



The Holy Spirit

Discovering the Holy Spirit and His Gifts





Welcome to: **The Holy Spirit:** ***Discovering the Holy Spirit and His Gifts***

Course Overview: This course is designed to introduce you to important, yet practical concepts and guidelines for knowing, walking with, and ministering in the Holy Spirit. In this course you will learn . . .

- Who is the Holy Spirit
- How does He work within us
- How do we relate to Him and cooperate with Him
- Basic understanding of the Gifts of the Spirit

Course Goals: By the end of this course, you should be able to:

- Develop a solid theological approach to the Holy Spirit
- Begin a life of walking in the Spirit
- Develop an understanding and experiential reality of the Gifts of the Holy Spirit

Follow-up Study: To obtain full credit and benefit from this class, you must complete the following three assignments:

- Read all untaught lessons and appendix material and completely work through the entire manual doing all student activities.
- Read the follow-up reading on the website www.prepareinternational.org
- Write a 3-5 page paper answering the following questions:
 - a. What were the three most important things you learned in this course (list and describe them)?
 - b. How can these truths affect your life today?
 - c. How can you use what you learned in your ministry?



Lesson #1: Who is the Holy Spirit?

Anyone who regularly drove down Lattimore Street, knew the pathetic sight of the old 'panhandler' who drove his shopping cart around collecting things to help him get by. His home was a mixture of cardboard boxes under the bridge. During the summer, he would collect loose change from people who drove by his intersection while in the winter he would survive by rummaging through the garbage dumpsters behind the local hotels for scraps.

One bitter winter day, he didn't make his usual rounds. At first, no one noticed, but several days later, his frail body, wasted away by pneumonia, was found lying cold and dead in his cardboard 'home'.

When the county coroner did the autopsy, he found an old safety-deposit box key tightly clasped in the old man's hand. A little investigation revealed that the box had been issued years before in the old man's name. The lawyers were astounded at what they found in the old box: the deed to the old man's mansion in Florida, stocks and bonds from an elaborate investment portfolio, a Harvard diploma, Rolex watch, stacks of crisp \$100 bills, and containers filled with gold coins.

The old man who had lived in such poverty was in reality a very wealthy man. He possessed incredible resources, but had not made use of what he possessed!

The Promise of the Holy Spirit

For many of us, this story could be our story. In Jesus Christ, we have been given so much spiritual wealth, but most of us live in poverty! The secret to finding this wealth lies in knowing the person of the Holy Spirit.

The Prophets Foretold the Promised Holy Spirit.

Joel 2:28-29 "And it will come about after this that I will pour out My Spirit on all mankind; and your sons and daughters will prophesy, your old men will dream dreams, your young men will see visions. 29 "And even on the male and female servants I will pour out My Spirit in those days."

Joel's prophecy highlights two important aspects of the Holy Spirit's presence and ministry. The Holy Spirit was going to be "poured out on all flesh" in a manner that had never been experienced up to that point. This made way for the Spirit to come and dwell within each believer. The Holy Spirit was going to provide power for us to operate in the supernatural. Prophecy, dreams and visions were named as specific manifestations of this power.

Jesus' promise of the Spirit – As Jesus was discipling His followers, He made incredible promises and statements concerning the coming of the Holy Spirit.

- He would be like a well of living water in our souls that sprang up to eternal life (John 4.13-14)
- He would be in us like rivers of living water (John 7.37-39)
- He would teach us all things (John 14.26)
- He would guide us into all truth (John 16.13-14)
- He would empower us to serve (Acts 1.8)



Peter's promise of the Holy Spirit was in the form of an invitation.

Acts 2:38, 39 *"Repent and be baptized, every one of you for the forgiveness of your sins, and you shall receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. 39 "For the promise is for you and your children, and for all who are far off, as many as the Lord our God shall call to Himself."*

The Importance of the Holy Spirit

After receiving Jesus as Savior, knowing the person of the Holy Spirit and walking in His fullness may be the most important thing we do. All of our interactions with the Father and the Son come through Him.

John 16:7 *"But I tell you the truth, it is to your advantage that I go away; for if I do not go away, the Helper shall not come to you; but if I go, I will send Him to you."*

Jesus said it was important for Him to go away so that we could have the fullness of the Spirit. It is better to have the Spirit than the physical presence of Jesus.

The NT Writers spoke of the Spirit's Importance. He is mentioned 66 times in Acts, 34 times in Romans, and 55 Times in the Corinthians - After Christ Himself, knowing the Holy Spirit and the Spirit filled life is a dominating theme of NT.

