

*THERE IS A RIVER
WHOSE STREAMS
SHALL MAKE GLAD
THE CITY OF GOD.,
(PSALM 46:4)*



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Thank you for your commitment in praying for and supporting God’s Calling upon *Rick Fultz*. He and his staff at *Mountain Stream Ministries* endeavor to minister Godly encouragement and direction to the hearts of God’s people. *We minister to those whom God has placed in our lives. (John 17:9) I am praying for them. I am not praying (requesting) for the world, but for those You have given Me, for they belong to You. (Amplified Bible)*

*“Let us make
known the name of
Jesus, to everyone
God sends our
way.”*

*May the Lord bless you and minister to you
as you read this Newsletter.*

**For
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I will mail (Parts 1,2 and 3) separately to you as Holy Spirit directs. May God Bless You, in your time of study on this important topic.

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• If we as Christians live by the Spirit and also walk by the Spirit then our conduct should be a witness that Holy Spirit does indeed dwell in our hearts.

1. How are we as the sons of God led?

a. We are led by The Spirit of God. See: Same references as in question two. [John 14:16, John 16:13 & Galatians 5:25]

2. What are some of the (instruments, gifts, tools), etc. used by Holy Spirit to lead us?

“We as Christians must live and walk by the Spirit.”

“Let our Christian walk be that of hearing what the Spirit is saying, and obedience to what He has said!”

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- a. *The word of God.* The Holy Spirit leads us today *through the word of God*. The word of God was written by direct inspiration of the Holy Spirit for this purpose.

2 Timothy 3:16 All Scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness, 17 that the man of God may be complete, thoroughly equipped for every good work.

1 Peter 1:12 To them it was revealed that, not to themselves, but to us they were ministering the things which now have been reported to you through those who have preached the gospel to you by the Holy Spirit sent from heaven—things which angels desire to look into.

• *Sometimes God can be dramatic in His leading.*

b. By Supernatural Events, Signs and Wonders. 1. God directed Moses by speaking through a burning bush that was not consumed. 2. God sent a message to Pharaoh to release his Israelite slaves by sending catastrophic plagues upon the whole nation of Egypt. 3. When Jesus heals a blind man. (**John 6:9**)

- c. *Through Divine Intervention.* God's guidance can seem ironic, as when: 1. God spoke to the prophet Balaam through his

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donkey. (**Numbers 22**) 2. Jonah is swallowed by a giant fish. (**Jonah 1-2**).

- d. *Through Prophecy.* Often the Lord directs His people through the spirit or gift of prophecy.

2 **Peter 1:21** for prophecy never came by the will of man, but holy men of God spoke as they were moved by the Holy Spirit.

Acts 2:17 (Amplified Bible)

¹⁷And it shall come to pass in the last days, God declares, that I will pour out of My Spirit upon all mankind, and your **sons and your daughters shall prophesy** [telling forth the divine counsels] and your young men shall see visions (divinely granted appearances), and your old men shall dream [divinely suggested] dreams. (Emphasis mine)

- e. *By Divine Messages. Sent by Holy Spirit through, God's ministers which are listed in (Eph 4:11), as Apostles, Prophets, Evangelists, Pastors and Teachers.*

Eph. 4:11-13 (New American Standard Bible)

¹¹And He gave some {as} apostles, and some {as} prophets, and some {as} evangelists, and some {as} pastors and teachers, ¹²for the equipping of the saints for the work of service, to the building up of the body of Christ;

¹³until we all attain to the unity of the faith, and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to a mature man, to the measure of the stature which belongs to the fullness of Christ.

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- f. **Other Christians.** Often God uses other Christians to be an example of God's will, or to speak an encouraging or directive word inspired by Holy Spirit.*

Hebrews 3:13 (New American Standard Bible)

¹³But encourage one another day after day, as long as it is {still} called "Today," so that none of you will be hardened by the deceitfulness of sin.

Romans 15:14 (New American Standard Bible)

¹⁴And concerning you, my brethren, I myself also am convinced that you yourselves are full of goodness, filled with all knowledge and able also to admonish one another.

*g. **By Encouraging Oneself.***

1 Samuel 30:6 (KJV) ⁶And David was greatly distressed; for the people spake of stoning him, because the soul of all the people was grieved, every man for his sons and for his daughters: **but David encouraged himself in the LORD his God.** (Emphasis mine)

Paul encourages the Philippians to work out their own salvation even in his absence, as they have done while he was with them in their presence. Not in their own strength, but by allowing God to work in them creating the power and desire to do His will.

