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“The Holy Spirit’s Illumination”

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One benefit of the Spirit’s abiding presence that believers enjoy is His ministry of illumination or enlightenment. Spiritual enlightenment is the process where the Spirit enables us to understand, experience, and apply God’s truth in our daily Christian life. The Spirit can connect us to the mind of God.

**I. SPIRITUAL DISCERNMENT**

- a. The Holy Spirit gives us the ability to distinguish good from bad; to make sense out of what is happening, 1 Cor 2:9-10.
- b. The Depths of God, 1 Cor:11-12.
- c. Our Translator, 1 Cor 2:13-14.
- d. The Anointing, 1 John 2:20, 27.

**II. SPIRITUAL RECALL**

- a. John 14:26.
- b. The Authors of Scripture.
- c. Christians Today.
  - i. The Holy Spirit’s teaching and reminding ministry is for all believers today.
  - ii. The condition for benefiting from the Spirit’s indwelling presence is obedience to His commandments, John 14:21-24.

**III. SPIRITUAL CONFIDENCE**

- a. 2 Tim 1:7.
- b. Knowing Where You Are Going, Acts 20:17-38.
- c. Not Necessarily Easy. But when you are walking in the Holy Spirit and He tells you to go on anyhow, go on anyhow!
- d. Seeing More, Luke 24:13-35.

#### **IV. SPIRITUAL DIRECTION**

- a. Two Examples, Acts 8:39 and Acts 10:9-23.
- b. Life is full of tough decisions, but in the Holy Spirit you have a Guide who has been down this road before and knows where you are supposed to go and when you are supposed to get there.
- c. The Holy Spirit uses many ways to provide us spiritual direction:
  - i. God's Word, Heb 4:12; 2 Tim 3:16.
  - ii. Circumstances, Rom 8:28.
  - iii. Common Sense, Acts 15:22-28.
  - iv. Satan, 2 Cor 12:7-9.
  - v. Other People, Acts 2:36-41; 1 Thess. 1:5-6, 2:9-13.
  - vi. The Holy Spirit is the illuminator to help believers understand God's Word and discern God's will.

#### **Application for Life**

1. You've probably heard this before, but you'd be amazed how much of God's will is revealed for us in the Bible. Look up the word *will* in a Bible concordance, then be prepared to obey what you find.
2. What situation or person do you feel the least confident in handling today? That may be exactly where you'll find the spiritual confidence. Try looking beyond just what you can see. Ask the Holy Spirit to enlighten your spiritual eyes so you can see beyond the obvious to His purposes in your trial.
3. You have the same capacity as every other believer to tune into the Holy Spirit because we have the same Holy Spirit. Are you allowing outside interference, competing signals, to jam your spiritual receiver? What program checks can you ensure God has your undivided attention?
4. When it comes to seeking direction, try praying, "Lord, I am yours today. Bring those influences and people into my life that You can use to keep me close to You and walking in your truth."

#### **NOTES:**