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We have said that Christ control can take over everything that does not matter, while Christ-guidance can direct everything that does, if you so choose. T 2 IV 72:3

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"Many are called but few are chosen" should be, "All are called but few choose to listen." T 3 VI 49:7

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If you cannot hear the Voice for God, it is because you do not choose to listen. That you do listen to the voice of your ego is demonstrated by your attitudes, your feelings and your behavior. T 4 V 56:1-2

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You have very little trust in me as yet, but it will increase as you turn more and more often to me instead of to your ego for guidance. The results will convince you increasingly that this choice is the only sane one you can make. No one who learns from experience that one choice brings peace and joy while another brings chaos and disaster needs much conditioning. T 4 VII 86:3-5

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The truly helpful are God's miracle workers, whom I direct until we are all united in the joy of the Kingdom. I will direct you to wherever you can be truly helpful, and to whoever can follow my guidance through you.

T 4 VIII 102:7-8

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That is why you can choose to listen to two voices within you. One you made yourself and that one is not of God. But the other is given you by God, Who asks you only to listen to it. T 5 III 19:4-6

[The other voice, the one I rarely hear or abide, speaks to my brother's need, which is to be loved, accepted, celebrated. It is the same need that I have. I can love myself, or my family and close friends who love me, but this is not the infinite unconditional love that brings peace, it is the small bargained love, a shadow of God's love. Conditional love is peace that has a price and thus leads away from the joy of basking in God's unconditional love. To live joyously, a porter of light, a vessel of good spirit, give what you would receive. - 27JUN08]

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The holy spirits voice is as loud as your willingness to listen T 8 VIII 78:7

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Do not attempt to "help" a brother in your way, for you cannot help yourself. But hear his call for the Help of God, and you will recognize your own need for the Father. T 11 II 7:6-7

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...and your fear of being answered in a different way from what your version of the question asks will gain momentum, until you believe the day you want is one in which you get your answer to your question. And you will not get it, for it would destroy the day by robbing you of what you really want. T 30 II 14:2-3

[We want happiness. We think we know what will bring it but mainly we don't. Happiness derives from the awareness that we and all our brothers and sisters are equal heirs, equal participants in God's kingdom. It is not a question of who can get the biggest piece of God's love. Wars are basically struggling to decide who has the largest spoonful of the ocean of God's love.]

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You will not make decisions by yourself whatever you decide. For they are made with idols or with God. And you ask help of Christ or anti-Christ, and which you choose will join with you and tell you what to do. T 30 II 29:7-9

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Today I will make no decisions by myself. T 30 II 4:1

[Your own decisions do not have the power of God behind them - you have to carry them out by yourself. This does not mean you will not accomplish anything, you just may not accomplish anything very worthwhile. A happy day feels like I did something worthwhile. What is worth while? - 20 Apr 08]

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A healed mind does not plan. It carries out the plans that it receives through listening to wisdom that is not it's own. W 135 12:1-2

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In time, with practice, you will never cease to think of Him, and hear His loving Voice guiding your footsteps into quiet ways, where you will walk in true defenselessness. For you will know that Heaven goes with you. W 153 18:1-2

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The messages that they deliver are intended first for them. W 154 6:2

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Step back in faith and let truth lead the way. You know not where you go. But One Who knows goes with you. Let Him lead you with the rest. W 155 10:3-6

[In seeking to follow the voice for God, guard that it is not a search for the special mission. The spiritual life is outwardly ordinary, inwardly joyous.]

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I am not a body. I am free. I hear the Voice that God has given me, and it is only this my mind obeys. W 199 9:1-3

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Let us today attend the Voice of God, which speaks an ancient lesson, no more true today than any other day. Yet has this day been chosen as the time when we will seek and hear and learn and understand. Join me in hearing. For the Voice of God tells us of things we cannot understand alone, nor learn apart. W 275 1:1-4

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I need be anxious over nothing for your voice will tell me what to do and where to go; to whom to speak and what to say to him. What thoughts to think, what words to give the world. W 275 2:2-3

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There are those who are called upon to change their life situation almost immediately, but these are generally special cases. By far the majority are given a slowly-evolving training program.... M 9 1:6-7

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(A teacher of God)...does not make his own decisions; he asks his teacher for his answer, and it is this he follows as his guide for action. M 9 2:2

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Have you yet learned to stand aside and hear the Voice of Judgment in yourself? Or do you still attempt to take His role from Him? Learn to be quiet, for His Voice is heard in stillness. And His Judgment comes to all who stand aside in quiet listening, and wait for Him. M 15 3:10-13

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If he senses even the faintest hint of irritation in himself as he responds to anyone, let him instantly realize that he has made an interpretation that is not true. Then let him turn within to his eternal guide and let him judge what the response should be. M 18 5:2-3

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Ask and He will answer. The responsibility is His, and He alone is fit to assume it. To do so is His function. To refer the questions to Him is yours. M 29 2:7-10

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Do not, then, think that following the Holy Spirit's guidance is necessary merely because of your own inadequacies. It is the way out of hell for you.

M 29 3: 10-11

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To ask the Holy Spirit to decide for you is simply to accept your true inheritance. Does this mean that you cannot say anything without consulting Him? No, indeed! That would hardly be practical, and it is the practical with which this course is most concerned. If you have made it a habit to ask for help when and where you can, you can be confident that wisdom will be given you when you need it. Prepare for this each morning, remember God when you can throughout the day, ask the Holy Spirit's help when it is feasible to do so, and thank Him for His guidance at night.

M 29 5:4-9

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[We Cultivate "Good" Judgement to direct us thru life. How much easier if we cultivate listening. -]

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[It was my habit to ask - what can I do of service today. What came to me was that this question is future oriented, whereas service is in the present, life with the spirit is in the present. We can have a direction, an idea of how to respond to the day, what ideas to apply to a situation that might come up - but to request or expect a list of tasks or missions for the day is an attempt to move us away from the present and into a predictable future. We can ask who should I help today, or how can I help today and maybe this is closer to guided living, but finally we must be of the mind that we don't know what is coming, cannot plan for it. In each instant, we can choose which voice to follow, how to respond. We prepare by being ready, receptive. By practicing love, forgiveness, joyfulness. - 4 Feb 05]

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[The question is not “why can’t I hear the voice of the holy spirit”? The question is “why don’t I do what he asks me to do, so I can follow him even better?” Ken Wapnick.]

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[What do you want - guidance for the day, the week, the year, your life ? True guidance is in the moment, the now. Do not be future oriented, time oriented. - 9 APR 07]

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[Hearing the voice is not difficult. Ignoring the voice is not difficult either. pp. Ken Wapnick -]

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[The collapse of a dam begins with a trickle, even a brief pause beginning each day with me is a start. - 11 APR 07]

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[Your life is constipated - you have more to do than is doable. This leads to frustration and anger and makes it difficult to enjoy doing anything because of the burden of things you are not doing. For today keep working on the spirit of forgiveness as the main task while you are busy with whatever way you choose to fill the day - the small stuff. - 25 May 06]