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## Lean On the Holy Spirit

What an adventure we are on! I realize that most of us accepted Jesus as fire insurance to ensure we didn't end up in hell. Then God used something in you to draw you closer to Him. For me, it was hunger, but in others, it might be zeal, passion, or even desperation. There was a day I was so grateful for how far I had come and the many dysfunctions He helped me overcome. I told Him how thankful I was for everything and especially of how He always placed me close to amazing men and women of God as examples for me.

I pondered why I was so blessed and why He chose me instead of other more qualified people. How was I so blessed to be chosen by Him? His answer was because of my hunger for more of Him; it was that which allowed Him to lead me the way He had. I answered back of how filled with gratitude I was, but why me? I said, "I appreciate everything, but it isn't fair that You gave me this hunger but didn't give it to my many friends." His answer was very profound for me as He said, "I didn't give you that hunger, I found it in you." 2 Chronicles 16:9a says, "*For the eyes of the LORD run to and fro throughout the whole earth, to show Himself strong on behalf of those whose heart is loyal to Him.*" God is constantly searching to draw men closer to Himself.

There is something in each person that comes naturally, and God will use that quality He finds in us to draw us into a deeper relationship with Him. The attribute itself does not qualify you, nor does it have the ability to carry you into all that God has for you. Many Christians make the mistake to allow what initially brought them into God to be their strength to serve God.

Yet, the very thing that brought you to Him has the power to take you away from Him as well. Someone full of passion for relationship might initially be drawn to intimacy with God in worship, but over time it could pull them into seeking experiences beyond Him. Many monks started looking for God at first, but their hunger led them into religion. I've seen many people full of zeal run into church with all their hearts and later run out of church into the next exciting thing.

I thank God that He found enough hunger in me to draw me closer to Him but then He asked me to let go of it as my anchor and instead lean on the Holy Spirit as my guide. John 16:13-15 "*However, when He, the Spirit of truth, has come, He will guide you into all truth; for He will not speak on His own authority, but whatever He hears He will speak; and He will tell you things to come. He will glorify Me, for He will take of what is Mine and declare it to you. All things that the Father has are Mine. Therefore I said that He will take of Mine and declare it to you.*"

This is why a lifestyle of praying in the Spirit is so essential; it is an act of humility allowing the Holy Ghost to lead you. It's the same path for all of His children. He finds in us the attribute that allows Him to draw us closer and then introduces us to the Holy Spirit. As your guide, teacher, and comforter, the Holy Spirit will always direct you into victory and from glory to glory. It is important to release that trait as your leader and lean only on the Holy Spirit. It says in Proverbs 19:29, *“There are many plans in a man's heart, Nevertheless the LORD's counsel—that will stand.”*

The Holy Spirit will guide you step by step past every obstacle and deception the enemy brings against you. He is not surprised by any attack or distraction that the devil brings, and He will always lead you into truth. There are wonderful plans for your future that can only be accomplished by what He builds in you. I feel that the modern church has focused so much on putting to use the good attributes within people that it ends up stealing from God's more excellent plans for their lives.

At first, I found it challenging to move beyond my own abilities and into listening and obeying the Lord's directions. I was afraid I still would not be good enough. I want to encourage you as you are on this path of transformation that what He is establishing on the inside of you is the actual kingdom of God. His will and His plans will never fail you or leave you wanting and is truly life-changing for you and many others. There are great things ahead of you this year!

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