

Need Guidance?

This Works Every Time

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"When ... the Spirit of truth, is come, he will guide you into all truth ... he will shew you things to come." (John 16:13)

Do you belong to Jesus? Have you ever opened your mouth and said aloud, "Jesus, You're my choice?" (Romans 10:13) If you have not yet done so, this would be a good time. The bookstores and websites of the world are overflowing with counterfeit forms of guidance intended to lead the unsuspecting into darkness. Any guidance that is not Bible-based will ultimately and always lead to wrong decisions, loss and tragedy. If Jesus is your Lord and Master, then He is also your Good Shepherd. He promises to lead you away from tragedy and into God's plan for your life through the Person of the Holy Spirit.

In the above verse of Scripture, Jesus referred to the Holy Spirit as the "Spirit of Truth". He said that the "Spirit of Truth" would tell you whatever Jesus or His Father needed you to know. (He'll even give you a "heads up" so to speak about things having to do with the future.) The primary way He does this is down in your "gut". Have you ever had a "gut feeling" to not do something and you did it anyway? Later, after paying the price for not following your "gut instinct" you said to yourself, "Something told me not to do that. What was I thinking?" Well, that "something" was actually "Someone" called the Holy Spirit. Here's something the Amplified Bible says.

"... let the peace ... from Christ act as Umpire continually ... deciding and settling with finality all questions that arise in your minds." (Colossians 3:15)

This is saying, "If you don't have total peace about something, DO NOT DO IT." The Inner Umpire (the Spirit of Truth) is saying, "Do it and you'll regret it."

One day I was riding one of my brother's motorcycles high up in the Santa Ynez Mountain range above Santa Barbara, California. It had rained heavily the day before and mudslides were blocking the mountain roads everywhere. I approached one slide that was blocking my side of the road and decided to quickly go around it – on the wrong side of the road. As soon as I made that decision, it was as if someone punched me in the gut. I knew "Who" and what it was. I quickly downshifted and began braking immediately. I tucked the bike into a hole in the mudslide on my side of the road. The same moment I did that, a vehicle came speeding around the mudslide from the opposite direction. The driver had his head back, drinking a can of beer. Had I not obeyed the "Spirit of Truth", the "Inner Umpire" or that "Punch in the gut", I would have been killed instantly. Since that experience it doesn't take much of a "gut instinct" to get me to slow down or even stop in my tracks when I've made a wrong decision.

There are many ways God guides Believers in Jesus; His Word (Psalm 119:154), dreams, visions, prophecy (Joel 2:28), Gifts of the Holy Spirit (1Corinthians 12:8) and even Angels (Acts 10:1-48). These are all Biblical forms of guidance. I've experienced them all. However, these are not the PRIMARY way God guides. Although some may never experience any of these other forms of guidance, ALL Believers can and will experience the "Inner Witness." This is the #1 way God guides all Believers today. Listen to the "Inner Umpire." He'll always lead you away from tragedy and into great success! This is Supernatural Guidance at its best! It works every time. Ignore it and you'll regret it. Adhere to it and you'll be greatly, greatly blessed.

Be Blessed ... Pastor John and Barbara Hamel