

How to Let the Holy Spirit Guide Your Life

The convicting role of the Holy Spirit

Part 2

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1. The Holy Spirit Convicts to Lead People to Jesus

John 16:8-11 "And when he comes, he will convict the world of its sin, and of God's righteousness, and of the coming judgment. ⁹ The world's sin is that it refuses to believe in me. ¹⁰ Righteousness is available because I go to the Father, and you will see me no more. ¹¹ Judgment will come because the ruler of this world has already been judged." (NLT=New Living Translation)

- He will convict the world of its _____
- He will convict the world of God's _____
- He will convict the world of coming _____

2. The Holy Spirit Convicts to Lead People in Life Change

I Peter 1:2 "...through the sanctifying work of the Spirit, to be obedient to Jesus Christ..." (NIV=New International Version)

- Sin makes you _____ as a follower of Jesus

Psalm 32:3-4 "When I refused to confess my sin, my body wasted away, and I groaned all day long. Day and night your hand of discipline was heavy on me. My strength evaporated like water in the summer heat." (NLT)

- Our response is to _____ and follow again

Psalm 32:5 "Finally, I confessed all my sins to you and stopped trying to hide my guilt. I said to myself, 'I will confess my rebellion to the LORD.' And you forgave me! All my guilt is gone." (NLT)

I John 1:9 "But if we confess our sins to him, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all wickedness." (NLT)

- Resisting the Holy Spirit can _____ our ability to listen and follow

Hebrews 3:12-13 "Be careful then, dear brothers and sisters. Make sure that your own hearts are not evil and unbelieving, turning you away from the living God. ¹³ You must warn each other every day, while it is still 'today,' so that none of you will be deceived by sin and hardened against God." (NLT)

3. How Do We Stay Sensitive to the Holy Spirit's Convicting Work?

- A commitment to _____

Ephesians 4:30 "And do not bring sorrow to God's Holy Spirit by the way you live. Remember, he has identified you as his own, guaranteeing that you will be saved on the day of redemption." (NLT)

- A willingness to _____

Galatians 5:16 "So I say, let the Holy Spirit guide your lives..." (NLT)

- A habit daily _____



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Discussion Questions:

1. When you hear about the convicting role of the Holy Spirit, does this create negative thoughts and emotions or positive? Why?
2. Discuss the Holy Spirit's three roles in this world Jesus described in John 16. Why is this role so important?
3. The Holy Spirit helps us grow becoming more like Jesus. If this is true, why do we often feel miserable after we sin? Discuss Psalm 32. Have you ever experienced this?
4. How is confessing our sin part of the sanctifying work of the Spirit?
5. Discuss the danger of resisting the Holy Spirit. What does resisting the Holy Spirit look like?
6. Discuss the three ways we can stay sensitive to the Holy Spirit's convicting work.