

The *Holy Spirit's* Prompt

When I hear the word *prompt*, the first thing that comes to my mind is: “the computer wants some input and I must respond,” e.g., when we see an ‘Enter Password’ prompt. Nowadays the old-style prompts have been replaced by a ‘Pop-Up’ window. But the principle remains the same – to incite, to move or excite to action or exertion, to dictate and to suggest to the mind, to trigger a response to specific stimuli.

The Holy Spirit (*Ruach Elohim*) has His own unique prompts; the ones the Lord has sovereignly chosen as His identifying calls to action. We cannot change His prompts – but fortunately we CAN learn them. One of the most important aspects of being mighty in Spirit is being able to discern the Holy Spirit of God prompting us to think speak, and act according to His Word. How do we recognize these promptings? The following are some characteristic “prompts” of the *Ruach Elohim* when He wants to do business with us.

Recognizing His Prompt

- **His Prompt urges us to do His Will**

“For God is the one working among you both the willing and the working for what pleases him.” (Phil. 2:13)

“For God's grace, which brings deliverance, has appeared to all people. It teaches us to renounce godlessness and worldly pleasures, and to live self-controlled, upright and godly lives now, in this age.” (Titus 2:11-12)

- **Our spirit ‘discerns’ them after we are reborn by the *Ruach Elohim***

“For who knows the inner workings of a person except the person's own spirit inside him? So too no one knows the inner workings of God except God's Spirit...Now the natural man does not receive the things from the Spirit of God –to him they are nonsense! Moreover, he is unable to grasp them, because they are discerned (evaluated) through the Spirit of God.” (1 Corinthians 2:10-11, 14)

- **His prompt is always in harmony with His Word (Scripture)**

1 Corinthians 2:13 “These are the things we are talking about when we avoid the manner of speaking that human wisdom would dictate and instead use a manner of speaking taught by the Spirit, by which we explain things of the Spirit to people who have the Spirit.”

- **His prompt is always opposite our human nature**

“For the old nature wants what is contrary to the Spirit, and the Spirit wants what is contrary to the old nature. These oppose each other, so that you find yourselves unable to carry out your good intentions.” (Galatians 5:17)

- **His prompt focuses on a response to a matter we think is unimportant – the “little things” matter!**

“Someone who is trustworthy in a small matter is also trustworthy in large ones, and someone who is dishonest in a small matter is also dishonest in large ones.” (Luke 16:10)

“Catch the foxes for us, yes, the little foxes! They are ruining the vineyards when our vineyards are in bloom!” (Song of Songs 2:15)

- **His prompt warns us of approaching temptations**

“Therefore, let anyone who thinks he is standing up be careful not to fall!” (1 Corinthians 10:12)

“Stay awake, and pray that you will not be put to the test the spirit indeed is eager, but human nature is weak.” (Matthew 26:41)

“See to it that no one misses out on G-d's grace, that no root of bitterness springing up causes trouble and thus contaminates many.” (Hebrews 12:15)

- **His prompt dims on your spirit's console the longer we resist obeying Him**

“Therefore I say this–indeed, in union with the Lord I insist on it: do not live any longer as the pagans live, with their sterile ways of thinking. Their intelligence has been shrouded in darkness, and they are estranged from the life of God, because of the ignorance in them, which in turn comes from resisting God's will. They have lost all

feeling, so they have abandoned themselves to sensuality, practicing any kind of impurity and always greedy for more.” (Eph. 4:17-19)

“Quench not the Spirit.” {If Scripture tells us ‘quench not the Spirit,’ then it must be quenchable} (1 Thes. 5:19)

- **Moral impurity deadens His prompt**

“Dear friends, I urge, you as aliens and temporary residents not to give in to the desires of your old nature, which keep warring against you.”(1 Peter 2:11)

“Because, although they know who G-d is, they do not glorify him as G-d or thank him. On the contrary, they have become futile in their thinking; and their undiscerning hearts have become darkened. Claiming to be wise, they have become fools! In fact, they have exchanged the glory of the immortal G-d for mere images, like a mortal human being, or like birds, animals or reptiles! This is why G-d has given them up to the vileness of their hearts’ lusts, to the shameful misuse of each other’s bodies.” (Romans 1:21-24)

- **If we violate His prompt, we will have guilt springing inside of us**

“If our hearts know something against us, G-d is greater than our hearts, and he knows everything.” (1 John 3:20)

“For their lives show that the conduct the Torah dictates is written in their hearts. Their consciences also bear witness to this, for their conflicting thoughts sometimes accuse them and sometimes defend them.” (Romans 2:15)

- **If we obey His prompt we produce good fruit**

“But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, humility, self control. Nothing in the Torah stands against such things.” (Galatians 5:22-23)

Let Us Turn ON His Prompt

The *Ruach Elohim*’s OS (operating system) turns on when we engage in certain prescribed activities characteristic of living the lifestyle of a believer. If we engage ourselves in these, we know for sure that we will get additional “pop-up” windows urging us to good works (deeds).

Firstly, get in the Word; it keeps one’s heart pure (*“How can a young man keep his way pure? By guarding it according to your word”* Ps 119:9). Secondly, pray! Our effectual fervent prayers avail much (*“Therefore, openly acknowledge your sins to one another, and pray for each other, so that you may be healed. The prayer of a righteous person is powerful and effective.”* James 5:16). Then, share about Him with others (testify of what He continually does for you.) It makes us an ‘overcomer’ (*“They defeated him (HaSatan) because of the Lamb’s blood and because of the message of their witness. Even when facing death they did not cling to life”* (Rev. 12:11).

Lastly, seek and treasure your authority’s counsel (You are probably saying to yourself ‘you are kidding, right?’ No I’m not kidding. Your parents are God’s gift to your life.) The counsel of a godly parent is like a healing balm over a deep cut (*“A son who heeds his father’s discipline is wise, but a scoffer doesn’t listen to rebuke”*)

Typical Prompts

Let me close with some typical *HS OS* prompts. When these pop up, you can be sure they are friendly windows seeking only the very best for you. You can be sure it is the *Ruach Elohim* if all of a sudden you are prompted to reject an evil thought—an idea to do evil. It is the L-rd! You can be sure it is the *Ruach Elohim* if...

- ✓ Your spirit wants you to refrain from gossip and wrong (evil) words (including cuss words)
- ✓ You sense you should pray for a certain person
- ✓ You have an urge to write a letter of encouragement or a thank you note to someone
- ✓ The idea comes to ask forgiveness of anyone you have offended in word, action, or attitude
- ✓ You have a desire to walk away from wicked people who have wrong motives
- ✓ An impulse comes to give money and possessions to the Lord and to those in need
- ✓ You have the desire to spend time in fellowship with Lord and with His people
- ✓ You have a desire no matter how faint to spend time in the Word