

When Jesus referred to the Holy Spirit He always used a personal pronoun. “*He*”, “*Him*”, or “*Himself*”. Never once did He refer to the Holy Spirit as “*it*” or a “*feeling*”
(see [John 14-16](#))

The key to the mysteries of God, the revelation of God’s Word, and the power of God is our relationship with the Holy Spirit

“But the Helper, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in My name, He will teach you all things, and bring to your remembrance all things that I said to you.”

([John 14:26, NKJV](#))

Jesus referred to the Holy Spirit with a personal pronoun because He related to the Holy Spirit as a real person

- Not an invisible, intangible, mysterious, or unknown entity

This is important to know because the Third Person of the Godhead possesses the attributes of personality

Just as Jesus is the perfect imprint and very image of the Father’s nature, the Holy Spirit perfectly represents the life and nature of Jesus Christ

Jesus called the Holy Spirit the Comforter

- He used this term four times in [John 14:16, 26; 15:26; 16:7](#)
- What comfort means to each of us depends on what we are experiencing in life at any given moment

Comforter – “*one who pleaded a case for someone in a court of law; Someone who was always ready and on standby to help, assist, and strengthen; a personal counselor or advisor*”

Three Features of the Comforter

The Holy Spirit Remains Close By Us

- We don't need to plead and beg for Him to come near
- He is always nearby
- His place alongside is so permanent that Jesus said He would abide forever – **John 14:16**

The Holy Spirit Has a Calling

- He is specifically called to be alongside us
- Everywhere you go, the Holy Spirit goes too
- He is with you at all times in all circumstances
- That is His calling

The Holy Spirit Has a Job Assignment

- The Holy spirit's job is to help us!

That includes conviction of sin, empowering us for the work of the ministry, imparting spiritual gifts, healing other people through us, and so on

- All of these other functions are simply manifestations of His presence
- The Holy Spirit is responsible for carrying out His heavenly mission

Not according to our demands, desires, preferences, or needs, but according to the will of God

“And I will pray the Father, and He will give you another Helper, that He may abide with you forever—”

(John 14:16, NKJV)

- Another word that could be used for Comforter is “*Coach*”
- For three and a half years Jesus was the center of life for the disciples
- He was the One who sent them out to preach and instructed them on what to preach
- He gave them authority to cast out devils
- How, when, and when not to speak to demons
- He taught them how to heal the sick
- He taught them how to deal with religious leaders and how to conduct themselves as ministers of the Gospel
- He taught them how to hold crusades and build a ministry
- He even taught them how to handle money

For three years they carefully followed the Master's orders and didn't dare to take a step without consulting Him

- In the truest meaning of the word Jesus was their Coach

After the ascension, it was now the role of the Holy Spirit to be their Coach as well as ours

- Of course, we have the benefit of the entire Word of God, which reveals Jesus' life and character

But thank God we can meet with Jesus anytime we want to in this life through the Holy Spirit and prayer

“as newborn babes, desire the pure milk of the word, that you may grow thereby,” (1 Peter 2:2, NKJV)

Some of us were born into the Kingdom in such ignorance we didn't even know we were previously part of Satan's kingdom

- Regardless of how educated we are in natural matters, we are spiritually immature when we first get born again
- True spiritual maturity takes time to develop in our lives

The Early Church was comprised of people who had been pagans

- They too knew very little about the work of Christ and the things of the Spirit
- Nevertheless, their ignorance didn't hinder them from finding their place in Christ and becoming faithful church members who God could use

The Holy Spirit has come to teach us everything we need to know as well

- Imparting to us wisdom, and revelation regarding God's plan for our lives
- We simply need to listen to Him and cooperate with Him
- He is our personal Coach

A coach teaches, advises, corrects, instructs, trains, tutors, guides, directs, and prepares you for your upcoming assignments

“But the anointing which you have received from Him abides in you, and you do not need that anyone teach you; but as the same anointing teaches you concerning all things, and is true, and is not a lie, and just as it has taught you, you will abide in Him.”

