



Lesson 25
"Abba, Father"
Romans 8:12-17
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We are being led by the Spirit of God. This does not mean we leave our minds at the door, waiting for an experience. It is through the Spirit that we are able to obey Scripture and please God.

Read Ephesians 5:15-21. What should characterize how we walk?

How are we to use our time?

How can we understand what the will of God is? (It isn't stated here explicitly. Think about what God's word says and then consider how you might know His will.)

What are we to fill ourselves up with?

What does this look like, according to verses 19-21?

Read Colossians 3:16-17. What should dwell in us?

What purpose does this have? (At least two things.)

What should our focus be in all that we do?

What kind of attitude should accompany this focus?

Read John 17:17. As Jesus prays for His disciples, how does He say that they will be sanctified?

Please take note that nowhere does Scripture suggest that believers are led to understanding through subjective, mental "impressions" or "promptings" or "voices" to direct life's decisions. Instead, God's Spirit leads His children sometimes through arranging circumstances (read Acts 16:6-7) but mostly, the Spirit guides us through Scripture. The Spirit helps us to understand Scripture and to obey it (read Colossians 1:9-10).

Read Galatians 3:28-29. What are we all, if we are part of Christ?

Read Ephesians 1:11-12. What have we been given, according to God's purpose?

Read John 15:18-21. What does suffering *for God* tell you about your status in God's family?

What does that tell all Christians they should expect?

As you spend time with God today, spend time with Him. Don't just "go through the motions" or "cross off the list of verses to read" and call it good. Ask yourself if you are bringing God into the parts of your life, or if you are bringing your life to God. It's different. God cannot be compartmentalized and He wants your whole life. How does that look in your life?

Where are you still keeping God at arms length? At work? In your car as you drive and deal with traffic frustrations? With your family? With your friends? Submit your life to Him, knowing that He is your Abba and knowing the promise that He extends to you is eternal life *with Him*.