

Session 8: Holy Spirit Led Prayer

I. Understanding Praying in the Spirit

1. In praying eternal purpose prayers, there is a need to be led by the Holy Spirit.

- a. As you have observed by now, there are a multitude of topics and issues that can be prayed for under the heading of eternal purpose prayer. Remember that in previous sessions we spoke of the eternal Man Christ Jesus standing at the heavenly golden altar interceding according to God's eternal purpose. As Christ intercedes in this manner, our role as an eternal purpose house of prayer is to connect with Christ's prayer agenda and to pray into that prayer focus.
- b. This leads us to the need to be led by the Holy Spirit in our prayers. We do not want to pray as Jesus cautioned against, "And when you are praying, do not use meaningless repetition as the Gentiles do, for they suppose that they will be heard for their many words" (Mt. 6:7). To be effective in our eternal purpose intercession, we don't want to take a scatter gun approach but rather to pray with laser focus on the topics the Holy Spirit is highlighting at a particular moment in time.
- c. Therefore, in this session we will explore what it means to pray as led by the Holy Spirit. In order to be effective as an eternal purpose house of prayer, we must learn to pray Holy Spirit inspired and led prayers. This session addresses several ways to help us in this effort. In this session, we have two main objectives. The first is to empower us to be led by the Holy Spirit in our eternal purpose prayers, and, the second is to free us from the feeling that we need to hear an audible voice from God in order to voice a prayer. Error in either issue can keep us from being led to pray by the Holy Spirit in the fullness God desires.
- d. Let's begin with an overview of praying in and by the Holy Spirit.

2. There are essentially four ways we are motivated to pray into an issue.

- a. First, we pray because the Bible tells us to pray. Paul told Timothy,

First of all, then, I urge that entreaties and prayers, petitions and thanksgivings, be made on behalf of all men, for kings and all who are in authority, so that we may lead a tranquil and quiet life in all godliness and dignity. This is good and acceptable in the sight of God our Savior, who desires all men to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth (1 Tim. 2:1-4).

- b. Paul wrote to his spiritual son Timothy urging him to make prayer a priority in his life, or stated differently, to make prayer a routine discipline in his life. We don't have to hear God in order to pray into issues on our heart such as those in authority, family, or personal issues. We know to do it because the Bible instructs us to do so. Therefore, one reason we are to pray is simply because the Bible tells us to pray.
- c. Second, we pray for an issue when we see a need. The Bible states this about Jesus, "Seeing the people, He felt compassion for them, because they were distressed and dispirited like sheep without a shepherd" (Mt. 9:36). Out of His compassion, Jesus told His disciples to pray saying, "The harvest is plentiful, but the workers are few. Therefore beseech the Lord of the harvest to send out workers into His harvest" (Matt. 9:37-38). Just as compassion motivated Jesus to call for prayer, compassion for people in need motivates us to pray.

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d. Third, we pray when someone asks us to pray and we agree to do so. At times, Jesus ministered to people who asked Him to minister into their needs, “And when Jesus entered Capernaum, a centurion came to Him, imploring Him, and saying, ‘Lord, my servant is lying paralyzed at home, fearfully tormented.’ Jesus said to him, ‘I will come and heal him’” (Mt. 8:5-7). In this situation, Jesus was asked to come minister to the centurion’s servant. He responded to the request and healed the person.

e. Fourth, we are motivated to pray into an issue or a specific direction about an issue as the Holy Spirit leads us to do so. Paul wrote to the Ephesians,

With all prayer and petition pray at all times *in the Spirit*, and with this in view, be on the alert with all perseverance and petition for all the saints, and pray on my behalf, that utterance may be given to me in the opening of my mouth, to make known with boldness the mystery of the gospel (Eph. 6:18-19).

f. Notice that we are to pray “in the Spirit”—or said another way, as led by the Holy Spirit. In fact, in all four ways listed above we are to be led by the Holy Spirit as in each category there are many more prayer opportunities than one could ever pray for. Thus, *as the Holy Spirit prompts us to pray*, we need to follow His leading and pray accordingly. We should pray as motivated by all four reasons for prayer, that is, because the Bible says to pray, when we see a need, when we are asked and agree to pray, and as the Holy Spirit leads us.

