

# MARK JENKINS MINISTRIES

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Guided With Mine Eye

Dear Friend,

This past May, I was with Pastor Dave in West Texas where he had preached a weekend of meetings. It was Sunday night and we were due to leave for home the next morning, May 20. Pastor Dave said he wouldn't mind getting away early so he could arrive home and still have some time left in the day. I said it sounded good to me. The Pastor of the church was disappointed because she wanted to make a big breakfast for us. We thanked her for her hospitality, but stuck to our original decision. At 5:00 am we hit the road for Tulsa. Unbeknownst to us, God was the one orchestrating our day. This was the day a massive, EF5 tornado struck Moore, Oklahoma. What we didn't know was that God had inspired us leave 2 hours earlier than expected to avoid being caught in a devastating tornado. It wasn't until the following day that I saw the path of the tornado had cut directly across our path; you guessed it, 2 hours later. Thank you Jesus. Also, thank you Ms. Daisy Black whom God had alerted to intercede for us. Here's what I want you to see, neither of us heard a word from God telling us: "Get up at 5:00 am and get on the road a tornado is coming!" But within both of us there was a desire and a peace about leaving 2 hours early. What kind of leadership is this that doesn't require words? Pastor Dave heard nothing and I heard nothing yet a desire in both of us proved to be the perfect will of God for us at that moment. What seemed to be our idea was in fact a lifesaving decision, as I believe is often the case. This is a leadership that goes beyond words.

For the past several months the Holy Ghost has been at work in me gradually stepping me into a clearer understanding of this kind of leadership, which is available to anyone who will pray in tongues. Of course I know reading a teaching letter about praying in tongues and the leadership of the Holy Ghost is by no means new or unexplored territory. So, before we begin please recognize that this message isn't meant to be a 'never before heard' revelation. Rather, it's an attempt to understand some things about a familiar subject, but done in such a way that perhaps our individual weaknesses won't be allowed to distort or stop our hearing and receiving of this message.

This letter is in no way meant to redefine what Pastor Dave has been so diligent all these years to teach us, but rather to echo his teaching with the hope of exposing any areas in us that still fight this message of leadership by the Holy Ghost. Recently, Pastor Dave delivered a word of prophecy to the church in which the Holy Ghost commented about having to go back again to the basics of praying in tongues and the change it produces in us, so I know that there are still aspects of this that are not yet understood. Personally, over the years of listening to Pastor Dave teach about this leadership of the Holy Ghost, because of a stronghold in me in the area of low self-image and an overall poor picture of myself, I was not able to receive the words Pastor Dave was preaching. They seemed to bounce right off that stronghold. The specific words I am speaking of are his messages about the subtleties of the leadership of the Holy Ghost, particularly His leading us by desire. Listening to those messages while being bound with a stronghold such as mine made it like the positive ends of two magnets repelling one another. Finally, after all these years, those words are able to get in because I have attacked that stronghold through praying in tongues, meditating the Word and fasting.

My own insecurities and fears of failure adversely affected my perception of what Pastor Dave was preaching regarding the leadership that's available to us when we pray in tongues. My idea had always been that the leadership of the Holy Ghost, particularly in the area of direction for my life, would predominately come as a clear-cut, well-defined instruction. It needed to come to me in either the form of a "Word" spoken to my spirit or through a prophet, a dream, a vision or some other clearly defined method. I recall one conversation with someone in which I shared about a preaching invitation to a country where my life would clearly be in danger if I went. My comment to the person was that if God wanted me to go to a place like that He would have to write in the sky with His finger exactly what He wanted me to do. As I look back at that comment, what grieves me is that I would have ever been so deceived to think that I could **dictate** to God how He was to convey His desire to me. The real problem for me, and I believe for many, was that my insecurities dictated what I was willing to accept from God. Let's say my **terms and conditions** had to first be satisfied before I was convinced, rather my soul was convinced it was God. It would be like saying, "Okay God, You must first communicate your desire to me "my way" clearly and concisely, otherwise I'll be right here, waiting." I took solace in the idea that I would only be held responsible for doing what I was told to do and until I was satisfied that I had received concise instructions from God I felt no obligation to do anything.

