

HOW TO BE LED BY THE HOLY SPIRIT SERIES

PERCEIVING IN THE HUMAN SPIRIT

In the last message, we talked about how our spirit man can discern and pick up things from God. It is through precept upon precept and line upon line. We cannot know all things at one time if we are picking it up through our spirit man. However, when you receive things through a gift of the Holy Spirit, God can give quite some details. That's the voice of the Holy Spirit. We have covered the inward witness that has five sensations. Then we covered on the inward voice of the spirit man. We have not gone into the voice of the Holy Spirit yet. In the inward voice of the spirit man, we have talked about the mind of the Spirit and how it comes and in great details.

Today we want to see what is perceived in the spirit. What it means to receive and pick up things in the spirit like the Lord Jesus. So let's turn to the gospel of Mark 2:8 *But immediately, when Jesus perceived in His spirit that they reasoned thus within themselves, He said to them, "Why do you reason about these things in your hearts?"* Notice that when the bible says, "Jesus perceived in His spirit," it is always in reference to His spirit man perceiving. It has nothing to do with the voice of the Holy Spirit speaking directly. As we have mentioned what our spirit received is indirectly from the Holy Spirit but not directly. It is what the spirit man picks up from the Holy Spirit. But as far as we are concerned when a message is relayed to us, it's a perception of our human spirit. There are other verses that talked about how Jesus perceived the thoughts of others and how Jesus perceived things. Both are in reference to Jesus' spirit man's operating. His spirit man is able to reach forth and perceive. That is especially in reference to His spirit man.

The spirit man can perceive different things in different ways. If the spirit man just

perceived tangibly, it would have been an inward witness. If the spirit man begins to hear from the spirit realm and conveys that to our mind, that would be an inward voice operating in our lives. So let's look at some things that have taken place in the bible. In the gospel of Mark, we mentioned how everything Jesus perceived is through His spirit man. Now let's look at Luke 8:46 *Jesus said, "Somebody touched Me, for I perceived power going out from Me."* Now there is a perception there. The word *perceived* is used. Jesus said He perceived power going out from Him. His perception was not in reference to physical knowledge. The woman did not touch His skin, which has nerve cells. The woman touched His garments and normally if somebody just touches your garments, you wouldn't have known it. In those days, they wear long robes. So, it would be easy to touch the garment without touching the skin. So, the woman just touched the edge of His garments and there was no physical way that Jesus would have known it. Yet, in the spirit realm because power has flown out from Jesus, Jesus perceived that something has happened. There was a healing virtue going out from Him.

As we get sensitive to the spirit realm and the spirit man within us whenever you minister to people whether through preaching, teaching or ministry of laying on of hands, you could perceive in your spirit whether power goes out from you or not. Sometimes like one evangelist who recently has been with us told me how he went to a certain church and he said when he preached he felt like he was preaching in a tunnel. And the people were not opened. It was like preaching to a wall. He felt that heaviness in his spirit. See what he perceived was that the power of the Word of God was not being received. We could train our spirit man to pick up whether there is a flow or there is no flow. The next time you visit the hospitals be sensitive to the spirit man. As you share scriptures, as you counsel a person, pick up in your spirit whether it's flowing or not. If the person is not receiving, you are wasting your time. It would have been far better for you to just pray a general prayer for that person or maybe a more specific prayer like God helping them to understand further. We have to be sensitive to our spirit man for our spirit man can perceive and pick up something inside us.

Ginosko

The bible uses different words for the word *perceive*. There are three Greek words.

In Luke 8 in this particular verse, which we have just read, the word perceived is a normal word *ginosko*, which means to know. And *ginosko* speaks about knowing not only in the spirit man but a knowing that comes to the understanding and to the mind. So, that was a great degree of Jesus' perception. Jesus has developed Himself and His spirit man to such an extent that when He knows in His spirit He knows in His understanding perfectly. Sometimes we know in the spirit but we don't know in the understanding perfectly. Jesus knows; He completely understood what it was about. Notice that Jesus didn't just perceived power. He perceived that power had gone out. He perceived that somebody had been healed. Look at the question that He asked. Lk. 8:46 *Somebody touched Me, for I perceived power going out from Me.* He knew that there was a healing that took place. His understanding of what His spirit man perceived was perfect. The word *ginosko* is used. He knew without a shadow of a doubt.

