

HEARING GOD

Recognizing His Voice In A World Full Of Noise

HEARING GOD'S VOICE THROUGH THE HOLY SPIRIT

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"For those who are led by the Spirit of God are the children of God." Romans 8:14, NIV

WHO IS THE HOLY SPIRIT?

- **HE IS A PERSON**

"But in fact, it is best for you that I go away, because if I don't, the Advocate won't come. If I do go away, then I will send him to you." John 16:7 NLT

ADVOCATE - a helper, comforter, or counselor sent to support and guide.

- **HE CAN BE GRIEVED**

"And do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, with whom you were sealed for the day of redemption." Ephesians 4:30 NIV

- **HE CAN BE RESISTED**

"You stubborn people! You are heathen at heart and deaf to the truth. Must you forever resist the Holy Spirit? That's what your ancestors did, and so do you!" Acts 7:51 NLT

FOUR WAYS THE HOLY SPIRIT GUIDES US

1. THE HOLY SPIRITS GUIDES US THROUGH PROMPTINGS

But when he, the Spirit of truth, comes, he will guide you into all the truth. He will not speak on his own; he will speak only what he hears, and he will tell you what is yet to come. He will glorify me because it is from me that he will receive what he will make known to you. John 16:13-14 NIV

I will praise the Lord who counsels me—even at night my conscience instructs me.
Psalm 16:7 CSB

2. THE HOLY SPIRITS GUIDES US TO PEOPLE

"Then the Spirit said to Philip, 'Go near and overtake this chariot.'" Acts 8:29 NKJV

3. THE HOLY SPIRITS GUIDES US THROUGH PEOPLE

Then Philip opened his mouth, and beginning at this Scripture, preached Jesus to him.
Acts 8:35-38 NLT

But one who prophesies strengthens others, encourages them, and comforts them.
1 Corinthians 14:3 NLT

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4. THE HOLY SPIRITS GUIDES US IN PRAYER

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. 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