



Message Reflections

March 31, 2019

Read and Reflect on the following different translations of John 16:13:

But when he, the Spirit of truth, comes, he will guide you into all the truth. He will not speak on his own; he will speak only what he hears, and he will tell you what is yet to come. (NIV)

But when the Friend comes, the Spirit of the Truth, he will take you by the hand and guide you into all the truth there is. He won't draw attention to himself, but will make sense out of what is about to happen and, indeed, out of all that I have done and said. (MSG)

When the Holy Spirit, who is truth, comes, he shall guide you into all truth, for he will not be presenting his own ideas, but will be passing on to you what he has heard. He will tell you about the future. (TLB)

When the Spirit of truth comes, he will guide you into all the truth, for he will not speak on his own authority, but whatever he hears he will speak, and he will declare to you the things that are to come. (ESV)

- Do you find it easy or difficult to relate to the Holy Spirit as a thinking, feeling, and active person who is present in your life?
- Can you think of an experience you've had when you were certain that the Holy Spirit was speaking to you?
- Are you able to focus on the things of the Spirit, so that you experience the guidance and power of the Holy Spirit necessary for you to overcome temptation?

Test each opportunity, each social interaction and each decision you make with these questions:

- ✓ Is this the wise thing for me to do?
- ✓ Is this the wise thing for me to do in light of my past experience?
- ✓ Is this the wise thing for me to do in light of my present situation?
- ✓ Is this the wise thing for me to do in light of my future plans and dreams?

If it isn't, stay away. By doing so, you will be right in step with the Holy Spirit.

Eric