Why has this message been hidden in the church?

Perhaps the most divisive issue in the Body of Christ today is the role and activity of the Spirit. The enemy knows that if he can silence the Spirit's activity in our lives, he can cut us off from all true life and power. Our Christianity will be reduced to doctrines, principles, and rules.



Discussion: *Why does Jesus suggest that the Holy Spirit's presence will be more advantageous than his own physical presence?*

The Holy Spirit is a Person

Many have misconceptions about the Holy Spirit. Many believe that the Spirit is some impersonal force or power from God. . .kind-of like "the Force" in Star Wars. Others feel the Spirit is not really there or active and still others teach that His activity ceased when the Bible was finalized.

Jesus always spoke of Him as a person: **John 16:13-14** *"But when He, the Spirit of truth, comes, He will guide you into all the truth; for He will not speak on His own initiative, but whatever He hears, He will speak; and He will disclose to you what is to come. 14 "He shall glorify Me; for He shall take of Mine, and shall disclose {it} to you."*

- 'He' or 'His' is used nine times in this passage.
- He is ascribed the attributes of a person:
- He can be grieved or quenched



- He is said to have love
- He has a will & a mind
- He can speak and has a voice

If He is a person, who is He? **He is God.** He is the third person of the Trinity, as fully God as the Father and Son! He is God and should be related to as God.



Bible Study: *Who is the Holy Spirit?*

The Holy Spirit has over twenty-five names in the NT alone. Each of these is a different activity or relationship God desires us to experience through the Spirit. Study the following below and write out the name of the Spirit and then how you think this relates to our lives.

Matt. 10.20 –

Phil. 1.19 –

Rom 8. 9-11 –

2 Tim 1.7 –

John 14.17 –

Rom 8.2 –

Rom 8.15 & Gal 4.6 –

2 Cor 4.13 –

Heb 10.29 -

These are just a few samples of the many names of the Holy Spirit given in scripture. Every name has a specific application of what the Father has sent Him to be or do in our lives. Each one of these names describes a way the Holy Spirit desires to minister to us and manifest Himself to us.



Application: How many of these are operating in your life? Which of these can you point to and say, “I know Him as this. . .?”



Lesson #2: Relating to the Spirit

We need to seek a vibrant, real relationship with the Holy Spirit. It must be more than doctrinal knowledge – we must know Him, walk with Him, fellowship with Him, and live in His presence and power every day.

2 Cor 13:14 *“The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with you all.”*

Paul ends His Corinth letter talking about the Fellowship of the Holy Spirit. We must learn to walk in this fellowship every day. We can know the Spirit as our closest companion. We should relate to Him and treat Him as Emmanuel – God with us. Throughout the book of Acts, we constantly see this communication with the Holy Spirit. We can learn to communicate and commune with Him. We can have a close relationship with Him! As we learn to communicate and fellowship with Him, all of His blessing begins to be released in our lives.

Three Fold Relationship with the Holy Spirit

There are three Key words (all prepositions) used by Jesus to describe our threefold relation to the Holy Spirit

A. WITH - *John 14:16* *“And I will ask the Father, and He will give you another Helper, that He may be with you.”*

Throughout the NT the Scripture tells us that the Holy Spirit will be **with us**. He comes to be with us so that we can know the living Presence of God in an experiential way.

God wants us to know His presence. After telling His followers the Spirit would come to be with them, Jesus then said that He and the Father would come to make their home **with** each one of us on the earth. (John 14.23)

How does He do that? Through the Holy Spirit’s presence **WITH** us.



Bible Study: *What do these other Scriptures say about Him being with us?*

Matt 1.23; Matt 28.20; John 14.23;

B. IN - *John 14:17* *“...the Spirit of truth. . .you know Him because He abides with you, and will be in you.”*

The next thing Jesus tells us about His Spirit is that He will be **in** us. The Bible says that the Spirit comes to live within us to make us like Jesus; to mature us into the image and life of Jesus Christ; to form our character into the character of Jesus.

Look at two prophecies of the Spirit living **IN** people: **Ezek. 11.18-20 & 36.25-27** Both of these speak of forming Christ’s heart and character of obedience to the Father in us.



