

Women's Ministries: Week Seventeen.

Lead Me, Holy Spirit by Stormie Omartian

Next Women's Ministry Zoom Meeting:

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This week, we will have a summary of the intro to Chapter 5, *Led to Be Separate* and *Led to Be Separate from All Sin*. Questions for this week's reading of *Led to Be Separate from the World*, Prayer Power and Word Power will follow.

When we receive Jesus and ask Him to live in our hearts, He sends us the Holy Spirit to guide us. The Holy Spirit only manifests Himself in our lives as we give place to Him. He will never manifest Himself in any way at all if we don't want Him to. But suppressing the Holy Spirit only suppresses the love, peace, and joy of God that draws other people to Himself.

We grieve the Holy Spirit when we think, say, or do things that are not holy the way He is holy. When we commit sin in our actions, words, or thoughts--such as when we are unforgiving toward one another--the Holy Spirit is grieved, just as you would be grieved if one of your children refused to forgive another of your children. You would have grief over that until it was made right. However, if we are led by the Spirit in all things, we will never grieve Him.

In order for others to see the beauty of God's Spirit in us, we must separate ourselves from all that is not of God. The Holy Spirit helps us to do that by guiding us away from sin in the choices that we make everyday. He will bring any sin to our attention. Sin becomes no longer enjoyable as we sense the Holy Spirit's grief and our own disgust when we do it. He gives us the power to step away from sin and get free of destructive habits we cannot get free of in our own strength.

Sin separates us from God and that separation happens from our side. When we commit a sin, we know it, and if we don't come before God immediately in confession with a repentant heart, we allow a wall to go up between us and God. God will not hear our prayers if we continue living apart from His ways. (Psalm 66:18) If you sin and continue sinning, it doesn't mean the Holy Spirit is not in your life. It means you have not

totally surrendered to Him, and you have not listened for His voice leading you every day.

One way to know the voice of the Holy Spirit is that the Holy Spirit will never lead you to violate His laws. Ask God to make you troubled by sin so that you can hear the Holy Spirit telling you to turn away from it. Ask Him to give you the strength to free yourself from all sin completely. Ask Him to take away any desire in you for even the thought of it.

Questions for this week's reading, *Led to Be Separate from the World*, Prayer Power and Word Power follows.

2. Read Leviticus 20:26. What did God ask of His people? Why?

26 So you are to be holy to Me, for I the Lord am holy; and I have singled you out from the peoples to be Mine.

Read 2 Corinthians 6:17. What does God ask of us?

17 Therefore, come out from their midst and be separate," says the Lord.

"And do not touch what is unclean;

And I will welcome you.

3. Read 2 Corinthians 7:1. What does God say to do in order to keep ourselves separated to Him?

7 Therefore, having these promises, beloved, let's cleanse ourselves from all defilement of flesh and spirit, perfecting holiness in the fear of God.

Read 1 John 2:15-17. What are we to do? Why?

15 Do not love the world nor the things in the world. If anyone loves the world, the love of the Father is not in him. **16** For all that is in the world, the lust of the flesh and the lust of the eyes and the boastful pride of life, is not from the Father, but is from the world. **17** The world is passing away and *also* its lusts; but the one who does the will of God continues *to live* forever.

Read the following Scriptures. Beside each one write what we are to separate ourselves from.

Deuteronomy 6:14-15

14 You shall not follow other gods, any of the gods of the peoples who surround you, **15** for the Lord your God *who is* in the midst of you is a jealous God; so *follow Him*, or else

the anger of the Lord your God will be kindled against you, and He will wipe you off the face of the earth.

Deuteronomy 7:26

26 And you shall not bring an abomination into your house and become designated for destruction, like it; you are to utterly detest it, and you are to utterly loathe it, for it is something designated for destruction.

Write out a prayer asking God to show you if there is anything you need to separate yourself from now.

Prayer Power

Lord, help me to be separate from the world and yet still be in it in an effective way to do Your will. Show me how to live in this world and be Your light extended without being drawn into and influenced by all that is dark and dangerous to my life. Help me to love unbelievers without being attracted to their self-proclaimed freedom to sin. Strengthen me to reject all peer pressure to be anything other than who You made me to be. Enable me to resist all pride. Keep me undecieved. Help me to never be resistant to what You want to do in my life.

Lord, show me where I have given in to certain practices in the culture I live in that are not pleasing to You. Open my eyes to things I have become accustomed to that I should not have. Help me to shut off or shut down anything that is polluting my mind. Show me if I have brought something into my house that does not glorify You. I don't want anything in my life that would hinder all You have planned for me. Keep me apart from everything that will prevent my prayers from being heard. Holy Spirit, lead me away from enticement of the world that will only separate me from You.

In Jesus' name I pray.

Word Power

Come out from among them and be separate, says the Lord. Do not touch what is unclean, and I will receive you. I will be a Father to you, and you shall be My sons and daughters, says the Lord Almighty. --2 Corinthians 6:17-18

Make confession to the Lord God of your fathers, and do His will; separate yourselves from the peoples of the land. --Ezra 10:11

I pray God's blessings and protection over you and your loved ones as you seek to draw closer to the Lord this week.

Love in Christ,
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