3. Praying in the Holy Spirit is more than praying in tongues.

a. Years ago when I was transitioning from an evangelical perspective to a more charismatic approach in my walk with the Lord, I heard scriptures like “But you, beloved, building yourselves up on your most holy faith, *praying in the Holy Spirit*” (Jude 20). I believed that the phrase praying in the Holy Spirit was another way of saying to pray in tongues.

b. Let me be clear. Praying in the Holy Spirit most definitely includes praying in tongues. I am not disputing that fact at all. What I am saying is that praying in the Holy Spirit and Spirit led prayer is much more than just praying in tongues. It includes praying in tongues, but it also includes many other ways that the Holy Spirit uses to prompt Holy Spirit led prayers.

4. Holy Spirit led prayer is praying what we sense the Holy Spirit is leading us to pray.

a. This leads us to ask what is Holy Spirit led prayer. The Good News Translation translates Ephesians 6:18 as “Do all this in prayer, asking for God’s help. Pray on every occasion, as the Spirit leads” and the Living Bible records the same verse as “Pray all the time. Ask God for anything in line with the Holy Spirit’s wishes.” As these two translations indicate, Holy Spirit led prayer is prayer that connects with the thought and counsel of the Lord at a specific time or season and praying things that are on His heart in that time.

b. Therefore, our simple definition of Spirit led prayer is “praying what we sense the Holy Spirit leading us to pray”. Now, let’s dig a little deeper into effective Spirit led prayer.

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II. The Lifestyle Leading to Spirit Led Prayer

1. Holy Spirit led prayer comes from a Spirit led life.

- a. The New Testament is filled with references to a life controlled by the Holy Spirit. For example, the scriptures state that we are to be born of the Spirit (Jn. 3:5-8) and baptized with the Holy Spirit (Mk. 1:8). They call us to be fervent in the Spirit (Rom. 12:11) and to walk by the Holy Spirit in our day to day relationship with the Lord (Gal. 5:25). We are to sow the life of Christ into our spirit (Gal. 6:8-10). We are to be renewed in our spirit (Eph. 4:23), to be built up in our faith by the Spirit (Jude 20), and for our spirit to be regularly stirred afresh (2 Tim. 1:6). We are to be regularly and repeatedly filled with the Holy Spirit (Eph. 5:18-21).
- b. In addition, we are also cautioned not to resist the Holy Spirit in our lives. We are not to be timid or fearful in the Spirit (2 Tim. 1:7). We are not to grieve the Holy Spirit (Eph. 4:30-32). We are not to harden our hearts toward the Holy Spirit's voice (Heb. 3:7-11). We are not to quench the Holy Spirit by despising the ways in which He chooses to work in our lives (1 Thess. 5:19-22).
- c. Thus, we see that God desires us not to resist the Holy Spirit but to freely welcome Him into our lives and to give Him full control. James 4:5 reads, "Or do you think that the Scripture speaks to no purpose: 'He jealously desires the Spirit which He has made to dwell in us'?" The God's Word translation reads, "Do you think this passage means nothing? It says, 'The Spirit that lives in us wants us to be his own.'" And the New Century Version reads, "Do you think the Scripture means nothing that says, 'The Spirit that God made to live in us wants us for himself alone'?" God's desire for each of us is to allow the Holy Spirit within us to have full control of and leadership in our lives.

2. A Holy Spirit led life is the result of the lifestyle of one in a true daily walk with Christ.

- a. The Holy Spirit will lead us as we make a high priority the building of a solid relationship with the Christ within that the life of the Holy Spirit is vibrant within each of us. It is out of a relationship with Christ characterized by pursuit of the Man Christ Jesus in which He is our first love, and incorporating the disciplines of the Christian walk that flow out of Jesus being our first love—things such as Bible reading and study, personal prayer, private worship, and surrender to Christ through embracing the cross—that the Holy Spirit will lead us.

3. It is out of a personal relationship with Christ and a Spirit led lifestyle that Spirit led prayers will freely flow.

- a. It is out of a growing relationship with Christ that the Holy Spirit will lead us and establish in us the foundation for Spirit led prayer. Such a lifestyle positions us to pray Holy Spirit led prayers. As you read through the above paragraphs, you might have felt unworthy and unable to live in the fullness of what is described in the Bible about living by the Holy Spirit. We all fall short of the glory of God in many ways. So, I am not speaking here of perfection. I am not implying in the least that we must be perfect or close to it in order to pray Holy Spirit led prayers. What I am saying is that God desires us

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to be pursuing these traits in our lives. It is out of a lifestyle seeking the heart of the Lord that we will be positioned to pray according to the Holy Spirit.

