

The Four Voices: How to Think Like a Christian

My Voice is Enough

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Hello, Man in the Mirror, I'm Khayree Pender. It's a day I'll be coming from John 16:12-15. And we know that we're talking about the voice of the Holy Spirit, the voice of the Holy Spirit. John 16:12-15 reads as this, "I have much more to say to you, more than you can bear. But when the Spirit of truth comes He will guide you into all truth. He will not speak on His own, He will speak only what He hears and He will tell you what is yet to come. He will glorify me because it is from me that He will receive what He will make known to you. All that belongs to the Father's mind, this is why I said the Spirit will receive from me what He will make known to you."

We know what we're talking about the voice of the Holy Spirit. And we begin to talk about voices. We understand that there's certain voices that really gets our attention. I know that growing up and there several voices that you can hear that can make you alter certain decisions and things that you were thinking about doing. It's just all because of that voice, that voice has a command presence. It has a distinct sound about itself that causes you to really just stop and really think and to reflect.

To hear those voices, granted we're talking about hearing voices amongst us with the Holy Spirit. We don't want anybody to think we're crazy anything like that just going off talking about hearing voices. But as we begin to reflect on the voice of the Holy Spirit and voices that we hear or even know about that grabs our attention or rest us in our spirit as we're thinking about certain things or even trying to venture off and do things, that simple voice begins to speak to you.

The voice of the Holy Spirit is a real subtle voice. As we begin to speak and talk about this in verse 16... It's chapter 16, verse 12, it says, "I have much more to say to you more than you can bear." As that verse begins to talk we have the Holy Spirit that's going to be the direct channel from God to the disciples. As for us, that Holy Spirit intervened and comes in and is that direct channel for us to hear what's being said and for us to hear it. But it tells that as it has much more for you to say.

Now thing I love about it is the delivery process that will happen. It's a lot to bear but saying that as I'm giving it to you. I won't just dump it all on you, there'll be bits and pieces for you to be able to digest as going through. I don't know about you if you ever had to make a decision or give an answer under pressure, it can really have you disoriented and have you scrambling trying to figure out. As the Holy Spirit comes and lets us know, "Listen, we already know what you're about to receive is enough and is much more than you can bear," but the Holy Spirit will come and intervene.

It says in verse 13, "But when He, the Spirit of truth comes He will guide you. He will guide you into all truth." We talked about the delivery so far. We understand that even when things are being delivered there has to be a trusted entity for things to be delivered. And if you know about things being delivered even if it's packages or even valuable information, they tell you about cases and files and even packaging things. We know that certain things that we are receiving has to be taken care of, it's going to be delivered, those things are fragile.

And it comes with certain types of warning or even if you will say instructions to tell you how to handle certain information. And we are so grateful that the Holy Spirit is able to handle that information and get it to us safely. We're so grateful that the Holy Spirit understands, understands the value of it and knows what needs to be done and what time and how it needs to be done.

But here it is, it says, "He will guide you into all truth." Let's just talk about guidance. If we are here just to talk about voices let's just be honest, we know that the enemy voice can try to guide us and give types of all types of luring things with the voice or even trying to pull us in. But it tells us here, how you'll be able to decipher some of those things, the Holy Spirit will guide us with all truth. Not only is He just guiding us, but not guiding us with deceit, not guiding us with fear, not guiding us with doubt but guiding us with all truth.

And what I found out is if there's any type of discrepancy in truth, any little bit, it's not truth anymore. Truth is full, it's pure, and it's 100%. One little spec or dot can throw truth all the way off. It says this, that the Holy Spirit will guide us in all truth. And that's what you want. When you're going through, not even just saying going through bad times but just through this journey called life and seeking the understanding and seeking truth and knowledge and just guidance. You want it to be truthful, you don't want to have to go through something that's not true and then have to revisit the whole cycle again.

You want to make sure that the first time that it's right. When we begin to talk about those voices in our, like I said earlier before we started, there's certain voices that register with you, that you can hear certain things. There's a favorite scripture I love in the Bible. It tells us, it says that a fool is known by his many words. And that speaks out to me so much because it says, "A fool is known by his many words," being that certain things can be delivered. Words can be carried over, or you could even hear the words and connect that person with those words.

IF THE WORDS DON'T SOUND LIKE THE HOLY SPIRIT, IT'S NOT HIM

Think about it. Think about certain things that you could hear. Or somebody can say, "Hey, did you know that someone so said this or someone so said that? And you think about it like, "Yeah, that sounds like, yeah." One thing I want us to understand and know that the words have to sound like Him. When you're thinking about certain things and doing it, if the words don't sound like the Holy Spirit it's not Him. It tells us, "It's not Him." He's going to guide you in all truth. He won't leave you, He won't lead you the wrong way, He will guide you in all truth.

