

1. Moneys, ministries and opportunities that God has blessed us, we are being careful to turn back over to Him because this is His church and we are part of His kingdom, Luke 3:21-22.

- ✓ He's the provider, driver and navigator here. What made you think you were ever in the driver's seat to begin with, we've never been behind the wheel; God hasn't and won't relinquish that position.
 - ✓ The closest we've ever been to the steering wheel of life is the back seat! Back seat driving is what's making a wreck out of many of us. Since God is the provider, navigator, and driver, our response to Him should be "Yes sir!" "Sounds good." "Great Idea!" "I'm just along for the ride."
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2. In a weird and maybe surprising way, this attitude and these actions are just exactly like that of Jesus as He walked this earth.

- ✓ Jesus took a backseat to the Father and the Holy Spirit in His life on Earth. **Luke 3:21-22**; Jesus didn't begin to exist at conception; neither did He become the Son of God, but was always eternally the Son, coequal to the Father and Holy Spirit from forever in the limitless pass.
- ✓ The Holy Spirit never was anything other than completely involved with the life of Jesus from beginning to end, **Hebrews 9:14**, raised by the Spirit, **Romans 8:11**. There was no time in Jesus' earthly or heavenly life in which the Spirit was not completely involved.
- ✓ **Revelation 5:6**; The Spirit is not just what He has, but what He is; the Spirit is His Spirit in the same way that your spirit is you! The Holy Spirit is the Spirit *of* Christ, not the Spirit that *Made* Him Christ, **Romans 8:9**.
- ✓ The Holy Spirit's decent was otherwise to mark Him publicly as God's Son for the sake of John and others who were there. In fact, what we have here is a visible representation of His entire ministry. It was a submission, a getting in the back seat to the Father and empowerment of the Holy Spirit. He has His own power, His own knowledge, His own prerogative, but He set it all aside in submission to the Father and the Holy Spirit.
- ✓ Philippians 2:6-7; He was God before, He was God after, and He was God during His earthly ministry, but He divested Himself of all the prerogatives and powers of being God while He walked this earth. He did not cease to be God, but He set aside the use of His deity and submitted Himself to the will and power of the Father.
- ✓ So, if He set aside the use of His deity for His time on earth, how did He do all those miracles? He did only what the Father willed and the Spirit empowered. He became just like us (or what we should be), but unlike us, He didn't try to drive anything from the backseat, **John 5:19**, **John 12:49-50**, **John 8:28**, **John 10:37-38**
- ✓ Jesus didn't say or do anything from His own prerogative or power; it was only what the Father willed and Spirit empowered.

Luke 4:1 He didn't do it by his own power; He instead, did the only way a human can, by being filled with the Spirit, Hebrews 9:14.
