



# Walking in the Steps of the Master:

A Twelve Step Guide to Discipleship

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Isaiah 49:6...I will give You as a light to the Gentiles, that You should be my salvation to the ends of the earth.

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## Step Six: Walking in the Spirit

The Holy Spirit is a very powerful influence on the life of the disciple. We can begin to see the power of the Holy Spirit back in the days of Creation, where the Holy Spirit hovered over the waters, precipitating the creation events. We can follow the work of the Holy Spirit through the lives of the prophets that gave guidance to the people of Israel. The Holy Spirit was present at the baptism of Yeshua and was the agent of His mighty works. We then see the dramatic expression of the Holy Spirit at Shavuot (Pentecost), where the disciples became empowered for the great work ahead of them. All through the succeeding years, the Holy Spirit has been working in men to bring forth the plan of salvation into the world.

Just as dramatic in the larger spheres of ministry, is the work of the Holy Spirit in the life of the disciple. We shall study several such workings in this teaching. We need to start by exploring the importance that Yeshua placed on the Holy Spirit. Yeshua starts by stating that the Holy Spirit gives birth to spiritual life, John 3:6. This spiritual life is the regenerated spirit within us that comes back from the dead when anointed by the Holy Spirit. GOD spoke of this freedom back in the days of Isaiah, when He said that the bondage caused by their sin would be broken by the anointing, Isaiah 10:27. The anointing refers to the workings of the Holy Spirit. Walking in the spirit therefore is allowing GOD to break those areas of our lives that had caused us to sin.

Once we have spiritual life, we need to grow spiritually, so the Spirit become our guide and teacher. Yeshua promised the Spirit of Truth, who would guide us into all truth, John 16:13. And again in 1 John 2:27 NLT:

***But you have received the Holy Spirit, and He lives within you, so you don't need anyone to teach you what is true. For the Spirit teaches you everything you need to know, and what He teaches is true—it is not a lie. So just as He has taught you, remain in fellowship with Christ.***

The importance of this working of the Holy Spirit is that it protects us from false teaching. In other words, when ever a human teacher says something is truth, we need to rely on the Holy Spirit to confirm it. People can have ideas, opinions, and theories; but only the Holy Spirit can reveal truth. I can show you where to study and give you ideas, but only the Holy Spirit can give you that 'aha' moment when the light bulb goes off and you get it. So walking in the Spirit is looking for the Spirit to reveal truth to us as we need. It is not relying on what people say without going to the Spirit via the Word of GOD, 1 Thessalonians 1:5.

Yeshua said that the Holy Spirit would be our comforter or counselor, John 14:16. Yeshua knew how much his disciples depended on Him, so He told them that the Holy Spirit would be their advocate on Earth when He was gone. There are times when we do not know what to do, say, or pray; so the Holy Spirit is our comforter at these times. The Holy Spirit will reveal the Father's will for our life, John 5:20; 1 Corinthians 2:10, Ephesians 3:5. The Holy Spirit will gives us words to say when they are needed, Luke 12:11, 12. The Holy Spirit will help us to pray by initiating pray for us, Romans 8:26, 27. So walking in the Spirit is allowing the Holy Spirit to provide for our spiritual needs.

A great benefit of walking in the Spirit is that it will keep us from sinning. Paul tells us that if we allow the Spirit to guide our lives we will no longer do what the sin nature wanted us to do. Before the Spirit, we were held captive to our sinful inclinations, but now we are free to walk in the blessings of the Spirit with great confidence, Romans 15:13, manifesting the fruit of the Spirit in our lives, Galatians 5:22, 23 NLT:

***But the Holy Spirit produces this kind of fruit in our lives: love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control. There is no law against these things!***

But perhaps the greatest aspect of walking in the Spirit is that it confirms to us that we are of the family of GOD, Romans 8:14-16 NLT:

***For all who are led by the Spirit of God are children of God. So you have not received a spirit that makes you fearful slaves. Instead, you received God's Spirit when He adopted you as His own children. Now we call Him, "Abba, Father." For His Spirit joins with our spirit to affirm that we are God's children.***