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DON'T BE DECEIVED

John 16:13 says, ***“Howbeit when he, the Spirit of truth, is come, he will guide you into all truth: for he shall not speak of himself; but whatsoever he shall hear, that shall he speak: and he will shew you things to come.”***

This scripture lets us know that The Holy Spirit will guide us into ALL TRUTH if we listen to him. There will be a witness in our spirit when we hear anointed teachings that come from the Word of God. On the other hand, there will be a check in your spirit when something preached or said by an individual does not line up with the word.

For instance, I recently listened to a well-known preacher say that miracles like they were in the Old Testament are not for today. This teaching is in error, because God specifically says in I Corinthians 12:28: ***“28 and God hath set some in the church, first APOSTLES, secondarily PROPHETS, thirdly TEACHERS, after that MIRACLES, then GIFTS OF HEALINGS, HELPS, GOVERNMENTS, DIVERSITIES OF TONGUES. 29 ARE ALL APOSTLES? ARE ALL PROPHETS? ARE ALL TEACHERS? ARE ALL WORKERS OF MIRACLES? 30 Have all the gifts of healing? Do all speak with tongues? Do all interpret?”***

Note that God sets gifts into the church. The gift of miracles is listed here, and if that gift is gone then teachers and all the other gifts are gone. When we go to Ephesians 4:11-13 it mentions that the fivefold ministry (Apostle, prophets, evangelists, pastors, and TEACHERS) is given to the church to bring unity to the body of Christ. Since it is so evident that unity has not come, we know that every gift is still necessary for the body of Christ to be equipped.

Then there are those that try to put Christians under the Old Testament law by saying you must not worship on Sunday, but on Saturday because Saturday is the Sabbath. Yes, Saturday is the Sabbath, (day of rest) but the book of Hebrews teaches us that Jesus is our Sabbath. We rest in him EVERY DAY of the week, not just Saturday, or Sunday.

When something taught does not line up with scripture you will know in your “knower.” Your knower is your inner man, your spirit, who hears from the Holy Spirit. I would say it would be like a red flag going up, saying “warning, warning!!” You just know something is not right.

Someone not born again does not have this “knowing.” It comes through salvation when you are born again, and the Holy Spirit resides in your spirit. As you study the scripture and have more of the word residing in you, your spirit man is fed. You become more in tune with the things of the Spirit.

We are told in I John 4:1, ***“Beloved, believe not every spirit (human spirit), but try (test) the spirits whether they are of God: because many false prophets are gone out into the world.”*** How do we try the spirits? By seeing if what they say lines up with scripture.

We are living in days of deception. Jesus warned us about being deceived in Matthew 24 about being this. Satan will twist scripture to deceive, just like he tried to with Jesus. Jesus replied every time with, ***"It is written"*** (Matthew 4:4-10; Luke 4:4-12). Do not be deceived. Remember, a half-truth is still a lie. Even if a person that has a large ministry teaches something, if it does not line up with scripture, turn it off. Do not listen to it.

Study the Word of God, not man's opinions of what the Word says, and let Holy Spirit guide you into all truth. Then you will know in your knower what truth is.