

An example of being led by the Holy Ghost in Jesus' life:

And Jesus being full of the Holy Ghost returned from Jordan, and was led by the Spirit into the wilderness, Being forty days tempted of the devil. And in those days he did eat nothing: and when they were ended, he afterward hungered. And the devil said unto him, If thou be the Son of God, command this stone that it be made bread. And Jesus answered him, saying, It is written, That man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word of God. And the devil, taking him up into an high mountain, shewed unto him all the kingdoms of the world in a moment of time. And the devil said unto him, All this power will I give thee, and the glory of them: for that is delivered unto me; and to whomsoever I will I give it. If thou therefore wilt worship me, all shall be thine. And Jesus answered and said unto him, Get thee behind me, Satan: for it is written, Thou shalt worship the Lord thy God, and him only shalt thou serve. And he brought him to Jerusalem, and set him on a pinnacle of the temple, and said unto him, If thou be the Son of God, cast thyself down from hence: For it is written, He shall give his angels charge over thee, to keep thee: And in their hands they shall bear thee up, lest at any time thou dash thy foot against a stone. And Jesus answering said unto him, It is said, Thou shalt not tempt the Lord thy God. And when the devil had ended all the temptation, he departed from him for a season. And Jesus returned in the power of the Spirit into Galilee: and there went out a fame of him through all the region round about. Luke 4:1-14

You'll notice that in verse 1, the Bible says that Jesus was led by the Spirit. Jesus was able to quote 3 scriptures and cause the devil to flee. So, in these 14 verses, we see how Jesus quoted the Word, resisted the devil, was led by the Spirit, and maintained the victory.

Jesus also had a very effective prayer life, as we read in Matthew 26:36-46: **Then cometh Jesus with them unto a place called Gethsemane, and saith unto the disciples, Sit ye here, while I go and pray yonder. And he took with him Peter and the two sons of Zebedee, and began to be sorrowful and very heavy. Then saith he unto them, My soul is exceeding sorrowful, even unto death: tarry ye here, and watch with me. And he went a little further, and fell on his face, and prayed, saying, O my Father, if it be possible, let this cup pass from me: nevertheless not as I will, but as thou wilt. And he cometh unto the disciples, and findeth them asleep, and saith unto Peter, What, could ye not watch with me one hour? Watch and pray, that ye enter not into temptation: the spirit indeed is willing, but the flesh is weak. He went away again the second time, and prayed, saying, O my Father, if this cup may not pass away from me, except I drink it, thy will be done. And he came and found them asleep again: for their eyes were heavy. And he left them, and went away again, and prayed the third time, saying the same words. Then cometh he to his disciples, and saith unto them, Sleep on now, and take your**

**rest: behold, the hour is at hand, and the Son of man is betrayed into the hands of sinners.
Rise, let us be going: behold, he is at hand that doth betray me.**

Jesus prayed until He knew what God wanted Him to do. He didn't do what He wanted to do, nor did He not do what He didn't want to do. He prayed until He knew from God what to do, or what God wanted Him to do.

Now, I don't know about you, but when I became born-again by receiving Jesus Christ as my Lord and Savior, I knew nothing about God's Word, nothing about being led by the Holy Spirit, and I knew very little about prayer. I guess I didn't know that you were supposed to know about God's Word. I guess I thought that was up to priests, ministers, or theologians.

When other Christians (by Christians, I'm referring to people who are saved / born-again who have had a personal encounter with the Lord Jesus Christ by receiving Him as their Lord and Savior, like we read in Romans 10:9,10,13) would make statements such as:

"That's not what the Word says..." or, "The Word says ..." And, when it came to making a decision, believers would tell me, *"You need to pray about it and find out what God wants done..."*
"Obey the Holy Spirit ..." *"Have you got the witness in your heart to do that?"*

All these statements were like a foreign language to me, but they also challenged me. I wanted to learn God's Word, I wanted to learn how to wait on God in prayer to get direction from Him, and if the Bible says we're supposed to be led by the Holy Spirit, then I wanted to be led by the Holy Spirit.

Remember, God wishes above all things that you prosper and be in health, even as your soul prospers (3 John 2).

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