- b. Please do not minimize the importance of nurturing and building a lifestyle that pursues a deep walk with Christ within—that is, the Holy Spirit. This one idea is much more important than any technique we might mention in this session.
- c. Therefore, with that as our foundation, let's next look briefly at why Holy Spirit led prayer is important.

III. The Importance of Holy Spirit Led Prayer

1. Spirit led prayer helps us know *what* to pray.

- a. Being led by the Holy Spirit in our prayer times is of utmost importance as it allows us to connect much more effectively with God's heart. There are many times when we do not know what to pray. We know we should pray that God's will would be done on earth as it is in heaven. But we do not always know God's will in a particular situation. In times like these, we need revelation of what God would have us pray. The Holy Spirit, our Helper, will inform us what to pray. Paul wrote,

In the same way the Spirit also helps our weakness; for we do not know how to pray as we should, but the Spirit Himself intercedes for us with groanings too deep for words; and He who searches the hearts knows what the mind of the Spirit is, because He intercedes for the saints according to the will of God. And we know that God causes all things to work together for good to those who love God, to those who are called according to His purpose (Rom. 8:26-28).

- b. As we learn to pray Spirit led prayers, the Holy Spirit will reveal the prayer topic or topics on His heart and also the specifics to pray within those major prayer categories.

2. Spirit led prayer also helps us know *when* to pray.

- a. Repeating a verse I quoted earlier, Paul wrote this concerning Holy Spirit led prayer, "With all prayer and petition *pray at all times* in the Spirit, and with this in view, *be on the alert with all perseverance* and petition for all the saints" (Eph. 6:18). Essentially Paul is urging the Ephesian church to remain alert to what is going on around them and as an alert watchman to pray at all times.
- b. To really understand what it means to pray at all times we must understand the word translated times. The Greek word for *times* here is *kairos* which means a measure of time, a definite time, or an opportune time.¹ There is another Greek word for time that is translated as *chronos*. Drawing from Vines Expository Dictionary of Biblical Words, *chronos* expresses the duration of a period whereas *kairos* stresses time as marked by certain features in that period.²
- c. In essence, Paul is saying to be alert at all *chronos* times so as to pray at those strategic *kairos* times during which there is a strategic purpose for our prayers. As we learn more and more to walk by the Spirit, the Lord will alert us at a specific time or season to the prayer needs of that moment. We then engage in prayer for whatever is on the heart of God at that time. Therefore, Spirit led prayer helps us know when to pray.

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3. Spirit led prayer also helps us know *how* to pray.

- a. As we have seen in prior sessions, we have identified several prayer themes. These prayer directives lead us to the need to know how to pray in a particular situation or when we gather corporately at a particular time to pray. Is God calling us to war in the Spirit realm by praying boldly in tongues or is He asking us to worship Him in the situation? Is He asking us to pray in tongues or with the mind? Is He wanting us to pray an apostolic prayer or from an Old Testament passage of scripture? To know how to pray when we begin to engage in eternal purpose prayer, we need to be led by the Holy Spirit. The Holy Spirit will lead us how to pray as we sense His direction and follow His lead.

4. Spirit led prayer helps us know *how much* to pray.

- a. Paul wrote, “Therefore take up the whole armor of God, that you may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand” (Eph. 6:13, NKJV). Notice that Paul wrote “having done all, to stand.” After we have prayed all that we are to pray, there comes a time to stand in faith—knowing that God has heard our prayers and that He will answer them in His timing and His way. This is when the Holy Spirit might lead us to worship, praise, or to cease praying because we have “done all” that He has asked of us or that is needed in the specific instance we are praying into.
- b. The Scriptures also exhort us to persevere in prayer. Often, the enemy’s strongholds are so entrenched that a one-time prayer is not sufficient. That is why we must diligently and repeatedly cry out for God to bring a breakthrough. Although persistent prayer is vital, there comes a time when the Holy Spirit no longer prompts or anoints us to keep praying for an issue. Whether through a confirming scripture or peace in our heart, the Holy Spirit will let us know when we have “done all.” When that occurs, it is time to stand in faith on the prayers we have already prayed.
- c. Now that we have explored what Holy Spirit led prayer is and how it tells us what, when, how and how much to pray on an issue, we want to now examine eleven ways the Holy Spirit might lead us to pray Holy Spirit led prayers.