There is another scripture here in Lk. 9:46-47 *Then a dispute arose among them as to which of them would be greatest. And Jesus, perceiving the thought of their heart, took a little child and set him by Him.* It tells us that there was a quarrel among the disciples. Jesus was coming to the end of His manifested ministry to the disciples and in Israel. And He was going to go to Jerusalem soon. The bible tells us that the disciples, thinking or interpreting that the Messiah would come and set up the kingdom, began to argue who was to be the Prime Minister, or who was to be the one next to Him. They like to have some glory. While they were arguing, Jesus picked it up. He perceived *ginosko* that there was this dispute among them. They didn't tell Him that.

Sometimes when you visit a home or a place you perceive that there is strife. Nobody tells you but your spirit picks it up. Whenever I go and minister in any church I could straight away pick up whether they are spiritually and structurally sound or not. Whether their leadership set up was in harmony or in disharmony. You could pick it up in your spirit without anybody telling you at all. The spirit can perceive. We can pick up information. For Jesus the level He operated was perfect. He understood what perception is. Sometimes our spirit perceives but our mind doesn't understand it. We get it line upon line, percept upon precept. Only in Jesus' case do you see the words *straight away* being used. He *ginosko* and knew what they were quarreling about. Sometimes you pick up strife but you don't what the strife is about. You could go to a place or a home or anywhere and you pick up that strife

but you do not know what the strife is about. You just know that there is disharmony.

But when Jesus picked up the strife, the word *ginosko* is used. He perceived and He completely understood what He perceived. *Ginosko* is always used for the soul or soul's comprehension. His soul perfectly understood His spirit. Jesus knew about the strife and He knew what the strife was about. The strife was about which one of them is the greatest. And He straightaway took a little child and says if anyone of you wants to be great let him be like a little child. See He knew what they were struggling about. He brought an answer to their strife straight away.

Sometimes that can happen if we tune ourselves to our spirit man. Our spirit man is able to know more and far above what our mind is able to know. However unless it communicates to our mind the perception is only to a certain extent. Like for example, you may perceive disharmony in a home you are visiting, but you don't know what it is all about. It could be one thousand and one things under the sun. People could fight over finances. People could fight over space, children's activities etc. You wouldn't know in what particular area yet. All you could sense is disharmony and you probably could minister generally. It would be good if we could tune ourselves to the extent to perceive, to understand *ginosko*, which means to know perfectly with the understanding the things that are being strived about.

In the development of our spirit man, we could actually train ourselves to be very specific. Being experienced in church ministry the moment I step into a church I could know straight away whether there is a structural fault or not. I not only pick up whether there is disharmony I could pick up whether the structure is working O.K. Perhaps you are working in the field of accountancy. You not only work at it with your mind but because you are born again Christian, you try to apply spiritual principles and you try to operate on a higher law. So what happen is you have an added advantage. You are not only working with the soul and with the flesh as the world does, you work with your spirit and with your renewed mind. Sometimes your spirit picks up something and you know that is not right in the accounting area. And if you could reach a stage like *ginosko* like Jesus, you would know specifically which area to check into, which area that is not done properly and even which area there is some cover up.

God is a practical God. He will lead us in all the practical things of life. He will lead you in how to get the job. He will lead you into what field of education to move into. He will lead you in doing your work to the highest extend possible. He will lead us in whatever vocation we are in. King David was a king and he sought God for all the affairs of his kingdom. When Daniel was a Prime Minister, I am sure he sought in his affairs that he has. The Spirit can lead us in whatever vocation we are. For example, you could be an electrical engineer. There are problems that people gave to you. Sometimes engineers try and they could not solve the problem. You seek the cause of the problem from your spirit. You allow your spirit man to perceive and to pick up something. So, the spirit man through your training usage and application, you could pick up some problems. That's how powerful training our spirit is. Its just like training the mind but more powerful. We realized that an untrained mind would miss something. But there are blessing of a trained mind. If a mind can be trained in skills and other areas, how much more should we train the spirit man to perceive *ginosko* perfectly with a conscious mind. When your spirit man can perceive perfectly, you would understand the problem and you know the solution to the problem. Your spirit man could perceive straight away.