Philippians 2:12-16 (Amplified Bible)

¹²Therefore, my dear ones, as you have always obeyed [my suggestions], so now, not only [with the enthusiasm you would show] in my presence but much more because I am absent, work out (cultivate, carry out to the goal, and fully complete) your own salvation with reverence and awe and trembling (self-distrust, ¹³with serious caution, tenderness of conscience,

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to will and to work for His good pleasure and satisfaction and delight.

¹⁴Do all things without grumbling and faultfinding and complaining [against God] and questioning and doubting [among yourselves],

¹⁵That you may show yourselves to be blameless and guiltless, innocent and uncontaminated, children of God without blemish (faultless, unrebutable) in the midst of a crooked and wicked generation [spiritually perverted and perverse], among whom you are seen as bright lights (stars or beacons shining out clearly) in the [dark] world,

¹⁶Holding out [to it] and offering [to all men] the Word of Life, so that in the day of Christ I may have something of which exultantly to rejoice and glory in that I did not run my race in vain or spend my labor to no purpose.

h. Dreams and Visions. Throughout the Book of Acts Holy Spirit leads Jesus' followers by giving them dreams & visions. **1. Dream** - An angel of the Lord appeared to Joseph in a dream. (**Matt. 2:13**); **2. Vision**- Cornelius, a centurion (captain) had a vision of an angel speaking directly to him. (**Acts 10:3**)

3. How do we learn to be led by the Spirit of God?

a. Discernment

This may look like a short answer, but the process of discernment is quite complex.

It needs to be understood that as a Christian and for the purpose of this study that Holy Spirit operates discernment in our lives and we are not comparing one's gift with another. Discernment is not achieved by our own ability, it comes by faith.

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Some people seem to have a knack for sensing things, but discernment being operated by Holy Spirit is much more than a knack or talent! He 'Holy Spirit: is ALL KNOWING! Who among us can make that claim? Who would you put your trust in, a person with a knack or Holy Spirit? O. K. I am being sarcastic, but my trust is in Holy Spirit.

Without "discernment" operating in your life you cannot follow with spiritual sight and spiritual knowledge!

I didn't say you could not "follow," but you cannot follow with "spiritual" (insight and knowledge from Holy Spirit).

Many people (without discernment) follow blindly and ignorantly, but the disciplined ones (followers of Christ) follow with sight and knowledge.

• Discernment requires discipline!

I have been asked a lot of times from people who feel they have no discernment, "What if you don't have discernment?"

Let's see what the bible says about you having discernment..

Scriptures and References:

The two main Greek words translated as "**discernment**" are *anakrino*, meaning to examine or judge closely, and *diakrino*, to separate out, to investigate, to examine.

Hebrews 5:12-14 (Amplified Bible)

¹²For even though by this time you ought to be teaching others, you actually need someone to teach you over again the very first principles of God's Word.

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You have come to need milk, not solid food.

¹³For everyone who continues to feed on milk is obviously inexperienced and unskilled in the doctrine of righteousness (of conformity to the divine will in purpose, thought, and action), for he is a mere infant [not able to talk yet]!

¹⁴But solid food is for full-grown men, for those whose senses and mental faculties are trained by practice to discriminate and distinguish between what is morally good and noble and what is evil and contrary either to divine or human law.

In (Hebrews 5:14) we just discovered that Christians need to exercise their gift by actually using the gift. This has in fact trained them to be more alert and their senses trained to discern.

- **Let's dissect the word "discernment" and its "process" to see what we can observe and learn about it.**

1. What is discernment?

The American Heritage Dictionary defines discernment as: "To detect or perceive with the eye or the mind; to perceive the distinctions of [which can be considered "to define"]; to discriminate."

Discernment is a term used in Christian tradition to describe the process of discerning God's will for one's life. In large part, it describes the interior search for an answer to the question of one's vocation, namely, determining whether or not God is calling one to the married life, single life, religious life; ordained ministry or priesthood (Roman Catholic or Anglican/Episcopal) or any other ministerial calling by virtue of Baptism. The concept is not limited to ordination or vowed life.

Discernment is the ability to recognize good and evil.

2. What are the "Three Steps of Process" for Discernment?

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Step One, See – You have to “See” what’s around you.

