

# The Word of Faith

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## SHOULD YOUR CONSCIENCE BE YOUR GUIDE

Romans 8:14, 16, "For as many as are led by the Spirit of God, they are the sons of God...The Spirit Himself beareth witness with our spirit, that we are the children of God."

After you are born again the man on the inside, the inward man, has become a new man in Christ. We need to let this inward man be the dominate one, not the outward man. Present your bodies to God, a living sacrifice.

You see friends, that is not at all what we have thought many times. I think the reason that people have different ideas and concepts that they present is because they don't understand the new birth thoroughly. Some people have thought that we were just justified. Thank God we are, but we are more than justified. We've become a new man--a new creature--in Christ.

This man on the inside, which is the spirit of man through whom God will deal with us, has become a new man. The old things that were in this old man, are gone now. Spiritual death was in there. The nature of the devil was in there. Hatred was in there. Lying was in there. But now the former things are replaced by the love of God, the nature of God, the life of God.

On the inside we have a new nature. We've become a new man in Christ Jesus, old things have passed away. This is the man--this inward man, this new man--that is to be the dominate

one. We are to listen to him, because it is through this man, through our spirit, that God will guide us.

This inward man has a voice. We call the voice conscience. Sometimes we call it intuition or guidance. If we haven't been taught correctly, however, we will not be able to follow the inward voice.

There is much discussion among church people whether or not the conscience of man is a safe guide. Well, let's put it this way: If your spirit has become a new man in Christ Jesus, then your conscience is a safe guide because your conscience is the voice of your spirit. It is by your conscience, or the voice of your spirit, that God guides you.

It is your spirit, not the Holy Spirit, that condemns you if you do wrong as a Christian. (Did you know that?) The Holy Spirit within doesn't convict of sin. Jesus plainly said that the only sin the Holy Spirit will convict the world of is the sin of rejecting Jesus Christ. It is your own spirit that knows the very moment that you have done wrong. The minute you miss it, you know it inside. If you don't know it then you are just not right with God, that's all there is to it.

It surprised me when I began to study what Paul said about his own conscience. I found out that Paul made some very illumin-

ating statements concerning his own conscience; I discovered that Paul said he always obeyed his conscience. That changed my thinking along this line. Of course the spirits of those people outside Christ, who have never been born again would be unregenerate. With the nature of the devil in it they couldn't follow the voice of their spirit. Their conscience would permit them to do anything. Isn't that right? But when you have the nature and life of God in you, your conscience won't permit you to do or say just anything.

We need to be spirit-conscious. I want you to notice that in Romans 8, Paul said two things. First he said, "The Spirit Himself beareth witness with our spirit, that we are the children of God." Too many times people think that this witness he is talking about here is a physical something. It isn't at all. He does not say that the Spirit bears witness with our bodies. Feeling is the voice of your body. Reason is the voice of your soul, or your mind. Your conscience is the voice of your spirit.

If you go by feelings, then you are going to be in trouble. How many times, when it comes to Christian experience, answers to prayer and so on, are we motivated by our feelings? So many times we hear, "Well, I believe the Lord heard me--I just feel like He did." I always know that those people are riding for a fall.

What difference would it make whether you felt like it or you didn't? If the Word of God states it, it is true. If God said He heard and answered your prayer, then thank God He did. So base your faith on the Word, not on your feelings. This verse does not say that the Spirit bears witness with our bodies or with our feelings. No, it says, "The Spirit Himself bears witness with our spirits."

Remember that the Word and the Spirit agree. The Spirit will take this Word and witness to your heart. Jesus said, "When the Spirit of truth is come...he shall receive of mine, and shall shew it unto you." He said to His disciples, "He shall teach you all things, and bring all things to your remembrance, whatsoever I have said unto you." He also said, "He will shew you things to come."

He bears witness with your spirit, and He leads you. The 14th verse says, "For as many as are led by the Spirit of God, they are the sons of God." The foremost way He leads us is by that inward witness. It is not for us to tell the Lord how to lead us. I know we can look into the Bible, and into Acts of the Apostles and we can see at times how some people received some guidance and direction from an angel who appeared to them and said certain things to them.

Too many times I'm afraid that we are seeking these manifestations instead of listening to what the Bible has to say. Visions didn't happen everyday in these people's lives. They happened a time or two in the entire lifetime of some. Too many times, all the time we are seeking guidance, that inward voice is trying to get our attention. God is trying to bear witness with our spirits. He is trying to get our attention, trying to tell

us, trying to guide us; and we won't listen too many times because we are wanting something else.

Many times people will put out what they call a "fleece" before the Lord. I hear that on every hand, "I have a fleece out." I have told you before, I tried that one time, way back in 1941. I put a fleece out, I followed my fleece and I got "fleeced." That cured me. You never read anywhere in the New Testament where it says, "As many as are led by fleeces, they are the sons of God." Of course the minute I say that someone says, "Well now, Gideon put out a fleece." Yes, I know Gideon did but just forget about Gideon. You are not living in the day he lived in.

You are not living under the covenant Gideon lived under. Thank God we have a new covenant established on better promises. Of course we receive a lot of help from the Old Testament, but one thing that really hinders us many times in different areas of our Christian life is going back there, taking something that doesn't apply to us and trying to make it apply. Many times we miss out on the real thing that God has for us.