IV. Ways of Praying Holy Spirit Led Prayers

- a. In this section, we share eleven different ways we can pray Holy Spirit led prayers. We have a twofold objective in this section. The first is to give us understanding of the variety of ways we can be led in our prayers by the Holy Spirit. The second is to help people to see they don’t have to directly hear God’s voice, see a vision, or have an encounter with an angel to voice a prayer according to God’s Spirit. Instead, there are multiple ways we can be led to pray Holy Spirit led prayers. We will begin with the two most familiar ways we are led to pray Spirit led prayer and then move to some approaches we might not have thought of as ways the Holy Spirit might prompt us to pray.
- b. Let’s begin with praying in tongues.

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1. The first way we pray Holy Spirit led prayers is by praying in tongues.

- a. Many people believe that praying in tongues and praying in the spirit are just different ways of referring to the same thing. I confess that many times when I call our church to pray in tongues in a prayer setting, I exhort them to pray in the spirit. So, I am guilty at times of using the two phrases interchangeably. Even though praying in the Spirit includes more than praying in tongues, praying in tongues is most definitely one of the most important ways we can pray in the Holy Spirit. Paul wrote, "For if I pray in a tongue, my spirit prays, but my mind is unfruitful. What is the outcome then? I will pray with the spirit and I will pray with the mind also" (1 Cor. 14:14-15). If you read the above passage carefully, Paul connects praying with the spirit to praying in tongues. Therefore, if we are to pray Holy Spirit led prayer, we must learn to use our prayer language and pray in tongues.
- b. After leading a church for more than two decades that has welcomed praying in tongues, it often troubles me how some people are so timid in using their gift of tongues in prayer. It is a very important tool that God has given to His church. For those who might believe that tongues can only be used if someone is there to interpret, I would say that tongues and interpretation is Paul's instruction for proper order in the corporate worship service. Of course, no one wants someone to stand up in the middle of a church service to speak in tongues when that is not the appropriate time or the proper order. We are not speaking here about this; rather, we are referring to using our gift of tongues in a prayer setting. Of course, even in the corporate prayer setting, there is still a need for order; even so, it is in order and very important for one and all to pray in tongues as a means of praying in the Holy Spirit.
- c. I want to make one more point of clarification about praying in tongues. When we pray this way, it is not necessary that one interpret. Sometimes, subsequent prayer will be the interpretation, but it is not mandatory that someone interpret. The praying in tongues is the issue, not the interpretation.

2. The second way we pray Holy Spirit led prayers is by listening to discern God's direction.

- a. Jesus spoke these words, "My sheep hear My voice, and I know them, and they follow Me" (Jn. 10:27). In this brief verse, Jesus explained that His people can and do hear His voice and when they hear Him, they are to follow what He has said to them. This leads us to a second way we are led by the Holy Spirit in prayer and that being learning to discern God's voice so as to pray into what He is saying. Look at this idea in action,

Now there were at Antioch, in the church that was there, prophets and teachers: Barnabas, and Simeon who was called Niger, and Lucius of Cyrene, and Manaen who had been brought up with Herod the tetrarch, and Saul. While they were ministering to the Lord and fasting, the Holy Spirit said, "Set apart for Me Barnabas and Saul for the work to which I have called them." Then, when they had fasted and prayed and laid their hands on them, they sent them away (Acts 13:1-3).

- b. The church at Antioch was worshiping and praying along with fasting. As they were doing so, the Lord spoke to them about sending out Paul and Barnabas for their first missionary journey. They then took this prophetic direction and prayed into it. After praying into the Holy Spirit led direction,

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they obeyed by sending them out. As we know, much of the New Testament scriptures were initiated by this event in which they heard, prayed, and obeyed.

- c. If you will notice, we used the phrase *discern God's direction* rather than hear His voice. The reason is that when we see the idea of hear, we think only of hearing in our spirit what God is saying. In actuality God speaks to us in many ways through all of our spiritual senses. We can discern His voice by hearing His voice, by a Holy Spirit inspired thought coming into our mind, the quickening of a scripture verse, feelings in the body, sensing a burden for an issue, or by a dream, vision, or even an external encounter with an angel or the Lord Himself. Learning to discern God's voice as He speaks to us in these ways activates Spirit led prayer.

