

HOW TO BE LED BY GOD'S SPIRIT **Psalm 23 - Part 5**

"He guides me along the right paths for His name's sake" (Psalm 23:3 NIV).

"Only those people who are led by God's Spirit are God's children (Romans 8:14 CEV).

I Must Stop Being Led By:

1. My Culture

"Do not copy the behavior or values of this world. Instead, let God transform you into a new person by changing the way you think. Then you will know what God wants you to do, and you will know how good and pleasing and perfect His will really is!" (Romans 12:2 NLT).

2. My Friends

"Do not let anyone lead you the wrong way! Christ is righteous, so to be like Christ, you must do what is right. And anyone who keeps on sinning is being led by the Devil" (1 John 3:7-8 NCV).

3. My Substitute for God

"Do not let your people practice fortune-telling or use sorcery or interpret omens, or engage in witchcraft, or cast spells, or function as mediums or psychics, or call forth the spirits of the dead. Anyone who does these things is detestable to the Lord" (Deuteronomy 18:10-12 NLT).

4. My Circumstances

"'Men,' he said, 'I believe there is trouble ahead if we go on'...When a light wind began blowing from the south, the sailors thought they could make it" (Acts 27:10, 13 NLT).

5. My Feelings

"You may feel you are on the right road and still end up dead" (Proverbs 14:12 CEV).

"We've all strayed away like sheep! We have left God's paths to follow our own" (Isaiah 53:6 LB).

5 Steps to Getting Guidance

1. I Must Be Willing to Be Led

"My God, I want to do what You want. Your teachings are in my heart" (Psalm 40:8 NCV).

2. I Must Be Willing to Do What God Says

"Anyone who chooses to do the will of God will find out whether my teaching comes from God or whether I speak on my own" (John 7:17 NLT).

3. I Must Look to God's Word

"Your word is a lamp to guide my feet and a light for my path" (Psalm 119:105 NLT).

"Guide my steps by Your word, so I will not be overcome by any evil" (Psalm 119:133 NLT).

4. I Must Ask the Holy Spirit to Be My Guide

"You do not have because you do not ask God for it" (James 4:2 NIV)

"Teach me, Lord, what You want me to do, and lead me down the right path" (Psalm 27:11 TEV).

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- **Ask Humbly**

“God guides the humble in what is right and teaches them His way” (Psalm 25:9 NIV).

- **Ask in Faith**

“If you want to know what God really wants you to do, ask Him, for He is always ready to give a bountiful supply of wisdom to all who ask Him; but...be sure that you really expect Him to tell you....If you don't ask in faith, don't expect the Lord to give you any solid answers” (James 1:5-6, 8 LB).

5. Listen for God's Response

“God does speak – sometimes one way and sometimes another –even though people may not understand it” (Job 33:14 NCV).

“Your road led by a pathway though the sea – a pathway no one knew was there!” (Psalm 77:19 NLT).