

HITCHHIKER'S GUIDE TO LIFE

“All new news is old news happening to new people”

C.S. Lewis

"I said to the man who stood at the Gate of the Year, 'Give me a light that I may tread safely into the unknown.' And he replied, 'Go out into the darkness, and put your hand into the Hand of God. That shall be better than light, and safer than the known.'"

King George VI - 1939

“When the Spirit of truth comes, he will guide you into all truth. He will not speak on his own but will tell you what he has heard. He will tell you about the future. He will bring me glory by telling you whatever he receives from me. All that belongs to the Father is mine; this is why I said, ‘The Spirit will tell you whatever he receives from me.’” - John 16:13-15 NLT

There is more value in every step we take when there is a guide by your side.

HE IS PRESENT

A guide is never truly effective if they are not present.

*7 I can never escape from your Spirit! I can never get away from your presence! 8 If I go up to heaven, you are there; if I go down to the grave,[a] you are there. 9 If I ride the wings of the morning, if I dwell by the farthest oceans, 10 even there your **hand will guide me**, and your **strength will support me**. - Psalm 139:7-10*

There is no distance and no depth that is too far that the Holy Spirit can't extend His strong guiding hand.

4 Then Jesus, full of the Holy Spirit, returned from the Jordan River. He was led by the Spirit in the wilderness, - Luke 4:1

Even in the midst of Jesus' wilderness experience, the Holy Spirit was always there.

The Holy Spirit desires for us to be in close proximity to Him.

25 Since we are living by the Spirit, let us follow the Spirit's leading in every part of our lives. - Galatians 5:25

Living **by** the Spirit is not the same as following the **leading** of the Spirit. **The Holy Spirit needs to have a say in how we should love and serve our family, our friends, our church, our workmates.**

HE TELLS

To be an effective guide, you need to have knowledge **AND** a desire to tell and share that knowledge.

“When the Spirit of truth comes, he will guide you into all truth. He will not speak on his own but will tell you what he has heard. He will tell you about the future. - John 16:13 NLT

The Holy Spirit desires for us to live with the best vantage point in life.

22 The blessing of the Lord makes a person rich, and he adds no sorrow with it. - Proverbs 10:22 NLT

The Holy Spirit’s guidance is the only sure way to hit all your life goals.

13 When we tell you these things, we do not use words that come from human wisdom. Instead, we speak words given to us by the Spirit, using the Spirit’s words to explain spiritual truths. - 1 Corinthians 2:13 NLT

26 And the Holy Spirit helps us in our weakness. For example, we don’t know what God wants us to pray for. But the Holy Spirit prays for us with groanings that cannot be

expressed in words. 27 And the Father who knows all hearts knows what the Spirit is saying, for the Spirit pleads for us believers in harmony with God's own will. - Romans 8:26-27 NLT

When we find ourselves in a confusing or uncertain situation, the Holy Spirit can bridge the gap by praying on our behalf and aligning us with God's will for our lives.

HE COMPELS

To be an effective guide, you must have the ability to compel and move someone to action.

"The Spirit then compelled Jesus to go into the wilderness," - Mark 1:12 NLT

Jesus always chose **obedience above comfort**. He followed the Holy Spirit's leading **before** asking if He was going to be comfortable with where He was going.

3 We can rejoice, too, when we run into problems and trials, for we know that they help us develop endurance. 4 And endurance develops strength of character, and character strengthens our confident hope of salvation. - Romans 5:3-4 NLT

When we follow where the Spirit moves us, **we will be shaped and molded into who we were created to be.** We can rest in the fact that **through all the good and the bad, in the end, it will work out for good to those who trust in His guidance.**

“So I say, let the Holy Spirit guide your lives. Then you won’t be doing what your sinful nature craves. The sinful nature wants to do evil, which is just the opposite of what the Spirit wants. And the Spirit gives us desires that are the opposite of what the sinful nature desires. These two forces are constantly fighting each other, so you are not free to carry out your good intentions. But when you are directed by the Spirit, you are not under obligation to the law of Moses. When you follow the desires of your sinful nature, the results are very clear: sexual immorality, impurity, lustful pleasures, idolatry, sorcery, hostility, quarreling, jealousy, outbursts of anger, selfish ambition, dissension, division, envy, drunkenness, wild parties, and other sins like these. Let me tell you again, as I have before, that anyone living that sort of life will not inherit the Kingdom of God. But the Holy Spirit produces this kind of fruit in our lives: love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control. There is no law against these things!” - Galatians 5:16-23 NLT

The Holy Spirit wants us to experience true freedom.

HE STRENGTHENS

To be an effective guide you need to be able to strengthen and empower those you guide.

11 But when you are arrested and stand trial, don't worry in advance about what to say. Just say what God tells you at that time, for it is not you who will be speaking, but the Holy Spirit. - Mark 13:11 NLT

When we follow His leading through weakness, we will truly experience His active strength in our lives.

7 A spiritual gift is given to each of us so we can help each other. 8 To one person the Spirit gives the ability to give wise advice[a]; to another the same Spirit gives a message of special knowledge. 9 The same Spirit gives great faith to another, and to someone else the one Spirit gives the gift of healing. 10 He gives one person the power to perform miracles, and another the ability to prophesy. He gives someone else the ability to discern whether a message is from the Spirit of God or from another spirit. Still another person is given the ability to speak in unknown languages,[c] while another is given the ability to interpret what is being said. 11 It is the one and only Spirit who distributes all these gifts. He alone decides which gift each person should have. - 1 Corinthians 12:7-11 NLT

The Holy Spirit will always lead you to others.

The Holy Spirit will always guide us to unity in community because there **IS** and always **WILL BE** unity in the community of the trinity.

14 For all who are led by the Spirit of God are children of God. - Romans 8:14

Having the Holy Spirit as our guide should be foundational to our Christian faith.

Without the Holy Spirit's presence, His knowledge, His influence and His enabling strength guiding us in life, we will never see our full God given potential.