You should be able to match up the words with the actions and say, "You know what? That sounds like the voice of the Holy Spirit. That sounds like the voice of the Holy Spirit." When we begin to think about some of the voices or things that may pop up, okay? Most of all, we have the voice of the Holy Spirit that we're battling when we're doing things and we have the voice of our own flesh as well. And we understand when we think about the voice of the Holy Spirit, it's not bold, it's not boisterous it's not vulgar. Real subtle, simple, calm.

When we have our voice of our flesh, that screaming and hollering, it's loud, it has temper tantrums, it goes crazy. You got to understand that sometimes we can't even hear that voice of the Holy Spirit because we hear that voice of our feelings, that screaming and hollering trying to get attention, or even get their point across as well.

It tells us in verse 13, "But when the Spirit of truth comes," the Spirit of truth, it's name is Truth and it will guide you in truth. So there's nothing else in it, it'll guide to truth. And it says this, in the same verse it says, "He will not speak on His own. He will speak only what He hears and He will tell you what's the come." Here's the great point, He will not speak on His own.

I don't know if you've ever had someone give you a certain type of information that you had to follow, or give you some type of advice, or relayed a message from a higher up or a superior that boarded to

you, that gave you instructions. But the person or the carrier of... The messenger of the instructions told you what the superior said, but said, "Well, I don't think you need to do it like that, maybe you can do it like this but they said do this," no, we can't do that. We understand that we've been connected with people that receive information from a higher up or a superior to bring it but also give their own advice with what they think you should do, no way.

The Holy Spirit will only... It says the Holy Spirit, He will only speak, He will not speak on His own. He will not add His own information in on what He thinks will be better for you or what needs to happen. He will not do that. He will not speak on His own because He understand the important of what He's receiving and the connection that He's a part of and what He needs to do. He understands that and He respects that. He's not bringing information from higher up and changing it.

And next it says this, "He will only speak what He hears." That's it. Not something that you thought you heard, He won't bring you anything that He thought He heard or He thinks that He hears. It says, "He will speak only what He hears." Meaning that you don't have to second guess it when you going through or hearing or about to apply a life application to it. Mm-mm (negative), no, He only speaks what He hears. That is it and that's a great place to be. And He said, "And He will tell you what is yet to come."

LISTEN TO THE HOLY SPIRIT

The first thing is we have to listen to the Holy Spirit. You have to listen to the Holy Spirit. You have to be open, you have to be open to the Holy Spirit and listen to what the Holy Spirit is saying. I have a question. How do you deal with interruptions when trying to hear the voice of the Holy Spirit? It's a great one, really think about that, not an immediate answer. And then are you able to decipher the Holy Spirit's voice over your flesh's voice? As always. I know that's a quick "one, two" but it's a great question for us to really think over it.

Are you? Are you able to filter... But do you have your spiritual filters on your ears that you won't let any other thing get through that but you can really decipher in here, okay, I can pick the Holy Spirit words out from a situation or me trying to hear the voices at that time? That's a great one. The first thing that we have to do is we have to listen to the Holy Spirit.

As we continue to go through real listening to the Holy Spirit, we understand that He will not speak on His own. This is all in the scripture, verse 12, "He will not speak on His own. He will only speak what He hears and He will tell you what is to come." You think about it, you think about it. Are you able to decipher? When you're dealing with interruptions can you decipher that Holy Spirit voice out?

I found out that you get more common and comfortable with certain voices when there's time spent. It reflects back on relationship, you can hear that voice. You couldn't ask me out of a crowd to pick out somebody I didn't know whose voice is this or give me a whole bunch of people speaking, you ask me to name that person I couldn't because I had no relationship. I didn't understand, I wouldn't know them. It was great things thing to find out that this security with the Holy Spirit, He's a great deliverer, He's a great guider. He's great security in there, so we have to listen to the Holy Spirit. Whatever you go through, whatever's going on, you have to make sure that you're listening and that you want to listen. We can hear certain things but have our mind made up, but you have to want to listen as well.

It tells us this in verse 14, it says, "He will glorify me because it is from me that He will receive what He will make known to you. He will glorify me because it is from me He will receive, He will make known to you." First thing we talked about was listening to the Holy Spirit. Now let's talk about learning from the Holy Spirit.