Seeing by being spiritually alert! Be spiritually aware of your surroundings always! I could not emphasize this enough. Be spiritually aware of what is going on around you! Look with the eyes of the Spirit. By being spiritually alert and “**seeing**” you can see what many are missing. Reference (1 Peter 5:8)

It would be good if you read (2 Kings 6:8-23) this is a perfect example of how we don’t see things around us until we look through the eyes of the Spirit of God. I have included verse 17 to show how we need to pray for our spiritual eyes to be opened.

2 Kings 6:17 (NASB)

¹⁷Then Elisha prayed and said, "O LORD, I pray, open his eyes that he may see " And the LORD opened the servant's eyes and he saw; and behold, the mountain was full of horses and chariots of fire all around Elisha.

Step Two, Identify - You have to “Identify” what you see.

Identify by: • **Observing its nature.** • **Does it line up with God’s word?** • **Is it a threat to you or others around you?** • **What does it look like?** In doing this you are **identifying** the situation, thought, or thing etc.

Step Three, Decide –You need to “decide” separate the good from the evil.

Decide or separate by: • **Testing its source.** **From what spirit has this come to you?** **By what avenue has it found its way to you?** **Are you tempted or enticed by the situation, voice, idea, relationship etc.** • **What kind of character is found in or around this situation, idea, relationship, etc.?**

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In doing this you now have gathered spiritual evidence to make a quality decision. By separating the good from the bad, you have in fact “made a decision” about this thing, situation, thought, idea, relationship etc.

Take the good, abstain from evil.

1 Thessalonians 5:21-22 (New American Standard Bible)

²¹But examine everything carefully; hold fast to that which is good;

²²abstain from every form of evil.

We must exercise our faith by using the gifts God has given to us or we will fall short of His purpose for our lives, suffer spiritual blindness and perform our deeds without spiritual knowledge. Now that you have met the three requirements or Discoveries (mentioned in Part 1) of being led by the Spirit of God and you have walked through the process of discernment, there is one more discovery about yourself that you need to make known to God and yourself. I did not mention this discovery in (Part 1) because we were dealing with the discoveries that must be met before we can be led by the Spirit of God. The last

A NOTE FROM THE PUBLISHER:

This Newsletter was birthed to water thirsty souls with the Word of God. The name in itself, “THE STREAM” is an indicator of God’s intent with this ministry. *Water flows in the path of least resistance. To resist Him is to restrict His flowing river. The river of God brings refreshing hope when you allow it to flow in your life.* Open up your heart and receive refreshing water, in those dry areas of your life. We all have them at times, so don’t feel condemned. (smile) Open up your heart, and let Him complete the good work, He has started in you. Amen!



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and important discovery about yourself is “Obedience.”

This is sometimes the most difficult discovery to conquer in our life. Hopefully you will obey being you have accomplished the three discoveries and now: Believe in Jesus, Know who you are in the Kingdom Of God, Know Holy Spirit and have received Him and His gifts and the power to hear Him. You have spent your whole life searching for answers, and now you have learned the three steps of the “Process of Discernment.” When you walk through these steps as a believer in Jesus and Holy Spirit causes you to discern good from evil, and you are faced with making the God given decision. I pray you will obey and make the correct decision and take the good? Making Godly decisions, leads you to the good life in Jesus!

Please refer back to (Part 1) to review the three discoveries mentioned here.

The body of Christ is experiencing a famine of “Discerning of spirits.” It seems that few Christians can, or even have the desire to discern the “spirits” that is warring against them.

Ephesians 6:12 (New International Version)

¹²For our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the powers of this dark world and against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly realms.

The evidence is the immaturity that I see in some Christians who continually practice unbiblical teachings, and continually associate themselves with the nonsense of so-called religious rituals where chaos abounds instead of truth!

If Christians would discern they would turn. I just made a rhyme.
(smile)

I think this would be a good slogan.

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“If Christians would learn to discern, they would from their foolish ways turn.” Quote by: Rick Fultz

4. What are some incorrect and dangerous ways of seeking for guidance?

- a. *Listening to negative unbiblical advice from others.*
- b. *By allowing people, job circumstances, relationships etc. to manipulate you and lead you from Godly Principles, Counsel and Instruction, (even when others mean well and seem to have good intentions).*

1 Timothy 4:7 (Amplified Bible)

⁷But refuse and avoid irreverent legends (profane and impure and godless fictions, mere grandmothers' tales) and silly myths, and express your disapproval of them. Train yourself toward godliness (piety), [keeping yourself spiritually fit].