I'm well satisfied that if we were to learn development, and learn to train and educate our spirits, in the process of time even in the minor incidents of life we would know inside with a "yes" or a "no" just what to do. We spend practically our entire lifetime in the mental realm and in the physical realm. We've developed our heads a lot of times at the expense of our hearts. In other words, the knowledge of our intellects has taken the throne of our lives and our spirits which should guide us are kept locked away in prison, so to speak, or shut up and not permitted to function. That inward voice is seeking to give guidance to our minds.

We all know that if we had listened to that inward voice there are a thousand and one things we would never have done. If we had listened to an inward voice, many times when we've invested and lost money would not have taken place. If we had listened to an inward voice we would never have chosen certain persons as our companions. I'm not just talking about marriage, but also about certain people with whom we get involved.

I know of several cases much like that. I'm thinking of one just now that took place years ago when money was money. \$20,000 doesn't sound very big to us today, but going back into depression days \$20,000 was a fortune. I remember back in those days a dear Spirit-filled man went in with another fellow with \$20,000--it would be like \$200,000 today. He lost \$15,000 in that deal for the simple reason that he just simply couldn't follow the practices that the other man was carrying on.

This man said to me, "If I had listened to an inward voice, I wouldn't have done that. I see that now." Well, if that be true, if God does lead us by this inward witness and inward voice, then we need to know it. We will avert a lot of mistakes that we may have made.

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"Blessed be the Lord, who daily loadeth us with benefits. Psalm 68:19"

"When thou hast thanked thy God for every blessing sent, what time will then remain for murmurs or lament?"

# New Kentucky Radio Station

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We are continuing our lessons on the nine gifts of the Spirit. The lesson this month is The Word of Wisdom. Write for your free copy today and continue these studies.

## All Faiths Crusade

Beginning May 1, 7:30 P.M. thru Sunday May 9, 7:30 P.M., Bro. Hagin will be holding a crusade in Pennsylvania. The morning meetings will be at 10:00 A.M. and will be held in the Full Gospel Church, Cribb Street, Greensburg, Pa. The evening meetings will be at 7:30 P.M. and will be held in Kephart United Methodist Church, corner of Fawcett Avenue and Shields Street, McKeesport, Pa.

On May 16, 7:30 P.M. a crusade begins in Charlestown, Indiana and ends on Sunday, May 23 at 7:30 P.M. This crusade will be at the First Christian Church, Corner of Water and Harrison Streets in Charlestown. The morning service will be at 10:00 A.M. and the evening service at 7:30 P.M.

Beginning May 30 thru June 6, there will be a crusade in Detroit, Michigan. Details are incomplete at this time. How-

ever further information as to time, place, etc. may be obtained by calling 313-863-5650 in Detroit.

We invite all of our friends in these areas to attend these All Faiths Crusades and see what God is doing in these last days.

## Testimonies In Brief

Last April in one of your meetings, you prayed for me at the close of a service. I had been disabled five years with emphysema. At the time I walked up to be prayed for, a warmth just kept going through me and when you prayed for me, laying your hands on me, it became more intense. You told me that I would be completely healed and that this warm feeling would continue for about three weeks. It happened just as you said, and for the next three weeks I kept spitting up long strings of black, dead flesh (or that's what it looked like). I went to the doctor to have X-rays made, not for my sake, but for others who asked me about this. I knew myself that I was healed. The doctor told me that my lungs were completely cleared up and only scars remained. So I praise the Lord for this miracle in my life. I tell it wherever I go. And the spiritual part is the best. He baptized me in the Holy Spirit two days prior to my healing, and it is just too wonderful to even try to tell. We have your books and enjoy them so much. And as well as thanking the Lord, I want to thank you and I thank the Lord for men like you who preach and teach the Word and who have faith in it. E.S.

Many times I have felt I should write you a personal letter and say thank you for your tapes and books. To tell you how enriched my life has become because of

your ministry in opening the Word of God and making it so understandable to me and others that I have had the pleasure of sharing your books and tapes with. My husband was confined at home because of a severe heart attack two years previous which doctors had told us his heart was so severely damaged and he would never be able to work again. I started reading your books to him and played your tapes constantly. We have laughed many times saying we had Brother Hagin for breakfast, lunch and dinner and in between for snacks. Praise the Lord! It has really paid off. My husband works every day now and gives God all the glory and warm thanks to you for your books and tapes for his being alive and well today. When we found your books they opened the door of a whole new way of life and service for us. Our lives have never been the same since. G.F.

I just briefly want to tell you what a great blessing your ministry has been to me and my family. You can't begin to imagine what a change has taken place. Earlier this year you were in our city and we attended almost every service. We did enjoy your messages but it was after you left and we began to study some of your literature that the Holy Spirit began to reveal things that we had never seen before. The Bible lessons on faith and prayer have really been used to open my eyes. Instead of defeat, there are now constant victories in my ministry. We continue to grow and to mature in spiritual things. There have been several miracles of healing in the lives of our children. Also as we have learned to claim financial needs we have seen them supplied. I can't begin to tell all that has taken place. K.M.

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 "Few folks can trust their mouths sufficiently to take the risk of having evil thoughts."  
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