

## Late Life Lessons From The Teacher

At times, over the course of my life, I have sensed myself being nudged by some inner feeling, to avoid options that might have proved dangerous. And now, looking back with 80 plus years of hindsight, I am convinced that what was leading me away from tragic choices was none other than the Holy Spirit, communicating with my own..

Intuition literally means being taught by something within. (Inner Teaching.) One of the names the Bible gives us for God's spirit is *the teacher*. Others include: our counselor, our stand-by, our rear guard, our peace, our comforter, our wisdom and our "friend that sticks closer than a brother."

We might also remember that it is the Holy Spirit who authored every book of the Bible by inspiring writers like Moses, Isaiah, Paul John and Peter, and others whose wrote the 66 books of that priceless treasure.

The upshot of all this is that any Christian who is "filled" with the Holy Spirit has withing him virtually all the essential knowledge. Jesus in John 14: 26 gives us this astonishing promise: "But The Comforter, which is the holy ghost, whom The Father will send in my name, he shall teach you all things and bring to remembrance whatever I have said unto you." To the natural mind, this seems impossible, but most charismatics agree that such revelation is ours for the asking.

In my own case, I learned little by little to ask the holy spirit to help me remember or find things. It began by my asking him where I put some misplaced item, and time and again that lost item's location either popped into my mind or I stumbled into finding it seemingly by chance. Lately, since I'm not on line and able to "Google" for info, I've learned to ask the holy spirit things like, where in

the Bible do I find scripture X. Then, if I can obey God's instruction to "be still and know," the answer quickly comes to mind.

I often get info from Him when fishing. If I remember to ask Him to bless my fishing, He usually does. But also, I've at times forgotten to ask for his help and found myself catching nothing. Then I pray something like, "Holy Spirit, Forgive me for thinking I could do well on my own. Please bless my fishing." Often, within a minute, the first fish would hit, and that taught me that He was there for the asking; but I had to ask. Usually I ask Him to keep nuisance fish off my line. If I forget that, I often find myself having to play, land, unhook and release an unwanted monster carp or bait swallowing catfish. I usually add, "Lord, nothing over four pounds." Big ones take up way to much time.

I've learned there's a huge difference between attending church to have my intellect tickled, and going to be under the powerful "anointing" which recharges my own "expended" spirit with new joyful assurance that all will be "well with my soul." I've learned first hand, exactly what Jesus means in John 6:63 when he says, "It is the Spirit that quickens, the flesh profits nothing. The words I speak unto you are spirit, and they are life."

The spirit- filled man hears *The Living Word* with spirit- tuned ears. That is what Jesus means when He says, "He who has ears to hear, let him hear." Sitting in church, enduring a sermon often, "profits one little," But, Good Buddy, when you "got your ears on" the Word comes alive and you can get recharged in a big way.

Pastors who preach under the anointing of the Holy Spirit, will always have 'words of life' for those who have "ears to hear."

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