
Eight Steps to Being Filled (STEP 3: Guided by the Holy Spirit)

The Fullness of the Holy Spirit

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Sermon: The Fullness of the Holy Spirit: Eight Steps to Being Filled (STEP 3: Guided by the Holy Spirit)

New Series Messages: “The Fullness of the Holy Spirit”

- Theme Scripture: Ephesians 5: ¹⁸ And be not drunk with wine, wherein is excess; but be filled with the Spirit;
- Subject: ***The Process of Being Filled (Drunk with New Wine) – New Walk, Look, Talk***
- Subject: ***Eight Steps to Being Filled (STEP 1: Submit to the Holy Spirit)***
- Subject: ***Eight Steps to Being Filled (STEP 2: Convicted by the Holy Spirit)***
 - Convicting My Mind
 - Convicting My Will
 - Convicting My Emotion

Lesson Text

John 16:13–15 (AV) ¹³ Howbeit when he, the Spirit of truth, is come, he will guide you into all truth: for he shall not speak of himself; but whatsoever he shall hear, *that* shall he speak: and he will shew you things to come. ¹⁴ He shall glorify me: for he shall receive of mine, and shall shew *it* unto you. ¹⁵ All things that the Father hath are mine: therefore said I, that he shall take of mine, and shall shew *it* unto you.

Romans 10:17 (AV) ¹⁷ So then faith *cometh* by hearing, and hearing by the word of God.

2 Corinthians 5:7 (AV) ⁷ (For we walk by faith, not by sight:)

Romans 8:18 (AV) ¹⁸ 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.

Introduction

Being Filled with the Holy Spirit is A Continuous Process, Not Simply A Singular Event.

To experience the Fullness of God, we must be filled by the Holy Spirit through the continuous process of the following steps.

The Eight Steps to Being Filled with the Holy Spirit are:

1. Submitting to the Holy Spirit
2. Convicted by the Holy Spirit
3. Guided by the Holy Spirit
4. Obeying the Holy Spirit
5. Studying the Holy Spirit
6. Fasting with the Holy Spirit
7. New Life in the Holy Spirit
8. Transformed by the Holy Spirit

To date we’ve looked at the process of being filled through Submitting & Conviction, today we look at it through the process of being Guided.

Too many people, even those that are Christians, go through life without a clear perspective on where they are going. They go left, when they should go right, they move when they should stop, they fight when they should hold their peace, they run when they should stand still.

We make bad moves, wrong decisions, give up, stay too long, because we really don't know where we're going; and we certainly don't know when we have arrived.

Some of us are guided by others who don't know where they are going (blind leading the blind), and others of us are guided by ourselves (our heart is deceitful and wicked).

John 16: ¹³ **Howbeit when he, the Spirit of truth, is come, he will guide you into all truth:...**

God sent us the Holy Spirit to Guide us by His Truth in what we Hear, what we See, and what we Reveal.

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“Guided by the Voice, the Vision, and the Glory of God”

I. Guided by the Truth of God's Voice

John 16: ¹³ **Howbeit when he, the Spirit of truth, is come, he will guide you into all truth: for he shall not speak of himself; but whatsoever he shall hear, that shall he speak: and he will shew you things to come.**

The first key to being guided by the Holy Spirit deals with our ability to hear God.

To hear means to perceive the sound made by someone or something with the ear. It also means to be informed, to be made aware of, to listen, pay attention, or to judge.

The problem with hearing God is the noise or competition of sounds and information that interfere with our ability to hear Him.

1 Kings 19:11–12 (AV)¹¹ And he said, Go forth, and stand upon the mount before the LORD. And, behold, the LORD passed by, and a great and strong wind rent the mountains, and brake in pieces the rocks before the LORD; *but* the LORD *was* not in the wind: and after the wind an earthquake; *but* the LORD *was* not in the earthquake: ¹² And after the earthquake a fire; *but* the LORD *was* not in the fire: and after the fire a still small voice.

The world, life, experiences, our flesh has created so much noise around us in the form of wind (disruptions to life), earthquakes (destructions in life), and fire (devastations to life) that we don't hear the still small voice of God.

To be Guided by the Holy Spirit we must Develop an Ear to Hear God

To hear the still small voice of God, we must have an ear to hear God over the noise of life.

Revelation 3:22 (AV) ²² **He that hath an ear, let him hear what the Spirit saith unto the churches.**

We develop an ear to hear the Voice of God, by learning the Word of God.

Romans 10:17 (AV) ¹⁷ So then faith *cometh* by hearing, and hearing by the word of God.

II. Guided by the Truth of God's Vision

John 16: ¹³ Howbeit when he, the Spirit of truth, is come, he will guide you into all truth: for he shall not speak of himself; but whatsoever he shall hear, *that shall he speak: and he will shew you things to come.*

The next key to being guided by the Holy Spirit deals with our ability to See God; more specifically to see what God sees.

The problem with seeing what God sees is that our human eyes shows us things that are antithetical to what God sees.

We see our right now, but God sees our future now.

Gideon was a might man of valor who defeated the an army of a 135 thousand Madianites with only 300 men. But prior to that he was hiding in mountains and wine presses.