There will be times of being alone for seasons with God. But, let's not cloak our time alone with Him in a facade called "waiting for Him to speak to me" when all the while His desire is churning inside us and we are simply too insecure to

believe that it is Him. I remember for myself years ago I scoffed at someone who said they just had a “knowing” inside that God wanted them to do a particular thing. I made some brilliant statement, probably mostly out of pride, telling the person “knowing” wasn’t enough and if God wanted you to do something He would tell you. What scripture did I pull that little piece of condemnation from, anyway?

Nowhere in God’s Word have I found a promise, or for that matter a command, telling us that we must first obtain His clearly articulated instructions before engaging in the work of the kingdom, or anything else for that matter. That’s not to say that “Words”, dreams and visions aren’t used by God, but to say they are mandatory prerequisites for a born again person goes beyond the scope of what I have found stated in the scriptures. What I do find is when God speaks to us in dreams, visions and even prophetic words they generally **reinforce** and **confirm** what has **already** been growing inside of us. Yes, His plan for us, and the desire to follow that plan, develops in us as we pray in tongues. Pastor Dave said it so well years ago regarding the desire God has for our lives growing up within us like a tree until it becomes impossible to see around it. **For years, my insecurities blocked me from understanding the truth in that statement.** Here is a scripture that goes hand in hand with that comment. (Philippians 2:13)

***“For it is God which worketh in you both to will and to do of His good pleasure.”***

Think about what is being said here. When the Apostle Paul wrote this do you think he was saying that this “willingness” was going to show up automatically? I have yet to find any thing in the kingdom of God that’s automatic. If this were automatic then the entire body of Christ would look remarkably different, don’t you think? The key is to first do what Paul himself did in abundance; pray in tongues. Praying in tongues, coupled with the meditation of God’s Word, causes something to happen in the area of our will. Paul described the affect in his letter to the church at Rome. (Romans 12:1-2)

***(1) “I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that you present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service. (2) And be not conformed to this world: but be you transformed by the renewing of your mind, that you may prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of God.***

The renewing of our mind, highlighted here in verse 2, speaks of the process whereby our mind learns to think like God thinks. By reading the Word of God and praying in tongues our mind, for lack of a better term, goes through a type of

reprogramming resulting in a transformation, a metamorphosis, in our soul. Since our will is part of our soul the transformation process causes our will to begin to agree with the desire growing up in our spirit instead of following the appetites of our flesh. Those desires in our spirit are the result of what Paul described in Romans 8: 26-27.

***(26) “Likewise the Spirit also helps our infirmities: for we know not what we should pray for as we ought: but the Spirit itself (Himself) makes intercession for us with groanings which cannot be uttered. (27) And He that searcheth the hearts knows what is the mind of the Spirit, because He makes intercession for the saints according to the will of God.”***

The absolute genius of praying in other tongues is the fact that we don't have to know what we are praying. All we have to do is pray. Our praying has opened the door to Him to intercede on our behalf and His intercession is the perfect prayer for our lives. Since the Holy Ghost is God He knows the overall plan of God. His intercession is birthing our place in God's overall strategy at whatever stage of life we decide to start praying. Not only that, He is birthing within us the desire to fulfill our call. It's this desire that begins to inspire our transformed will causing us to **want to walk** according to God's plan for our lives. How ingenious!

