

Let the Holy Spirit Guide

Elder Ronald A. Rasband

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We must always try to obey God's laws, study the scriptures, pray, attend the temple, and live true to the thirteenth article of faith, "being honest, true, chaste, benevolent, virtuous, and ... doing good to all men."

Second, we must be willing to receive the Spirit.

The Lord has promised, "I will tell you in your mind and in your heart, by the Holy Ghost, which shall come upon you and which shall dwell in your heart."

Third, we must recognize the Spirit when it comes.

My experience has been that the Spirit most often communicates as a feeling. You feel it in words that are familiar to you, that make sense to you, that prompt you.

Fourth, we must act on the first prompting.

We must be confident in our first promptings. Sometimes we rationalize; we wonder if we are feeling a spiritual impression or if it is just our own thoughts. When we begin to second-guess, even third-guess, our feelings—and we all have—we are dismissing the Spirit; we are questioning divine counsel.

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