(1 John 2:27, NKJV)

- This is not encouraging us to reject the instruction of good leaders

What John is saying is that even though its important to receive instruction from the leaders and pastors God places over us, first and foremost we have the Holy Spirit to teach us

- We must continually keep our spiritual ear tuned to the Holy Spirit’s counsel and follow Him
- Taking each of our clues from Him
- He must become our Heavenly Coach

This means once we know we have heard the Holy Spirit’s voice, we must be willing to yield and concede to His divine guidance with no objections

You may be thinking but what is my guarantee that the Holy Spirit won't misguide me or lead me astray

- I can't even see Him and it seems difficult

*“**the Spirit of truth**, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees Him nor knows Him; but you know Him, for He dwells with you and will be in you.”* **(John 14:17, NKJV)**

He is the Spirit of truth – See also, **John 15:26; 16:13**

“If a son asks for bread from any father among you, will he give him a stone? Or if he asks for a fish, will he give him a serpent instead of a fish? Or if he asks for an egg, will he offer him a scorpion? If you then, being evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask Him!”

(Luke 11:11–13, NKJV)

When we ask for the Holy Spirit that is who we get!

- Whatever we need – comfort, wisdom, supernatural rest or strength, counsel, etc
- It is ours for the receiving at any time

You may feel unqualified to tell people about Jesus or to pray for the sick

- Inadequacy is not an excuse in the Kingdom of God
- Inadequacy simply qualifies you for the help of the Holy Spirit
- The Holy Spirit knows everything about Jesus
- He knows exactly why people are sick and why they are not getting healed
- He knows if there is bitterness or unforgiveness in their hearts hindering them
- He sees and knows all!
- He just needs a willing vessel to flow through
- It doesn't matter if you aren't trained

Listen to your Heavenly Coach, read His word and allow Him to have His rightful place in your life

The Holy Spirit is sent to witness about Jesus and He knows how to do His job

“But when the Helper comes, whom I shall send to you from the Father, the Spirit of truth who proceeds from the Father, He will testify of Me.” (John 15:26, NKJV)

“But you shall receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be witnesses to Me in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth.”

(Acts 1:8, NKJV)

I believe that many of us try to serve God without receiving the Holy Spirit and learning to hear his voice, learning to lean on Him for direction

- There is nothing wrong with programs to help us witness about Jesus to others
- They can form a structure to help get us off the ground
- However, without the Holy Spirit’s help, we are left only to our abilities to do the job
- I believe this is why so many are discouraged and frustrated when they try to be a witness
- When we learn to walk in the power of the Holy Spirit we will see our cities and nation changed

So often we go with a “*preplanned program*” of the day and miss what the Holy Spirit is trying to say to us

- It seems we’ve become so programmed in life it's amazing He can talk to us

We have so many books, podcasts, and other things filling our minds

- I think many of us run with the things we’ve heard without consulting the Lord for ourselves
- That information may not contain a single word that the Holy Spirit wants us to run with in our personal race

Information is not the same as divine revelation

A great deal of what we have accomplished in life was initiated by us and not by the Holy Spirit

- We tend to get the ball rolling and then ask God to bless it assuming that it was His will because it was a good idea
- No wonder we have poor results much of the time

Some of us have said, “*I'm going to pray for the next person I see that is in a wheelchair and when I'm done they won't need that wheelchair.*”

- But when we finished, nothing

Yes God wanted to heal that person, but the anointing may not have been present or that person wasn’t ready at the time

We need to learn to put on the brakes, stop for a while, and wait for the Lord to speak clearly to our hearts

- This may seem like it will take longer but the results will be more rewarding

“When Jesus departed from there, two blind men followed Him, crying out and saying, “Son of David, have mercy on us!” And when He had come into the house, the blind men came to Him. And Jesus said to them, “Do you believe that I am able to do this?” They said to Him, “Yes, Lord.” Then He touched their eyes, saying, “According to your faith let it be to you.” And their eyes were opened. And Jesus sternly warned them, saying, “See that no one knows it.” But when they had departed, they spread the news about Him in all that country.”