When I came to Jesus in 1989, I was told by a prophet that I had a great calling on my life. At that time, I was so **conformed** to the world that the idea of becoming a preacher was as feasible as walking on the moon. I loved money, I found my identity in things and my will was completely in line with my flesh. Twenty-four years later I can testify that a good portion of my will has been transformed and is now in agreement with the desire that has been born in my spirit by the intercessory ministry of the Holy Ghost because I pray in tongues. Praise God! **What I do, I do because I want to and now what I want to do is what He wants me to do.** The key to this is working the change from the inside out. The key is **you** affecting a change in **your own will**. Whereas before, I had no desire to spend time with the Lord, now I love to spend time with Jesus, which has caused our fellowship to grow so beautifully. Not only that, but I am finally discovering who I am as a son of God and what it means to be a son of God and how to walk as a son of God. The desire that is building in me, in my spirit, is reaching out to the transformed part of my will and inspiring my will to walk like Jesus walked, because like Him, I too am a son of God. He is **The Son of God**; I am a son of God.

Where did we ever get the idea that we were never to trust our own will? Certainly, don't trust your will if you have not participated in the transformation

process. But, if you have dedicated yourself to the process, the part of your will that lines up with the desire that is emanating out of your spirit is worthy to be followed. In fact it was God's intention for us to follow these subtle promptings originating out of our spirit and yes I do have a verse that illustrates what I am saying. (Psalms 32:8)

***“I will instruct thee and teach thee in the way which thou shalt go: I will guide thee with mine eye.”***

Much of what was said in the chapters leading up to 32, as well as the first part of chapter 32, was about the crucifixion of Jesus. Verse 8 describes the time after the redemptive work would be complete. Keep in mind; this is a prophecy delivered by a spiritually dead person with no capacity to follow God in such a way, so it must have been descriptive of **our** fellowship. First, God spoke of the teaching and instructing that would become available to us, which we know to be the ministry of the Holy Ghost. Then, He says He will guide us with “mine eye.” If our guidance was to come solely by Words or dreams or visions or a prophet, then why didn't He say that here? What then does “guide thee with mine eye” mean? Let's see if we can answer this.

Having been married now for 21 years, I have some idea of what it means to develop intimacy with another person. Gradually over the years an intimacy has developed that goes beyond words. If Debbie and I are in a large room filled with people and we're separated, all I need to do is see her and see her eyes and I can tell in a glance what she is thinking. If she looks toward the punch bowl, she wants some punch. A glance at our chairs tells me she wants us to sit down. Since I have become so familiar with her ways, when I go to get her the punch if I see a beautiful chocolate covered strawberry I pick it up because I'm certain she will like it. How? Did she have to yell across the room at me? Did she send me a text message? No, no need. The reason I knew these things without words being spoken was because of the relationship that has developed between us having spent the last 21 years together. Intimacy enables two to communicate without words and is illustrated by the Psalmist in this phrase, “guide thee with mine eye”.

By no means am I insinuating that we shouldn't expect to hear the voice of God. Of course we should hear His voice. However, have you noticed that the voice of God isn't the only voice you hear? The devil is very capable of mimicking the voice of God. Could this be the reason God seeks a more intimate level of communication? Whatever the case, God talks to me when He chooses to talk, how He chooses and about what He chooses. It is certainly not by my demand. The question then is this, am I to wait to hear His voice for every step to make,

every move, every instruction? If that is the case, then the intimacy required for God to guide us by His eye is not necessary. Sadly, it seems as though there is an expectation that God is going to dictate to us every move to make and we are to follow it precisely to the letter, which leaves one with the idea that they must hear perfectly or risk failure. Our Father does not demand perfection.

The Holy Ghost continues to draw me to this subtle kind of leadership whenever I get alone with Him. Let's address some possible objections to this teaching.

1.) "Mark, you are just giving people a license to go and do whatever they want to do." **People already do what they want to do.** There are obviously checks and balances built into living this way; you must first adopt a lifestyle of praying in tongues and meditating the Word of God. In other words, you are actively renewing your mind and subsequently transforming your soul, which transforms your will. Consequently, your will is lining up with the desire in your spirit. In addition to that, an on-going fellowship with your heavenly Father must be cultivated so that your level of intimacy is deepening. That way, if a person wakes up one day saying they believe God wants them to go to China and the next day it's Africa, then it is clear they need to get to know Him better and continue praying in tongues. God isn't going to change His mind from one day to the next like we change our clothes. Remember our earlier example of the desire to follow the plan of God growing up inside of us like a tree until it can't be ignored. It's not changing from an oak one day to a pine tree the next. 2.) "How can a person know that what they are believing to be God's prompting is truly God?" Developing the intimacy in your fellowship with Him, as well as, relying on the Word of God will help you differentiate between what is spirit or untransformed soul. (Hebrews 4:12)

