

Spirit of Life Community Adventist Fellowship
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“Be Sensitive To The Holy Spirit”

The Holy Spirit will lead you far beyond your natural limitations if you are willing to grow. Remember, our ways are not His ways. His thoughts are not our thoughts. If you will not put limits on yourself, you will leave more room for God to work in your life. When you are a Breakthrough Believer you are able to move into present day truths and progressive revelations by being sensitive to the leading of the Holy Spirit.

The Holy Spirit led the Apostle Peter to minister to the Samaritans ([Acts 8](#)) even though the Jews had no dealing with them. God was moving Peter to break his own cultural, and ethnic fears in order to reach a different group of people. ([Acts 10:28; 44-45; 11:1](#)).

When you have been taught to hear God’s voice, you receive courage to break your limitations. When you have been taught how to move in the Holy Spirit you are more responsive to the plans of God. You become aware that God is sharing progressive revelations for these very days. When you are someone who seeks to follow the Holy Spirit, you become a great source of encouragement to leaders who are hearing from God. You will be used to help your pastor build, and establish what God has placed in his or her heart. Your ability to follow God will bring confirmation to the vision God has given your man or woman of God.

Breakthrough Believers are able to move forward under delegated spiritual authorities. (You are the priest, and head of your home, but in the local congregation, the local pastor(s) is the head priest of that home. Your pastor would be out of line giving you orders, and direction in your home. You are supposed to take the teaching you have received at church, and apply them in your house, as the head of your home. It is not the pastor’s job to be the head of your house. However, it is his/her job to be the head of the local church house). They submitted their lives to God ([Acts 11:21](#)) and later subjected their lives to the Apostles when they came to give spiritual government to the work of God. ([Acts 11:22-30](#)).

They knew how to follow God as well as yield to the leading of their spiritual authorities. Can you submit to God, and submit to spiritual leadership? Where have you succeeded in this? Where have you failed in this? Is it possible for people to fail because they have not been taught how to follow spiritual authority? Is it possible for leaders to fail because they hesitate to govern the work of God? Is there a difference between submitting to God, and submitting to His delegated leadership?

One of the first requirements for being a Breakthrough Believer is coming into obedience to the hand of God. You must first be submitted to God, and His ways of working. Secondly, when you later yield to God's appointed and delegated leadership you are simply revealing that you are yielded and teachable. **The believers in Antioch yielded to the mature leadership sent from Jerusalem even though they themselves were the ones who began the work in Antioch.**

Can you start something a group, choir, ministry activity, social gathering, and just let it go, and step out of the way when another person comes along to take over? Have you ever felt jealous of someone working in the church? Notice, there is no mention of the names of the people who started the work. They were not captured by the burden of the people; they had the burden of God. How do you feel when you have worked so hard to make something happen, and your name is not mentioned? Be honest. Is there something you are doing for God that you are really doing for yourself? What are you doing around the church or in the church for your own glory; so you will be noticed?

One of the reasons why the local church struggles moving ahead in the things of God is because people are in the church to make themselves look, and feel good. They are not working for God. They have the burden of the people on their lives, as well as the burden of making up for the approval, and appreciation they did not receive outside the church. Now they are in the church to prove something to themselves, and other people. They are not fully surrendered to God. They will not suffer for God. They have not yet become honest enough for God to use them mightily. They continue to limit God to ministering only to their needs, in much the same way the Jews limited God to ministering to the Jews only.

Having the heart of God as well as the heart of your pastors is more important than having a position, title, and name recognition. Notice [Acts 11:21](#) again. Many believed **and turned to the Lord**. There are many who believe today **but have never turned their heart to the Lord**. Their hearts and faces are still set on worldly riches, and fame. They still cry out for recognition in church. They do not cry out with their mouths, they cry out in their behavior. They feel personally rejected when others receive attention, and are placed in leadership positions. The hand of the Lord in your life is to make such a dynamic change in the way you live that God can use you to turn many to Christ.