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How You Can Be Led by the

Spirit of God



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APPENDIX I

Characteristics of a Spirit-Filled Life

*And be not drunk with wine, wherein is excess; but be filled with the Spirit;
Speaking to yourselves in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs,
singing and making melody in your heart to the Lord;
Giving thanks always for all things unto God and the Father
in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ;
Submitting yourselves one to another in the fear of God.*

—Ephesians 5:18–21

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In writing to the church at Ephesus, Paul encouraged the believers to “be filled with the Spirit.” We need to be filled with the Spirit

if we're to be led by Him. But many Christians have been confused about what it means to be filled with the Spirit. This confusion comes from a misunderstanding of what the Scriptures tell us about the believers at Ephesus.

Acts chapter 19 tells us the believers in the church at Ephesus had already been filled with Spirit.

ACTS 19:1-2,6

1 And it came to pass, that, while Apollos was at Corinth, Paul having passed through the upper coasts came to Ephesus: and finding certain disciples,

2 He said unto them, Have ye received the Holy Ghost since ye believed? And they said unto him, We have not so much as heard whether there be any Holy Ghost.

6 And when Paul had laid his hands upon them, THE HOLY GHOST CAME ON THEM; and they spake with tongues, and prophesied.

If the believers in Ephesus had already been filled with the Holy Ghost, why would Paul encourage them to be filled with the Spirit in the fifth chapter of Ephesians? The answer lies in the Greek word for *filled*. Greek scholars tell us the word translated *filled* in Ephesians chapter 5 means “a continuous action.” So Paul was telling the believers at Ephesus, “. . . *BE BEING FILLED with the Spirit.*”

You see, there is one initial infilling with the Holy Ghost. That's what we call the baptism in the Holy Ghost, and we see an example of that baptism in Acts chapter 19. But there are many refillings throughout our life. Being filled with the Spirit is not simply a one-time event with a beginning and an end. *It is a continuous, lifelong experience.*

Appendix 1: Characteristics of a Spirit-Filled Life

Notice the first part of Ephesians 5:18 says, *"be not drunk with wine, wherein is excess."* Well, people who get drunk don't quit at a sip of wine, do they? No, they keep drinking. In the same way, to be filled with the Spirit, you have to keep on drinking. You have to keep drawing from the Holy Ghost.

How do you draw on the Holy Ghost? You draw on Him by doing what the Word says about being filled with the Spirit. You maintain the characteristics of a Spirit-filled life.

First, Glorify Him in all that you do.