Horao

So lets go now to the apostle Paul. There are three occasions where apostle Paul perceived with his spirit man. The occurrence that is mentioned of Paul perceiving is found in Acts 14:8 *And in Lystra a certain man without strength in his feet was sitting, a cripple from his mother's womb, who had never walked. This man heard Paul speaking. Paul, observing him intently and seeing that he had faith to be healed, said with a loud voice "Stand up straight on your feet!" And he leaped and walked.* The bible says in verse 9 *Paul seeing that he had faith to be healed.* He perceived; he saw that he had faith to be healed. The word translated in the New King James is the word *see*. He saw his faith. The Old King James put it as *perceived*. Some other translations also use the word *perceived*. The reason the NKJV translated the word as *see* instead of *perceived* is because it is a different Greek word *horao*, which means to see. But it perceives in the realm of sight.

When we started this series, we talked about how our spirit man has five senses. Just as our physical man has five senses, the sense of sight, the sense of hearing, the sense of smell, the sense of taste and the sense of touch, so the spirit man also has five senses. If right now you were to die and go to heaven you would still be able to see, hear, touch, smell and taste. Of course, we have to experience that otherwise we won't enjoy heaven. It doesn't mean that when you go to heaven you become a cloud or just a form of existence. We will still look like our physical being except it's in its perfect state. Notice that when we teach on how to be led by the Spirit the five sensations of the spirit man we focused only on touch. Then there are other aspects of a spirit man like the sense of sight. Now the sense of smell in the spirit realm is also linked to the sense of touch. You hear of people smelling demons.

One day I was walking to a food stall for some supper. We were walking from the church to the stall, which was about 15 minutes' walk. We passed by a person and the evangelist sort of had a reaction. He jerked and then he continued walking. I asked him, "What happened?" He said he just smelled a demon. So, that was his special ministry. It not only works in the negative but it also works in the positive. Sometimes you smell the fragrance of the Lord. I would include that among the five senses. The sense of taste, touch and smell all work together in the spirit realm. I will include them all under the sensations of the spirit man. Why, because they are not in the area of logic where you are given instructions but it's just a detection of things. You just detect the presence or the absence of something. The sense of sight and the sense of hearing even in the physical realm are the more powerful senses. In fact, the sense of sight is more powerful than the sense of hearing. So, when you hear some things you could detect more things. Our sense of hearing can detect more things because the communication realm, verbal communication. Imagine what it will be like to be without sight and without hearing. Do you know we literally cannot communicate to you? At least some of those without hearing have sight. Do you know the whole of sign language is based on sight? And even those who are blind at least they could develop their sense of touch and learn Braille. They could feel the pattern of the dots and then somebody tells them it is "A". They feel the next Braille alphabet and their teacher says that's "B". From there, they could learn to read and learn and speak correctly. But imagine if the sight and hearing are gone, you literally become just a vegetable. There is no way we could give you an education. There is no way we can contact and educate your soul. If you only have the sense of smell, touch and taste, how could anyone give you an education? If I use instructions, you wouldn't hear. So, we realize that in this world

we use more of the sight and the hearing for education. It's the sense of sight and hearing that brings us an education.

The natural realm is patterned after the spirit realm. In the spirit realm the sense of sight and the hearing are so important that I classify them under the voice of the human spirit. Because through these two senses you could learn. You could be educated in the spirit realm. If you could hear the voice of your human spirit clearly, you would receive an education from the spirit realm. Why, the spirit man could tell you this is the spiritual "A", "B", and "C". The spirit man could educate you as you read the Word. The spirit man will say, "This is what the Word say." The word *horao* used in Acts 14 is the sense of sight. Perception of the spirit man is in those two realms, the sense of sight and the sense of hearing. Generally if you want to use the word perception you could say any sensation is perception. But we want to use it specifically in the realm of educating our soul. The soul needs communication. Then we need to move into the realm of sight and the realm of hearing from the spirit man.

What Paul was doing here was as he was preaching he saw this man. Apparently, there was no reaction from the man physically or outwardly. He was lying down without strength in his legs. As Paul was preaching he saw he perceived in his spirit and he saw faith. It would be easy for us to perceive faith in a person if they say something or they do something. We could tell by your actions and your words how much faith you have. The man had not said anything nor has he done anything. Its definitely is the perception of the spirit man. Now for Jesus He operated in *ginosko*. *Ginosko* means that the sense of sight and the hearing operate together at once to give a complete understanding. Here Paul perceived in his spirit man. He saw faith in that person. We can sometimes tune our spirit man to see.