- c. *Making things happen in our own strength without the Holy Spirit's guidance.*

"Do nothing" are the words of Christ. He "did nothing" apart from the Father. We like Jesus must be led by The Spirit of God.

Luke 4:1 (NKJV) ¹Then Jesus, being filled with the Holy Spirit, returned from the Jordan and was led by the Spirit into the wilderness,

John 5:19 (NASB) ¹⁹Jesus gave them this answer: "I tell you the truth, the Son can do nothing by himself; he can do only what he sees his Father

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doing, because whatever the Father does the Son also does.

d. Seeking for Sooth Sayers, Palm Readers, Psychic Readings, and Séances, (as King Saul did when he had the woman with a familiar spirit communicate with the prophet Samuel who was dead). (1 Samuel 28:7-15)

Leviticus 19:31 (Amplified Bible)

³¹Turn not to those [mediums] who have familiar spirits or to wizards; do not seek them out to be defiled by them. I am the Lord your God.

We see in this next verse that King Saul had ran all of the Sooth Sayers and Mediums out of the land.

1 Samuel 28:3 (NASB)

³Now Samuel was dead, and all Israel had lamented him and buried him in Ramah, his own city. And Saul had removed from the land those who were mediums and spiritists.

Then in verse "7" of the same chapter Saul sends his servants out to find a woman who was a medium.

1 Samuel 28:7 (NASB) Then Saul said to his servants, "Seek for me a woman who is a medium, that I may go to her and inquire of her." And his servants said to him, "Behold, there is a woman who is a medium at En-dor."

You can read about this whole encounter in (1 Samuel 28:7-15)

Saul communicates with the dead through the medium. This was a bad decision!

In (Chronicles 10:13) (the history chapter) it is recorded and makes reference to Saul as one of the reasons for his death was because of asking counsel of a medium.

Chronicles 10:13 (NASB) ¹³" So Saul died for his trespass which he

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committed against the LORD, because of the word of the LORD which he did not keep; and also because he asked counsel of a medium, making inquiry {of it,}

These are all wrong and dangerous ways of seeking for direction. The Bible teaches us and warns against such actions. Stay away from people who practice these ungodly things!

I know of people who have had bad experiences by seeking out Sooth Sayers, Tarot Card Readers, Palm Readers, etc. Some have come to me needing prayer because they were fighting fear of what was said to them, by these evil people. If you don't believe that the persons who practice divination, fortune-telling etc. are not operating under an evil influence, you need to read your bible a little closer!

The persons who practice witchcraft, divination, palm reading, etc. are possessed by an evil spirit/s. If you have a friend or even a family member that practices these things, pray for them and if they will hear you warn them. Give this scripture (**Acts 16:16**) to them to read in hopes that they will stop this and be delivered from this spirit.

Read the next verse.

Acts 16:16 (New American Standard Bible)

¹⁶It happened that as we were going to the place of prayer, a slave-girl having a spirit of divination met us, who was bringing her masters much profit by fortune-telling.

2 Kings 21:6

⁶He made his son pass through the fire, practiced witchcraft and used divination, and dealt with mediums and spiritists. He did much evil in the sight of the LORD provoking Him to anger.

Deuteronomy 18:11

¹¹or one who casts a spell, or a medium, or a spiritist, or one who calls up the dead.

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Here is how God feels about people seeking after mediums, etc.

Read the next verse.

Leviticus 20:6

⁶As for the person who turns to mediums and to spiritists, to play the harlot after them, I will also set My face against that person and will cut him off from among his people.

To those who still think it is a “just for fun” event to have your palms read, etc and there are no evil effects on this type of practices, read the next verse.

Leviticus 19:31

³¹Do not turn to mediums or spiritists; do not seek them out to be defiled by them. I am the LORD your God.

You can become defiled by this “just for fun” nonsense!

Well, be for warned and if anyone ever teases you with such evil warn them, and if they persists rebuke then in the name of Jesus and leave them standing!

As you can see, being led by the Spirit of God is a vital part of our walking in the Kingdom of God. That is why there is such a battle in the spirit world to keep you from hearing God.

This is one reason Holy Spirit has stirred me to write to you about these things.

Bless you and be encouraged as you pursue being led by the Spirit of God! It is not difficult, but it does require some effort on your part. Holy Spirit will comfort and guide you if you simply ask Him to. Amen

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