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The primary way God leads His people is through His Word.

Psalm 119:105 - Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path. *NKJV*

The way God leads His people “individually” is through the “inward witness.”

Romans 8:14,16 – ¹⁴ For as many as are **led by the Spirit of God**, these are sons of God. ¹⁶ The Spirit Himself **bears witness with our spirit** that we are children of God, *NKJV*

How does the inward witness work?

Acts 27:10 – “I Perceive.”

Romans 2:13-15 – ¹³ for not the hearers of the law are just in the sight of God, but the doers of the law will be justified; ¹⁴ for when Gentiles, who do not have the law, **by nature** do the things in the law, these, although not having the law, are a law to themselves, ¹⁵ who show the work of the law **written in their hearts**, their **conscience also bearing witness**, and between themselves their thoughts accusing or else excusing them. *NKJV*

CONSCIENCE is the “voice of the inward man.”

Romans 9:1 - I tell the truth in Christ, I am not lying, my **conscience also bearing me witness** in the Holy Spirit. *NKJV*

The condition of your conscience is crucial.

I Timothy 3:9 - Holding the mystery of the faith with a **pure** conscience. *NKJV*

Acts 24:16 - This being so, I myself always strive to have a conscience **without offense** toward **God** and **men**. *NKJV*

I Timothy 1:19 - having faith and a **good** conscience, which some having **rejected** [*Conscience*], concerning the faith have suffered shipwreck. *NKJV*

When is CONSCIENCE a safe guide?

1. You must be born again.

Titus 1:15-16 – ¹⁵ To the pure all things are pure, but to those who are defiled and unbelieving nothing is pure; but even their mind and **conscience are defiled**. ¹⁶ They profess to know God, but in works they deny Him, being abominable, disobedient, and disqualified for every good work. **NKJV**

2. God's Word must be your final authority.

Your conscience must be PURE and WITHOUT OFFENSE.

I Timothy 4:2 - Speaking lies in hypocrisy, having their own **conscience seared** with a hot iron. **NKJV**

My Truth – Subjective
God's Truth – Final Authority

I Corinthians 7:1-5 – ¹ Now concerning the things of which you wrote to me: It is good for a man not to touch a woman. ² Nevertheless, because of sexual immorality, let each man have his own wife, and let each woman have her own husband. ³ Let the husband render to his wife the affection due her, and likewise also the wife to her husband. ⁴ The wife does not have authority over her own body, but the husband does. And likewise the husband does not have authority over his own body, but the wife does. ⁵ Do not deprive one another except with consent for a time, that you may give yourselves to fasting and prayer; and come together again so that Satan does not tempt you because of your lack of self-control. **NKJV**

Deuteronomy 6:24 - And the LORD commanded us to observe all these statutes, to fear the LORD our God, for our good always, that He might preserve us alive, as it is this day. **NKJV**