***"For the Word of God is quick, and powerful, and sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing even to the dividing asunder of soul and spirit, and of the joints and marrow, and is a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart."***

Said a little differently: Are the promptings coming out of your heart originating from the same source as the Word of God? It's the Word's job to reveal to you what is God and what is untransformed soul.

If we are not careful, it is easy to start making incorrect assumptions about what we think the Word of God is saying. Let's look at one example in the book of Acts of a man being led by the Holy Ghost. We are going to look at two experiences of Barnabas. The first is Acts 9:27.

***“But Barnabas took him (Paul), and brought him to the apostles, and declared unto them how he had seen the Lord in the way, and that he had spoken to him, and how he had preached boldly at Damascus in the name of Jesus.”***

In this verse Barnabas is trying to convince the disciples in Jerusalem that Paul is one of them. Who told Barnabas to do this? Keep in mind at this moment no one knows that Paul will eventually write two-thirds of the New Testament. So, how might a complete and total rejection early in his ministry effect Paul later? Thank God, Barnabas knew to step in and defend Paul to the disciples. But, how did he know to do this? For us to **assume** Barnabas heard a specific word from God is pure supposition. Wouldn't it be equally fair to assume Barnabas heard nothing and followed the desire that was emanating from his spirit? Whatever the case, Barnabas somehow knew his responsibility was to stand up for Paul and thank God he did. But, how he knew to do this is not revealed. Later, many were scattered abroad from Jerusalem because of the death of Stephen. (Acts 11:19) Barnabas was sent from Jerusalem to Antioch (Acts 11:22) to exhort the new believers there. While in Antioch, something motivated Barnabas to do the following. (Acts 11:25)

***“Then departed Barnabas to Tarsus, for to seek Saul:”***

Saul, also called Paul, had been sent home to Tarsus from Jerusalem because he had caused quite a stir among the Grecians and they wanted to kill him. Somehow, Barnabas knew to go get Paul and his decision to do so was perfectly timed. Again, here is where our minds may assume Barnabas heard a word from God, but that would strictly be speculation. To say he heard nothing but followed the desire inside would also be speculation, yet it remains a reasonable albeit less considered option. Why is it so hard to believe that Barnabas had developed such a close fellowship with God that a “look” with “God’s eye” caused Barnabas to move? No words, just a simple desire emanating from Barnabas’s reborn human spirit illuminating his transformed will to the point that he “thought”, “I think I will go and get Paul.” Hasn’t that ever happened to you? You did something with no idea why you were doing it only to find out afterward it was God. I have had such situations in which a simple desire to do something has turned out to be the plan of God and I didn’t know it until later. I believe we often take credit for the leadership of the Holy Ghost in our lives because we simply don’t appreciate His subtle leadings. Look back to Psalms 32 and verse 9,

***“Be you not as the horse, or as the mule, which have no understanding: whose mouth must be held in with bit and bridle, lest they come near unto thee.”***

I can't think of a clearer picture than this. God doesn't want His children expecting Him to stick a bit in their mouths and force His will upon them, turning them right and then left. It says, "They have no understanding". They are oblivious to the nuances that grow out of a fellowship with their Father. God wants His sons to share His heart and to know His heart and not to require bits and bridles.

