

DISCLOSURES OF THE SPIRIT: GUIDING THE CHURCH JOHN 16:12-15

I. THE MINISTRY OF THE HOLY SPIRIT IN GUIDANCE, IS A GUIDANCE INTO WHAT THE LORD CALLS: *ALL TRUTH!!* (16:12-13)

- A. Whatever The Holy Spirit Teaches Is Sufficient For Both Creed And Conduct (16:13)
- B. Whatever The Lord Had Taught Up To The Cross Needed To Be Expanded Upon After He Returned To Glory (16:12)
 - 1. The Lord Did Meet With And Teach The Disciples During The Forty Day Interim Between The Resurrection And Ascension
 - 2. The Sum Total Of Truth For The Church Age Would Not Be Limited To The Four Gospels
 - 3. The Disciples Could Not Handle The Weight Of Any More Teaching Prior To The Coming Of The Holy Spirit

II. THE MINISTRY OF THE HOLY SPIRIT IN GUIDANCE, IS NOT FULFILLED IN THE INDIVIDUAL GUIDANCE OF BELIEVERS REGARDING THEIR PERSONAL DECISION MAKING (16:13)

- A. The Scripture Does Promise Individual Believers The Guidance Of God In Other Places, But Not Here
- B. This Guidance Refers Primarily To That Which The Apostles Would Specifically Receive Regarding The Doctrinal Truth That Would Be Foundational For The Duration Of The Life Of The Church Age
 - 1. The Holy Spirit Made Things Known By Revelation
 - 2. The Holy Spirit Superintended The Inscripturation Of That Revelation By Inspiration

III. THE MINISTRY OF THE HOLY SPIRIT IN GUIDANCE, WILL BY NECESSITY BE EXTENSIVELY PROPHETIC (16:13)