(Matthew 9:27–31, NKJV)

- Followed – *“follow after someone or something in a very determined and purposeful manner”*
- Even though they were blind and couldn’t see they were determined to follow Jesus until they got His attention
- Crying out – *“to scream, yell, exclaim, or to cry out”*
- They were screaming at the top of their lungs hoping to get Jesus’ attention
- Yet Jesus continued walking as if they weren’t there

Finally, after going into the house he asks if they believe, and they answer yes, He then touches them and heals them

The only reason Jesus wouldn’t have stopped earlier was that the Holy Spirit wasn’t leading Him to heal at that moment

The good news in our story is that the blind men could use their own faith to be healed anyway – they did – and they were healed

When Holy Spirit did lead Jesus to individuals who desired to be healed and made whole, Jesus healed them with a perfect 100% success rate

“Now it happened on a certain day, as He was teaching, that there were Pharisees and teachers of the law sitting by, who had come out of every town of Galilee, Judea, and Jerusalem. And the power of the Lord was present to heal them. Then behold, men brought on a bed a man who was paralyzed, whom they sought to bring in and lay before Him.” (Luke 5:17–18, NKJV)

- He ministers to the multitudes and heals the paralytic
- *“healed all who were sick” (Matthew 8:16)*

We need to follow the Leader

“Then Jesus, being filled with the Holy Spirit, returned from the Jordan and was led by the Spirit into the wilderness,”

“Then Jesus returned in the power of the Spirit to Galilee, and news of Him went out through all the surrounding region.”
(Luke 4:1, 14, NKJV)

- Jesus is led into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil for forty days
- He then returns in the Power of the Holy Spirit

“For as many as are led by the Spirit of God, these are sons of God.” (Romans 8:14, NKJV)

Led – *“to lead”* also describes *“an intense conflict”*, such as a struggle in a wrestling match or a struggle of the human will

This description stresses the fact that the Holy Spirit desires to lead us, but our human hearts will not like the idea of being led

- When we choose to walk in the Spirit and let Him dictate our lives, His leadership over us creates a struggle in our will
- We choose to listen to our spirit man or yield to the flesh
- It’s the nature of flesh to want to go its own way and distrust another’s instruction

We must mortify or defeat the flesh if we are to clearly follow the Holy Spirit’s lead

“For if you live according to the flesh you will die; but if by the Spirit you put to death “mortify” (KJV) the deeds of the body, you will live.” (Romans 8:13, NKJV)

“Therefore put to death your members which are on the earth: fornication, uncleanness, passion, evil desire, and covetousness, which is idolatry.” (Colossians 3:5, NKJV)

- Regardless of how difficult this struggle seems it is the only way to live a supernatural life

- We should always be seeking what the Holy Spirit is doing, where He is going, and where He is leading

Often the way the Holy Spirit will lead us is by giving us an impression or nudging in our spirit to take a certain action

Story:

- *Out to eat with Tricia and Tony*
- *A couple sat down across the aisle from us*
- *We had polite conversation throughout the meal*
- *Upon receiving our bill the Holy Spirit nudged me to pay their bill \$\$\$\$ - gulp OK*
- *As we got up to leave the Holy Spirit told me to tell them that we paid for their meal*
- *I then told them I believed the Lord had a word for them concerning a great trial they were going through*
- *He said “He had the need met just like the meal”*
- *The women began to cry as we ministered hope and encouragement to them from the Lord*

Regardless of how the Holy Spirit chooses to guide us in a certain situation, we should always be constant in our pursuit of Him

- Don't jump ahead of God in your own plan and then ask Him to bless it
- Take time to learn to hear Him and then follow the leader
- The gifts of the Spirit are not only for church services or the five-fold ministry
- They are given to operate anywhere

If we learn to be sensitive to His nudging He will give us a “*word of knowledge*” – **1 Corinthians 12:8** for someone in need

If you have never experienced anything like that before your problem may be that you're not listening to the Holy Spirit

- He’s probably speaking to you all of the time
- Perhaps you’re ignorant of who has been speaking to you, or perhaps you weren’t listening
- The Holy Spirit will conform you to the image of Jesus Christ as you read His word – **Romans 8:29**
- Seek to develop His divine relationship and partnership with you
- He dwells within you
- Learn to enjoy Him and cooperate with Him in your practical everyday life

Remember a Coach can do no good unless you listen to Him

“For those who live according to the flesh set their minds on the things of the flesh, but those who live according to the Spirit, the things of the Spirit. For to be carnally minded is death, but to be spiritually minded is life and peace.” (**Romans 8:5–6, NKJV**)

“But also for this very reason, giving all diligence, add to your faith virtue, to virtue knowledge, to knowledge self-control, to self-control perseverance, to perseverance godliness, to godliness brotherly kindness, and to brotherly kindness love. For if these things are yours and abound, you will be neither barren nor unfruitful in the knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ.” (**2 Peter 1:5–8, NKJV**)