Finally, it is important that we not overlook the word "prove" in Romans 12:2; "...that you may **prove** what is that good, and acceptable and perfect will of God." Why not just say that as a result of the transformation process you will know with 100% assurance, beyond a shadow of a doubt, the one and only perfect will of God? Wouldn't that be better? It seems to me that would limit our chances of going the wrong direction. Instead, Paul used the word "**prove**" which indicates a testing process is necessary in order to determine the genuineness of something. It is the same word used elsewhere in the scriptures to describe testing or "**proving**" a team of oxen. In that case, oxen would be tested to "**prove**" the genuineness of the claim made by the seller as to how much weight they could pull. By testing them with different objects the true strength could be determined thus confirming or disproving the sellers claim.

Applying this idea to Romans 12:2 tells us we too will be faced with having to determine the authenticity of something, which in this case is the authenticity of what we believe to be the will of God for our life. While we invest in our spiritual growth, specifically praying in tongues and meditating the Word, our mind is renewed resulting in the transformation of our soul: mind, will, emotions and intellect. Simultaneously, our efforts are also affecting our spirit as the Holy Ghost intercedes on our behalf and the desire to follow God's plan is birthed within us. The testing, or "proving", comes as we attempt to follow that desire. The portion of our will that has been transformed, that now agrees with the desire born in our spirit, can be trusted and followed. **It's the combination of the desire in our spirit to follow the plan of God influencing our transformed will that results in the most subtle form of leadership imaginable.** As we choose to follow those subtle promptings flowing out of our spirit we enter into the "proving" process and by testing what we believe to be God, are able to determine what is the good and acceptable and perfect will of God. During Paul's second missionary journey with Silas, there appears to be evidence of this kind of testing process in action. (Acts 16:6 & 7)

***(6) "Now when they had gone throughout Phrygia and the region of Galatia, and were forbidden of the Holy Ghost to preach the word in Asia. (7) After***



***they were come to Mysia, they assayed to go into Bithynia: but the Spirit suffered them not.”***

Here’s what we know from these scriptures. After having gone through the regions of Galatia and Phrygia something prompted them to head towards Mysia, although no specific instructions are mentioned. What is said is that they were **forbidden** to preach in Asia. You may not know this, but everywhere they looked was Asia. After arriving at Mysia, a province of Asia, they “assayed” or weighed the idea of going north to Bithynia, another province of Asia, “but the Spirit suffered them not”. What is clear is that they had traveled a very long distance, a minimum of 200 miles, with **no** certain destination known to them, only that they were not to preach. Because they ended up in Troas, also in Asia, which is the opposite direction from Bithynia, this indicates they had **no idea** Troas was to be their final destination when they left Galatia. Had they received directions to go to Troas after leaving the region of Galatia there would have been no need for the Holy Ghost to tell them not to go to Bithynia. To travel such a great distance with such uncertainty about their destination, only knowing not to preach, paints a picture of a “walk” being directed by something other than clearly articulated instructions for every step.



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What I believe most people want is for God to **dictate** to them every step they are to take: “Go here”, “Stop”, “Turn right”, “Go two paces”, “No, back one”. If

that is the case, then forget about being “guided by mine eye” because that level of intimacy is apparently not necessary. I don’t believe that is the case. Our Father hungers for intimacy with us. Why should we think He prefers to dictate our every step instead of growing in our fellowship with Him until words aren’t the only way He can guide us? To me, what the Psalmist is prophesying is a deeper level of fellowship and guidance than mere words. It shouldn’t be so hard to believe that Paul had such intimate fellowship with the Holy Ghost. Through the transformation of his soul his will was to follow the desires born in his spirit. Then, during the course of following those desires, the Holy Ghost could say to Him, “No, don’t go there.” Wouldn’t that make more sense than supposing that the Holy Ghost was telling Paul every step to make and still he ended up in Mysia with no idea where to go next? Doesn’t this paint more of a picture of them going through a “proving” process? In their effort to follow the **desire born in their spirit** by hours of prayer, they moved out and were redirected along the way. All the while what they are following is perfectly in line with their call and where they fit into God’s plan for their lives. God doesn’t expect perfection. He **does not** expect us to wait with such fear of failure that we dismiss the desires, the subtle gestures, directing us to walk into His perfect will; “I will guide thee with mine eye.”

~ Grace be with you

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