

Our Helper PART 2

John 14-16

MAIN TAKEAWAY

The most important thing for a Christian to know is how to **listen** and **be led** by the Holy Spirit. We are to recognize Him, respect Him, and respond to Him in obedience. We are not to be “*head led*” (led by our emotions or feelings). We are not to be “*dread led*” (led by fear or anxiety). We are to be **Spirit led**.

KEY SCRIPTURES & TAKEAWAYS

John 14:16 AMPC And I will ask the Father, and He will give you another Comforter (Counselor, Helper, Intercessor, Advocate, Strengthener, and Standby), that He may remain with you forever

- a. To know how the Holy Spirit helps us, we need to study His names.
- b. One of the ways we build a relationship with Him through **gratefulness**. We are to thank Jesus for the Holy Spirit.

John 15:26 AMPC But when the Comforter (Counselor, Helper, Advocate, Intercessor, Strengthener, Standby) comes, Whom I will send to you from the Father, the Spirit of Truth Who comes (proceeds) from the Father, He [Himself] will testify regarding Me.

- a. When the Holy Spirit talks to us, He will **always be in alignment with the Bible**.
- b. We can't understand and obey the Bible without the Holy Spirit.
We can't know Jesus without the Holy Spirit.
- c. We can't fulfill God's purpose on our lives without the Holy Spirit.

John 16:7 AMPC However, I am telling you nothing but the truth when I say it is profitable (good, expedient, advantageous) for you that I go away. Because if I do not go away, the Comforter (Counselor, Helper, Advocate, Intercessor, Strengthener, Standby) will not come to you [into close fellowship with you]; but if I go away, I will send Him to you [to be in close fellowship with you].

- a. We are to recognize Him, respect Him and respond to Him quickly in obedience.
- b. One of the ways to get closer to the Holy Spirit is through **obedience**.

John 16:15 AMPC Everything that the Father has is Mine. That is what I meant when I said that He [the Spirit] will take the things that are Mine and will reveal (declare, disclose, transmit) it to you.

- a. We'll never see who we are to be without the help of the Holy Spirit.
- b. Don't let others frame your life for you, go to the Holy Spirit to find your calling.

2 Corinthians 13:14 AMPC The grace (favor and spiritual blessing) of the Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the presence *and* fellowship (the communion and sharing together, and participation) in the Holy Spirit be with you all. *Amen (so be it).*

- a. God's desire is that we live in daily fellowship with the Holy Spirit.
- b. He is a Person to know, not Someone to ignore. As we spend time with Him, we become more aware of His guidance and His work in our lives.

How do we fellowship with the Holy Spirit:

- 1. Recognize Him
- 2. Respect Him
- 3. Respond to Him in obedience

If we want to have a close relationship with Him:

- 1. Don't quench the Holy Spirit
 - a. **1 Thessalonians 5:19 AMPC** Do not quench (suppress or subdue) the [Holy] Spirit;
- 2. Do not grieve the Holy Spirit
 - a. **Ephesians 4:30 AMPC** And do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God [do not offend or vex or sadden Him], by Whom you were sealed (marked, branded as God's own, secured) for the day of redemption (of final deliverance through Christ from evil and the consequences of sin)
- 3. Do not vex the Holy Spirit
 - a. **Isaiah 63:10 AMPC** But they rebelled And grieved His Holy Spirit; Therefore He changed into their enemy, And He fought against them.
- 4. Do not insult the Holy Spirit
 - a. **Hebrews 10:29 AMPC** How much worse (sterner and heavier) punishment do you suppose he will be judged to deserve who has spurned *and* [thus] trampled underfoot the Son of God, and who has considered the covenant blood by which he was consecrated common *and* unhallowed, thus profaning it *and* insulting *and* outraging

the [Holy] Spirit [Who imparts] grace (the unmerited favor and blessing of God)?

5. Do not lie to the Holy Spirit

a. Acts 5:1-6 AMPC But a certain man named Ananias with his wife Sapphira sold a piece of property,² And with his wife's knowledge *and* connivance he kept back *and* wrongfully appropriated some of the proceeds, bringing only a part and putting it at the feet of the apostles.³ But Peter said, Ananias, why has Satan filled your heart that you should lie to *and* attempt to deceive the Holy Spirit, and should [in violation of your promise] withdraw secretly *and* appropriate to your own use part of the price from the sale of the land?⁴ As long as it remained unsold, was it not still your own? And [even] after it was sold, was not [the money] at your disposal *and* under your control? Why then, is it that you have proposed *and* purposed in your heart to do this thing? [How could you have the heart to do such a deed?] You have not [simply] lied to men [playing false and showing yourself utterly deceitful] but to God.⁵ Upon hearing these words, Ananias fell down and died. And great dread *and* terror took possession of all who heard of it.⁶ And the young men arose and wrapped up [the body] and carried it out and buried it.

6. Do not blaspheme the Holy Spirit

a. Mark 3:29-30 AMPC But whoever speaks abusively against *or* maliciously misrepresents the Holy Spirit can never get forgiveness, but is guilty of *and* is in the grasp of an everlasting trespass.³⁰ For they persisted in saying, He has an unclean spirit.

REFLECT & REVISIT

This week, spend time reading **John 14–16**, just as Pastor Blunt encouraged. Before making decisions, begin simply by saying, "Thank You, Jesus, for the Holy Spirit," and ask, "Holy Spirit, speak to me. I will listen." Set aside a few quiet minutes each day without distractions to build a close fellowship with Him. As you **recognize** Him, **respect** Him and choose to **respond** with quick obedience, remember that we are not called to be head led or dread led, but **Spirit led**.