Remember we talked about two realms of the mind, the natural mind and the spiritual mind. And we talked about the natural mind and the spiritual mind being divided into two sections. The logical part of the mind is *dialogismos*. The visual or perception part of the mind is *dianoia*. It ties up to this - Paul saw faith in a person.

For example, you could be an electrical engineer and you are praying in a certain area like Harold Heel who wrote a book "How to Live Like A King's Kid". He used to supervise a lot of junior engineers. Sometimes there is an electrical problem in the whole place. What does he do? He applies his spirit man. He goes to the place and starts praying in tongues. As he prays in tongues sometimes, God gives him a vision. In the vision, he sees the exact place where the electrical problem is. He goes direct to it while the other engineers have worked at it for days and couldn't solve the problem. He goes to the exact area and got the problem solved in fifteen minutes. Isn't being led by the Holy Spirit powerful? Sometimes it comes in visual form. That is perceiving or *horao*.

In the book of Acts 8, Simon was a new Christian but there were still bondages in his life. He tried to offer money for spiritual gifts. He got a sharp rebuke from Peter. Besides rebuking him, Peter said a lot of other things. He says in Acts 8:22-23 *Repent therefore of this your wickedness, and pray God if perhaps the thought of your heart may be forgiven you. For I see that you are poisoned by bitterness and bound by iniquity.*

The Old King James says, "I perceived." In the Old King James is not so clear because they translate the different words as perceive, perceive. But New King James translates the word *horao* as see, using the same word "see," that is, the sense of sight. *I see that you are poisoned by bitterness and bound by iniquity* Of course, there has to be seeing in the spirit realm because from the natural there could be nothing that you could detect. Simon could be a well-dressed person and there is no way you could see that he is bound by iniquity. What that word *horao* conveyed in the Greek is this: the perception that Peter had was from the visual area of his spirit. What probably Peter did was, as he looked he saw something, he may have seen some sort of darkness or an x-ray picture of Simon the magician. We need to pay attention to that because sometimes when you are praying in a certain direction some people only tune to their spiritual ears and not to their spiritual eyes.

In the last message, we were illustrating with someone who was praying about his job. As he prays, he may feel with his five senses whether it is troubling or not troubling, whether it is peaceful or not peaceful. You feel trouble when you are thinking of not working. You feel peaceful when you are thinking of working. So, you know roughly the direction. What he is trying to sense the direction is only

from one realm and that is from the sensory realm. This is the realm of his spirit man that touches, tastes and feels. He is just sensing whether there is peace or no peace. Some people develop only that realm. If all you have is that realm, you can go that far but you need to go a little further.

In the book of I Kings talks about Elijah, how he went to the mountain. And in the mountain, he got all kinds of manifestation until he hears the still small voice and only then he quickly went out to hear God. There are many Hebrew words for the word *still*. There is a song that we sing, "Be still and know that I am God." Do you know it's a different Hebrew word? That word *still* actually means yield. It is the word *rafar*. Be yielded and know that He is God. Then the word *still* in I Kings when Elijah heard that still small voice is the word that means a calm and peaceful stillness. It conveys a peaceful voice. When we want to be directed by God we sense that peaceful voice, that loving voice, that gentle voice.

How do we detect that? Gal. 5:22-23 *The fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control.* Do you notice that the purpose of Galatians chapter five is to teach us to be led by the Spirit? We are referring to the context in verse 16 *Walk in the Spirit and you shall not fulfill the lust of the flesh.* Verse 18 *if you are led by the Spirit.* Now the purpose of him writing about the fruit of the Spirit is so that we will know how to be led by the Spirit. So, anything that has love, joy, peace, longsuffering, gentleness, goodness, faithfulness, meekness, temperance will be the confirmation of the leading of the Spirit. All these refer to the sensory realm of the spirit man. In hearing the peaceful voice, we are asking whether you have peace or no peace. Now that is only level one. There is another realm of hearing and another realm of seeing. So, some people tune to the hearing part. They would sense more things. Some people tune not only to the hearing part but also to the seeing part.