3. The third way we pray Holy Spirit led prayers is through the interpretation of tongues.

- a. We know that one of the nine manifestations of the Holy Spirit listed in Paul's letter to the Corinthian church is interpretation of tongues (1 Cor. 12:10). We normally think correctly of this gift being used in the corporate worship service following a tongues message to the corporate gathering. Even though this is an appropriate use of this gift, interpretation of tongues is also a way God leads us in Holy Spirit led prayer. As said earlier, praying in tongues does not require an interpretation. Nonetheless, many times when we pray in tongues, God will speak to us while we are praying in tongues so as to give us direction for our prayers. This is one way the gift of interpretation of tongues manifests. It is a very effective way we discern God's voice. What will happen is that while we are praying in tongues, we will discern God's leading. As we discern God's leading, we pray accordingly.

4. The fourth way we pray Holy Spirit led prayers is by praying with the mind.

- a. Another way we activate Holy Spirit led prayer is to begin praying with our mind. Praying what is on our mind is very often a catalyst for Spirit led prayer. As we pray what is on our heart and mind, we will often pray what the Holy Spirit has already put in our heart. As we do this, we will sense the Holy Spirit highlighting a specific prayer direction. When this occurs, our prayers, which began from our own thoughts, quickly become Spirit led prayers.
- b. Do not underestimate the power of this simple point. This is a common method for initiating Spirit led prayer. If we start praying what is on our mind or a prayer written in the scriptures, the Holy Spirit almost always will empower and direct our prayers. Therefore, praying with our mind is a catalyst for Spirit led prayer.

5. The fifth way we pray Holy Spirit led prayers is to pray the prayers written in the scriptures.

- a. As you read through the New Testament epistles, you will notice a number of prayers prayed by the apostles and recorded in the scriptures. Many people refer to these as apostolic prayers. Of course, we can pray drawing from any appropriate passage of scripture in both the Old and New Testaments. Even so, the prayers recorded in the scriptures seem to have an added authority to them.

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- b. Our experience has been that when we pray a specific apostolic prayer, the Holy Spirit will use that prayer to accomplish His purposes and as a catalyst for additional prayers that are led by and empowered by the Holy Spirit. Therefore, we often draw from the prayers in the scriptures—apostolic prayers.

6. The sixth way we pray Holy Spirit led prayers is by asking the Holy Spirit what He wants us to pray for.

- a. As one who often leads a corporate prayer group, I regularly ask the Holy Spirit before the prayer time begins what He wants us to pray during the prayer time that I will be leading. It sounds so simple, but it is a powerful way to connect with the heart of God for the prayers that you are to pray. Most definitely this is an important way to set the agenda for a prayer time, but it is also an important way anyone can pray Spirit led prayer. As we silently ask the Holy Spirit what does He want us to pray next, the Holy Spirit will lead us as to what is on His heart for the time of prayer.

7. The seventh way we pray Holy Spirit led prayers is by listening as we or others pray.

- a. Listening as we pray or as others pray also helps us discern the Holy Spirit's leading in prayer. This is especially important in group prayer. We should always be listening to what others are praying because as we engage in listening, God will often prompt us as to what we should pray next. In the Garden of Gethsemane, Jesus asked His disciples to watch and pray. He said, "Keep watching and praying that you may not come into temptation; the spirit is willing, but the flesh is weak" (Mark 14:38). In our prayer gatherings, we are also called to watch and pray. It is easy to be distracted when someone else is praying; even so, we must resist distractions and keep our spirit alert and watchful. We must train our spirit to be sensitive to the Holy Spirit so that we can discern additional prayer points as we hear what others are praying.

8. The eighth way we pray Holy Spirit led prayers is by sensing a burden from the Lord.

- a. Sensing the Lord's burden in a matter is another way the Holy Spirit leads us to pray according to His will and purpose. The Old Testament prophets carried the burden of the Lord in their ministry. For example, God burdened Ezekiel,

In the morning the word of the Lord came to me, saying, "Son of man, has not the house of Israel, the rebellious house, said to you, 'What are you doing?' "Say to them, 'Thus says the Lord God, "This *burden* concerns the prince in Jerusalem as well as all the house of Israel who are in it"' (Ezek 12:8-10).