LEARNING FROM THE HOLY SPIRIT

It says, "He will glorify me because it is from me that He will receive what He will make known to you." We have to learn. We have to really be in position to be able to receive, we have to learn. We have to

make sure that we're able to move certain things out of way and be a true student to really understand. So listening is great, learning is great, that's what we have to do. We have to learn from the Holy Spirit. And what do you mean learn? We'll go through things, we'll understand, we'll have to learn and listen from the Holy Spirit. And from things that probably happen and that we really take the full advice are really here. We know what's a lot than we may be able to bear but He'll break it down.

But did you learn from the situation to say, "You know what? I should have went that route and listened to you from the first time. This is it, I get it, I'm learning from you. I understand that there's more that's coming. I understand, I'm learning from what you're showing me. I'm learning from what you're telling me. I'm learning from how you're guiding me, I'm learning from how you're receiving. I'm learning all these things and I'm making sure that I'm in position to always be a student to learn and receive as well as the Holy Spirit is received."

That's how we're learning. Okay, He's receiving it this way, He's not speaking on His own. He's only speaking what He hears and He's able to tell us what to come. But even in that, let me jump back to that end part of that of verse 12, it says, "He'll tell you what's to come." I don't know about you, but I love a great warning, and the Bible also tells us that warning comes before destruction. I love a great warning. A warning sets you up to be successful, to make you complete, to make sure you're not hard.

Simple thing, even on roads when you think about, if you drive along the highway or the interstate or the 408 toll road, if you're about to make an exit, the majority of the exits come to a curve as you're coming off your exit. And there's a triangle sign that shows a truck tipping over, and it has a speed limit of 35 or 45. And it's telling you, "Hey, the best speed for you to make it around this curve without turning it over will be the speed that we have posted."

That warning has let you know because if not you'll be in an accident. You'll cause harm to yourself. That Holy Spirit will tell you what's to come, it'll let you know. It'll help you. It helps you through those things and it will guide you through those things, so we'll listen to the Holy Spirit. And going through we'll learn from the Holy Spirit. He will glorify me because it's from me that He will receive what He will make known to you.

And I have a question as well for this. Knowing that we heavily rely on resources that are at our fingertips, do you find it easy to let the Holy Spirit guide you? You have the resources, you have them, but did you find it easy? Do you find it easy with those resources that you feel as though you can get an immediate response and have things happen? Do you find it easy to let the Holy Spirit guide you even though you have your resources? Even though you have your resources do you find it easy to let the Holy Spirit guide you?

What are some things that makes you cringe up or to say, "You know what? I want the Holy Spirit to guide me through this. I won't handle this the way I want to." What do you do? And lastly, verse 15, it says, "All that belongs to the Father is mine. That is why I said the Spirit will receive from me what He will make known to you." We'll listen to the Holy Spirit, we'll learn from the Holy Spirit and we'll lean on the Holy Spirit.

LEAN ON THE HOLY SPIRIT

It says, "All that belongs to the Father is mine." All I have to do is lean on the Father. Lean on the word that He's given the Holy Spirit, that direct connection, that direct channel, that's all I have to do. Is just lean on Him. Put all my cares, worries, wait on the Father. It's everything that He has it is, because it says this, "That is why I said the Holy Spirit will receive from me what He will make known to you." I'm happy that I can lean on the make-known, everything that He gives. Meaning that the word that's coming it's sturdy enough to hold us, it's strong enough to hold us, support us. It's firm enough to guide us, it's big enough to block us. I can lean on what's coming.

The Holy Spirit is that direct channel between God and us, He's given it to us. Let me know that I can lean on that, I don't have to worry about it. I don't have to worry about it I will lean on those things. Question. We know that the Holy Spirit is described as that still voice and here we're talking that my voice is enough. Have you ever witnessed the Holy Spirit respond in another way? Because think about it, when we say the voice, I'm saying the words that are being entrenched that are coming in different ways.

But it says also as well that the Holy Spirit will show itself in different ways as well, it definitely can do it. We understand it and we know what the Holy Spirit can do. Let's just understand and know that the Holy Spirit will respond and show up, but we have to make sure that we're keen to it and that relation is in place with us to be able to do it. We understand and we know that the Holy Spirit will be there.

Let us pray. Father, we thank you for this day. We thank you for blessing each and every one of us, we thank you for allowing the men to even come together and understand and lock into these Bible studies. But God as we're growing and as we're going, as we get in tune with you Father, we ask right now that you bless us right now, God. Father we're coming one with this Holy Spirit. We thank you for the direct connect and channel that you have for us right now, Lord, to guide us right now God. But as we go through these things, allow us to focus ourselves and make sure that we're doing what's right, right now, God. We're learning and we're listening right now, God. We're listening to the Holy Spirit, Father we are learning and we're also leaning. Lord, we thank you for everything that you've done and everything that you're going to do for us. In your name we pray, Jesus, amen.