will reprove us of our iniquity.

Spiritual decline takes place when we convince ourself that the feeling of conviction is the enemy, and so we justify our deceitful interpretation rather than continuing to search the scriptures– and prove all things.

In doing so we will quench the Spirit, which means– the Spirit bears less fruit.

If we continues to resist the Spirit then we should expect the Father’s chastisement. Please do not quench the Spirit, but rather beseech the Lord to be led of the Spirit, to discern the still small voice of the Spirit of God, and then confirm that, that voice IS the Spirit, by taking that leading and subjecting it to the scriptures. IF it is contrary to Scripture, then learn from that, and walk no further. Turn and repent and be led by the Spirit in conjunction with the light of scripture. Amen!!