‘By My Spirit, says the Lord’

**Matt 5:16** (Jesus to multitudes after beatitudes)
Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven.

How do we ‘let our light shine before men’?? By our strength, or by His Spirit?

**Zech 4:6** (525BC - Zerrubbabel to finish Temple)
"This is the word of the LORD to Zerubbabel: 'Not by might nor by power, but by My Spirit,' Says the LORD of hosts.

How do we know what He is setting before us? By His Spirit....

**John 10:26** (Jews in doubt of who Jesus was)
My sheep hear My voice, and I know them, and they follow Me.

Do we hear His voice? Do we really want to hear His voice? Are we listening?

**Luke 14:34-35**
34 "Salt is good; but if the salt has lost its flavor, how shall it be seasoned?
35 It is neither fit for the land nor for the dunghill, but men throw it out. He who has ears to hear, let him hear!"

Hear what? What the Spirit is saying!!

Do we believe what He says to us? Do we doubt when it is out of our comfort zone.

1st.....be willing
2nd....don’t let doubt or fear control you

**James 1:6-8**
6 But let him ask in faith, with no doubting, for he who doubts is like a wave of the sea driven and tossed by the wind.
7 For let not that man suppose that he will receive anything from the Lord;
8 he is a double-minded man, unstable in all his ways.

**Luke 18:9-14** (Do we act on what we believe? Maybe not, if in our own power, or might!)
9 Also He spoke this parable to some who trusted in themselves that they were righteous, and despised others:
10 Two men went up to the temple to pray, one a Pharisee and the other a tax collector.
11 The Pharisee stood and prayed thus with himself, 'God, I thank You that I am not like other men--extortioners, unjust, adulterers, or even as this tax collector.
12 I fast twice a week; I give tithes of all that I possess.'
13 And the tax collector, standing afar off, would not so much as raise his eyes to heaven, but beat his breast, saying, 'God, be merciful to me a sinner!'
14 I tell you, this man went down to his house justified rather than the other; for everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, and he who humbles himself will be exalted."
Rom 8:14 (Can we depend upon the power, and might, of His Spirit? Yes, it comes with who we are!)  
For as many as are led by the Spirit of God, these are sons of God.

1 John 3:24  Now he who keeps His commandments abides in Him, and He in him. And by this we know that He abides in us, by the Spirit whom He has given us.

When we believe we are led by His Spirit, we can be confident that He will guide us to Godly success.

Prov 3:5-6  (What do we do with what the nay sayers are telling us?)  
5 Trust in the LORD with all your heart,  
And lean not on your own understanding;  
6 In all your ways acknowledge Him,  
And He shall direct your paths.

Do we always know the outcome of our obedience? Only if the Spirit reveals it to us...