The next time you pray for direction, remember there are three levels. Level one sensory, level two hearing of the voice of the spirit man and level three seeing is included. We have to tune ourselves to all those three realms and this is still in the realm of the spirit man. We haven't even touched on the voice of the Holy Spirit yet. At that second and third level is where you can have a complete leading. Remember

everything that you do whether in the ministry or in life depends on the strength of your spirit man. You could be called to be an apostle but if the spirit man is not developed, you cannot flow through powerfully. Even Paul said in Romans 1: 9 that he served God by his spirit.

And that's how some people prophesy. (He called someone to the front.) When I pick out someone, straightaway I would tune to all three realms. I will tune to my inward witness. I will tune to the voice. I will tune to any perception or scene. So, I could pick it up and straight away, I pick a picture. For me the visual occurs very quickly. I could pick a picture. *I see my brother here like a bird on a nest. I see this bird picking up sticks building the nest. A nest represents shelter and protection. The Lord is saying, "Take your place,"* - that is when I began to hear from the hearing realm level two. From level two, I begin to have a gist of the message that God is speaking. The first word starts with *take*. So, I use the word *take*. *"The Lord says, 'Take your place at the head of your family and head of the house. Take your place boldly,' says the Lord. Be bold and do not fear for He has given you enough strength, He has given you the ability. Take your right place all the time and God is going to cause you to build a spiritual home. He is going to cause you to be the spiritual head over your family."* So, you could pick things up in your spirit man like the seeing, hearing and the sensation. As I minister to him, I feel good about it in my spirit. So that's the illustration of how things operate. So we see here that Paul perceived and how Peter perceived. And that word *perceived* in the Old King James is not so clear but the New King James puts it as *see*, that is, it is a spiritual sight.

Theoreo

Lets look at Acts 27:10 *Men I perceive that this voyage will end with disaster and much loss, not only of the cargo and ship, but also our lives.* Now this word *perceived* is a different Greek word *theoreo*. That word talks about a special signal from God. *Theo* is God and *theoreo* is a perception from God. So there is a perception that he is having from God.

I have intense curiosity on many things. There was this book that I speed-read through on a man with powerful memories. He was telling about how he remembers things. He says when he thinks about something that he has to remember he tries to get more of his senses involved in remembering it instead of one. He is talking about physical senses. When you study, what helps you to remember? Involve more of your senses. Lets say I am a Westerner. I have difficulty with Chinese names. So, when I think about Tan Ah Kow I picture the sun and somebody having a suntan. Then the next picture is someone yawning. The third picture is a cow. So, the next time you meet Tan Ah Kow, again the three pictures flashes. A person having a sun tan then a person yawning Ah and then the cow. That is how you remember better if you have visual impact.

The spirit realm is the same. In the spiritual realm, there can be a greater impact of all three levels operating. So, in the same way *theo* speaks about the total impact. So, what Paul was experiencing was a very strong perception. And he knew exactly what to do.

All three realms of seeing, hearing and feeling could be operating together. The reason why people remember things better after watching a video than hearing an audiocassette is because there is a visual impact. And here is where you can train your memory to remember things.

Here he is saying he is having the same experience *theoreo* and he has completely perceived the situation. He may have a flash vision. He may have a troubled sensation. But if it's a troubled sensation, it could be anything. Then he may have a word that he is hearing from the spirit man, "Danger, danger." Sometimes the spirit man reminds you or tells you of things through similar past incidences to your memory. Like for example, as I counsel people, I listen to the voice of the human spirit, which we can use and flow with. I am not talking about the voice of the Holy Spirit yet.

I was ministering to a sister. She had not shared much with me yet. But as she conversed and shared with me, I suddenly remembered another sister that I have ministered to five years ago. You know what God said? It is a similar problem or situation. See my mind must be logical enough to put one plus one equals two. So, I began to check in that area whether that sister had a similar situation. Sometimes our spirit man helps our conscious mind or our *noema* to understand something by bringing similar things to our consciousness and leaving us to make the conclusion. Sometimes it could be a picture. You could pick up a picture from somewhere in your past where God could be using that to talk about the future or somebody else. So our mind must be renewed to begin to *dialogismos* correctly. You can *dialogismos* wrongly and reach a wrong conclusion. Now *theoreo* speaks about all three levels operating which Paul is having. Whatever Paul's sensation was at that time, it means that all three levels of seeing, hearing and feeling

were operating.