

Women's Ministries: Week Eleven.

Lead Me, Holy Spirit by Stormie Omartian

Next Women's Ministry Zoom Meeting:

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Happy New Year! I pray you all had a joyful Christmas and are looking ahead to a prosperous year full of hope in the Lord. Our subject matter today is perfect for the new year. Learning to hear God's voice in our hearts and listening to and obeying God's prompting of our spirits will help guide us toward the good things God wants for our lives.

This week, we will have a summary of *Led to Hear God's Voice to Your Heart* in Chapter 3. Questions for this week's reading *Led to Hear God's Prompting of Your Spirit*, Prayer Power and Word Power will follow.

In our last week's reading, the author talks about hearing God's word in our hearts. She states that "The more you hear God's voice in His Word, the more you will recognize the voice of His Spirit speaking to you as you pray for His leading." In short, we have got to get the Word of God in our minds and spend time with Him in prayer before we can recognize God's voice guiding us.

God is specific, and if we want success in our personal lives, we must listen to what the Holy Spirit specifically tells us to do. Learning to depend on the Holy Spirit for daily instruction can save us from harm and heartache. God does this by prompting our spirits by giving us an impression, a knowing, or a warning either directly or through another person.

The author also talks of receiving a word from the Lord for others. This can be a very delicate matter and there are guidelines to follow so that we can know whether or not we are speaking truth. If you feel you have received a word from the Lord for someone else, seek God first before saying anything. Make sure that what you are sensing is from God and not your own soul. Make sure that it is for you to deliver that message or to pray for that person regarding the message.

The person hearing the message needs to understand the magnitude of it and that it comes directly from God and that it should be given with the love of God in your heart. The attitude should not be of trying to stop the person from doing a stupid thing, but an attitude of how much God loves that person and that He has a message for them.

When receiving a message from the Lord from another person, consider the source. Is that person strong in the Lord? Are they led by the Holy Spirit? Ask God to speak to your heart about it. 1 Thessalonians 5:21 tells us to test all things and hold fast to what is good. Above all, does the message agree with Scripture. God never sends a message that conflicts with his Word.

The author reminds us that there is a danger in thinking that everything that comes to your mind is from God. Be prayerful and be certain that what you hear is coming from God. You will know for certain when it is. Ask God to help you hear His voice clearly.

Questions for this week's reading, *Led to Hear God's Prompting of Your Spirit* are:

7. Read the top of page 70 in the book. In light of these other words for "prompt," have you ever had a prompting in your mind, soul, or spirit that you believe was God communicating with you through His Holy Spirit? Describe that. If you have never had anything like that, write out a prayer asking God to make you sensitive to His voice and His prompting of your soul and spirit.

8. Read John 14:26. Who will teach you all things, and how will He do it?

Do you ever sense the Holy Spirit in you instructing you? How so: Write out a prayer asking Him to help you always hear His warnings and instructions to your soul.

9. Read Isaiah 30:18-21. These verses talk about the graciousness of God to wait for us to return to Him, and when we do He will hear our fervent prayers. He will bless us when we wait for Him instead of going on our way and trying to make things happen for ourselves. When we go through difficult times, He will help us to see who He has put in our lives to teach us the truth and the right way to walk. And they won't hide the truth. God puts godly pastors and teachers around us from whom we can hear the truth. But our greatest teacher is the Holy Spirit of God in us, who tells us every day which way to walk if we will quiet our mind and soul long enough to listen.

Do you ever sense the prompting of the Holy Spirit teaching and guiding you as to which way you are to walk? Do you take the time to quiet your soul in order to listen for His prompting? Write out a paragraph to God asking Him to help you hear Him speaking to you by His Holy Spirit as in verse 21.

Prayer Power

Lord, help me to hear Your voice speaking to me when I read Your Word so that I can recognize your voice speaking to my heart at other times as well. I know You care about the details of my life, so I ask You to help me understand when You are giving me specific directions. Keep me from moving on something before I know what You are leading me to do. I don't want to do anything without seeking You first.

There are many things I am unsure about each day, and I cannot navigate through my life without hearing Your voice to my heart telling me which way to go. I know You are specific about the things You want me to do because You want what is best for my life. Help me to walk the right path every day. If there are words you want me to speak to another person, give me the “tongue of the learned” so that I will “know how to speak a word in season to him who is weary” (Isaiah 50:4). Keep me from saying anything to someone in the way of advice or warning that is not of You. If someone speaks a word to me, help me to know for certain whether it is from You or not. Teach me to become good at hearing Your voice and following Your leading in my life.
In Jesus/ name I pray.

Word Power

Eye has not seen, nor ear hear, nor have entered into the heart of man the things which God has prepared for those who love Him But God has revealed them to us through His Spirit. For the Spirit searches all things, yes, the deep things of God.

--1 Corinthians 2:9-10

Now we have received, not the spirit of the world, but the Spirit who is from God, that we might know the things that have been freely given to us by God. -1 Corinthians 2:12

Blessings to you this week as you start the new year. May you have the hope of our eternal Lord in your heart always.

Love in Christ,

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