- How Gideon saw himself: Judges 6:15 (AV)¹⁵ And he said unto him, Oh my Lord, wherewith shall I save Israel? behold, my family *is* poor in Manasseh, and I *am* the least in my father's house.
- How God saw Gideon: Judges 6:12 (AV)¹² And the angel of the LORD appeared unto him, and said unto him, The LORD *is* with thee, thou mighty man of valour.

We see ourselves with our natural eyes based on what we see now, what we see today!

To be Guided by the Holy Spirit we must Develop an Eye to See God

2 Corinthians 5:7 (AV) ⁷ (For we walk by faith, not by sight:)

We develop an Eye to See God (Vision) by writing what we Heard from God (Voice)

Habakkuk 2:1–2 (AV)¹ I will stand upon my watch, and set me upon the tower, and will watch to see what he will say unto me, and what I shall answer when I am reproved. ² And the LORD answered me, and said, Write the vision, and make *it* plain upon tables, that he may run that readeth it.

Learning the Word of God gives us the ability to Hear God; Writing what we heard, gives us the ability to See God.

Our natural eyes see what the World is showing us, but Faith see what God is showing us!

“I see God, working it out for me; I see God helping me; I see God healing me; I see God delivering me; I see God blessing me”

III. Guided by the Truth of God's Glory

John 16: ¹⁴ He shall glorify me: for he shall receive of mine, and shall shew *it* unto you.

The final key to being guided by the Holy Spirit deals with our ability to reveal and demonstrate the Glory of God.

The problem with most people is they don't reveal the God's Glory, they seek Man's Glory.

“They spend money they don't have, to buy things they don't need, to impress people they don't like”.

Matthew 6:2 (AV)² *Therefore when thou doest **thine** alms, do not sound a trumpet before thee, as the hypocrites do in the synagogues and in the streets, that they may have glory of men. Verily I say unto you, They have their reward.*

Mark 8:36 (AV)³⁶ *For what shall it profit a man, if he shall gain the whole world, and lose his own soul?*

To be Guided by the Holy Spirit we must Reveal the Glory of God

Romans 8: 18 (AV)¹⁸ *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.*

We reveal the Glory of God not based on how much we get, but how much we lose.

- Matthew 19:29–30 (AV)²⁹ *And every one that hath forsaken houses, or brethren, or sisters, or father, or mother, or wife, or children, or lands, for my name's sake, shall receive an hundredfold, and shall inherit everlasting life. ³⁰ But many **that are** first shall be last; and the last **shall be** first.*

We reveal the Glory of God not based on how many people like us, but how many hate us.

- Psalm 69:4 (AV)⁴ *They that hate me without a cause are more than the hairs of mine head: ...*
- John 15:18 (AV)¹⁸ *If the world hate you, ye know that it hated me before **it hated** you.*

We reveal the Glory of God not based on how good things are, but how much we suffer for God

- Romans 8:17–18 (AV)¹⁷ *And if children, then heirs; heirs of God, and joint-heirs with Christ; if so be that we suffer with **him**, that we may be also glorified together. ¹⁸ 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.*

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Midweek Study Lesson Plan (Sermon: Eight Steps to Being Filled (STEP 3: Guided by the Holy Spirit))

Study Tools:

- Sermon Video and Notes: <https://victoriouspraise.org/>
- Bibles, Commentaries, and Dictionnaires: <https://biblehub.com/tools.htm>
- Book Source: [“The Complete Guide To Understanding The Holy Spirit”](#); Read the Following Chapters:
 - “What’s evidence of being filled with the Holy Spirit?”
 - “What the Purpose of the Gifts of the Spirit?”

Lesson Text

- John 16:13–15, Romans 10:17, 2 Corinthians 5:7, Romans 8:18

Sermon Outline

- I. Guided by the Truth of God’s Voice
- II. Guided by the Truth of God’s Vision
- III. Guided by the Truth of God’s Glory

Questions

I. Getting to Know “Me”

1. If you can give one sentence advice about how to live life, what would it be?
2. Someone has decided to produce a movie about your life, what actor or actress do you want to play you in the movie? Why?

II. Into the Bible

1. According to Romans 10:13–17, what is the connection between salvation, preaching, and hearing?
2. In previous sermons, the Holy Spirit has been likened unto a “trainer” or a “coach”. The Cambridge Dictionary defines a coach as 1.) “a person who is responsible for managing and training a person or a team” and 2.) “an expert who trains someone learning or improving a skill, especially one related to performing”. How does the Holy Spirit manage and train believers and how does He help us to learn and improve our character? Give scriptural support.
3. After Jesus ascended into heaven, when the Day of Pentecost was fully come, God sent the church His Holy Spirit [to dwell **IN** the believer] according to Acts 2. If the Holy Spirit did not dwell in anyone before this point, how were God’s people lead, i.e., coached and trained?

III. Life Application

1. What are some practical steps a person can take to develop an ear for the guidance of the Holy Spirit?
2. What insights from this Sunday’s message do you think will be most useful and why?

Prayer:

- **Prayer Request:**
- **Personal Prayer:**