

# The Leading of the Spirit

## Romans 8: 5–16

Intro: The Holy Spirit lives in us and we live in Him!  
(Romans 8:4,5, 9–11, 14, Gal. 5:16, 18, 25)

What the Holy Spirit leads us into

- thoughts and desires that bring life and peace (Rom. 8:5–8)
- active destruction of our sin so we can experience life (Rom 8:12–13)
- experiences of a felt personal relationship with God as Father (Rom. 8 14–16)
- [vocational and situational guidance (Matt 4:1, Acts 8:29, Acts 10: 19–20, 11:12, 13:2, 15:28, 16:6–7, 20:22–23)],

How He leads us practically

- His leading is personal, dynamic, felt, known, experienced
- His leading requires expectancy, openness, receptiveness, cooperation (Eph. 4: 30, 1 Thess 5: 19, Gal. 5:25; Eph 5:18)

Two dangers (Packer)

- Super-spirituality – abandoning our minds and the Bible, following our feelings
- Sub-spirituality – functional deism, autonomous control, cutting God out

A great opportunity: more of Christ through following the Spirit's lead!

- Clear space
- Invite His leading
- Expect the unexpected and unwelcome
- Follow His lead!