- b. In a similar way, God put a burden on Zachariah's heart, "The *burden* of the word of the Lord is against the land of Hadrach, with Damascus as its resting place" (Zech. 9:1). The apostle Paul also carried the burden of the Lord for the Jewish people,

I am telling the truth in Christ, I am not lying, my conscience testifies with me in the Holy Spirit, that I have great sorrow and unceasing grief in my heart. For I could wish that I myself were

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accursed, separated from Christ for the sake of my brethren, my kinsmen according to the flesh, who are Israelites... (Rom. 9:1-4).

- c. The burden in Paul's heart noted in the preceding passage led him to pray for the salvation of Israel as recorded here, "Brethren, my heart's desire *and my prayer* to God for them is for their salvation" (Rom. 10:1).
- d. A common way the Holy Spirit will lead us into a specific prayer topic is to release the burden of the Lord for that issue. We may not hear anything specific; nonetheless, we will feel a real need to pray into an issue. At times, the burden of the Lord will be overwhelming, and at other times, it might be less so. Either way, the burden will be in our heart, and all we can do to release the burden is to pray into that issue. Therefore, this is another common way the Holy Spirit leads us to pray Spirit led prayers.

9. The ninth way we pray Holy Spirit led prayers is by praying in bold warring tongues.

- a. I spoke of praying in tongues as a way to pray in the Holy Spirit earlier. Even so, I want to make a distinction between praying in tongues and praying in a bold, loud, warring tongue. This is a very important distinction that is extremely important for an eternal purpose house of prayer. As you will recall, Sessions 4 and 5 of this class focus on topics under the overall theme of spiritual warfare. We have found that when we are called to engage in spiritual warfare, it is important after praying for protection to begin by praying in tongues. But normally not a weak, soft or worshipful tongue. Rather, to pray in bold tongues as though you are entering a battle. Our spiritual mentor, Noel Mann, taught us to do this as he would urge us not to pray weakly in tongues but to pray loudly and boldly. There is something about this that stirs a warring spirit within us like nothing else. So, especially as you prepare to engage in spiritual warfare, pray in bold tongues as a means of calling on your spirit man to arise and sensing the direction of the Holy Spirit so as to be led by Him.

10. The tenth way we pray Holy Spirit led prayers is by praying in *kairos* moments.

- a. I wrote a little earlier about the difference between *chronos* time and *kairos* time. *Chronos* is time in a general sense whereas *kairos* time is a strategic time. We spoke of this distinction as telling us when to pray. It may go without saying but our becoming aware of a *kairos* moment is another way the Holy Spirit leads us to pray Holy Spirit empowered prayers. If the world is in crisis, we don't have to hear a clear word from the Lord to pray into the crisis. We do it because we are watchmen and are alert to what is happening. The crisis becomes a *kairos* moment in time in which God desires strategic prayer and leads us by His Spirit to pray into these things. Thus, this becomes another way we are to pray Holy Spirit led prayer.

11. The eleventh way we pray Holy Spirit led prayers is by following the direction of the prayer leader.

- a. The final way we highlight for being led of the Holy Spirit is to follow the lead of the prayer leader. This happens a lot in group prayer. God often speaks to the prayer leader about the agenda for that time of prayer. At times, others in the group will sense a specific leading, but at times many or most in the group will not sense a particular direction. At times like this, it is important to follow the

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prayer leader trusting that he or she has heard the Lord correctly. The primary reason for this is that many times God speaks to and through leaders. This requires those under the leader's oversight to trust and obey. This is an important principle as it happens regularly in group prayer times.

- b. I hope these eleven ways that God can lead us to pray Spirit led prayer have been helpful. We conclude this session with an exhortation to trust the Lord that if you are attempting to live, walk and be regularly filled and stirred by the Holy Spirit in your daily walk, He will give you the words to speak when you enter into prayer into God's eternal purposes. Jesus spoke these words to His disciples,

When they bring you before the synagogues and the rulers and the authorities, do not worry about how or what you are to speak in your defense, or what you are to say; for the Holy Spirit will teach you in that very hour what you ought to say (Lk 12:11-12).

- c. Even though the context is not prayer, the principle is the same. We must not worry about what we are to pray. As we learn to pray being led by the Holy Spirit, we must learn to trust that as we seek to do so the Holy Spirit will give us the words He desires. So, let us all be led by the Holy Spirit and pray.

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² Time, Vine's Expository Dictionary of Biblical Words, Copyright © 1985, Thomas Nelson Publishers.