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 - lead at _____
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 - lead in your _____
- B. to _____ you to fulfill your _____
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- Every born again person is _____ by the Holy Spirit of God; as that Spirit is not _____ (extinguished) by sin – remember He's the _____ Spirit, that person is filled with the Spirit of joy!
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[The third step is to take your next step – to grow "Little By Little..." "But I don't want to grow up" – yes, you do! That's another lie! You want to grow up into fulness of joy! This step can be reworded as follows:]

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