

day 2 | Proofs of the Spirit's Filling, Part 1

"How do I know whether the Holy Spirit is filling me now?" That's a good question because you *can* know; it's not subjective. In Romans 8:14-17 Paul gives us five confirmations or proofs of the Holy Spirit's filling ministry. As you read about the following proofs, ask yourself these five questions.

Proof 1: Leading Me—Is God Leading Me?

"All who are led by the Spirit of God are sons of God" (Rom. 8:14). So are you one of God's children? If you are and you're filled with the Spirit, the Spirit of God is leading you. Everyone who is born of the Spirit is led by the Spirit. He directs you in what to say, what to do, and how to do it.

By His Spirit God sovereignly directs and works in our lives, leading us by His Spirit. This is the ongoing experience of a child of God. The Lord puts you in the right place at the right time to speak for Him. He leads you to a certain person. He puts words in your mouth. This leading is evidence of being filled with the Holy Spirit.

❶ Is God leading you? Yes No

❷ If you have experienced God leading you, briefly describe one time.

Proof 2: Gives Confidence—Is God Giving Me Confidence?

Romans 8:15 says, "You did not receive the spirit [attitude] of slavery to fall back into fear." Confidence is one of the overriding characteristics in the life of a person who is being filled with God's Spirit.

Fear is what you had before Christ. If you talk to people who don't know the Lord, you quickly see that they're slaves to fear—fear of the future, fear of dying, fear of not having enough. People who don't know the Lord are frequently filled with fear. But when the Spirit of God comes to live in you, He replaces that fear with confidence. We should trust the Lord. We don't know what's going to happen, but our confidence is in God. Confidence grows in the life of a person who is controlled or filled by God's Spirit.

❸ Is God giving you confidence? Yes No

❹ If you have experienced God giving you confidence, briefly describe one time.