C. UPON - Lastly, Jesus tells us that He, the Holy Spirit will *come upon* us also. **Acts 1:8** *“but you shall receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be My witnesses”*

The Bible lastly speaks of God’s Spirit not being *In* people, but coming upon people. This always refers to empowering their lives to do God’s work with power! Look at **Joel 2.28-29, Numbers 11.25-29 & Isa. 61.1-3** These, together with Acts 1.8, talk of power for ministry!



Discussion: *Is it possible to know the Holy Spirit in one of the three ways but miss him in another?*

THINK OF IT THIS WAY:

He is **WITH** me to bring me into intimacy with the Father & Son
He is **IN** me to bring the life and fruit of the Spirit
He comes **UPON** me to bring the powerful gifts of the Spirit

OR

He is **WITH** me to bring relationship with the Father & Son
He is **IN** me to mature my character into the image of Jesus
He comes **UPON** me to equip me to minister in power to others

The Indwelling Ministry of the Spirit -- IN

Jesus Christ changes men’s lives. He does it through His indwelling Holy Spirit. It is through the Holy Spirit living within the believer’s heart that:

- New life comes
- Joy, love, peace, hope spring up
- The power over sin and all bondage is experienced
- New purpose and direction comes

Definition: **The Indwelling of the Holy Spirit is. . . that ministry in which the Holy Spirit takes up residence in a man’s heart in order to change him and produce the life and character of Jesus. It is the pouring out of the eternal life that Jesus promised into men and women’s lives.**

The Beginning of Indwelling (Read John 20.22): This is the first time Jesus appeared to His followers after the resurrection. He had taken His blood before the Father to pay for men’s sins. He breathes on them and says, ‘receive the Holy Spirit.’



Was this the *empowering of the Spirit*? No, because 39 days later He told them to wait for the Baptism or empowering of the Holy Spirit in Jerusalem. This was the beginning of the Spirit living in men's hearts to make them like Christ! The indwelling ministry had begun in which His life – eternal life could now be experienced by people. He had promised them over and over that they would experience eternal life through faith and now here it was (John 1.4; 3.15; 5.24; 6.40, etc.)

In fact, the first major teaching of Jesus in the book of John about the Holy Spirit reveals this indwelling ministry of imparting life to people's souls.

John 4:13-14 *Jesus answered and said to her, "Everyone who drinks of this water shall thirst again; but whoever drinks of the water that I shall give him shall never thirst; but the water that I shall give him shall become in him a well of water springing up to eternal life."*

We know from John 7 that this living water He is speaking about is the Person of the Holy Spirit. Jesus tells this little woman that if she drinks of the Holy Spirit that He will become within her a well of water. Here is the truth about a well – **it is IN the ground!** Jesus is clearly teaching us about the ministry of indwelling. He goes on to say:

- He shall **become** a well – denoting that it is a process
- Springing up to **eternal life** – showing what He will produce within us.

Facts about the Indwelling ministry

#1 A New Testament Ministry Alone -The Holy Spirit did not come to dwell in men's hearts in the Old Testament. It is a very high privilege of the New Covenant we have in Christ.

#2 It is automatic at salvation. You don't have to ask Him to indwell you, when a person receives Christ, the Spirit enters his life (Rom 8:9; Eph 1.13 & 2 Cor 1.22) These scriptures clearly teaches us that when we belong to Jesus, His Spirit comes to DWELL IN US.

#3 It is usually Non-experiential. Most of the time when the Spirit enters your life and begins His work deep within you, it is very non-experiential. As time passes by, you see your life changing and Christ being formed within you.

#4 Purposes of the Indwelling: The main purpose of the indwelling presence of the Spirit is to mature a Christian producing in the believer's life the image, nature, and life of Christ. Jesus said that He would live in us. He said that He would give us life. Paul said, ". . .it is no longer I who live, but Christ lives in me!" Several ways He does this:

- **Eternal Life by the Spirit** – Rom. 8.11 *But if the Spirit of Him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, He who raised Christ Jesus from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies through His Spirit who indwells you.*
- **The Fruit of the Spirit** – Gal. 5.22-23 *But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control; against such things there is no law.* These fruit are the essence of the life of Christ.



- **The Motivational Gifts of the Spirit** – Rom 12:6-8 “*And since we have gifts that differ according to the grace given to us, {let each exercise them accordingly} if prophecy, according to the proportion of his faith; 7 if service, in his serving; or he who teaches, in his teaching; 8 or he who exhorts, in his exhortation; he who gives, with liberality; he who leads, with diligence; he who shows mercy, with cheerfulness.”*

These gifts are another way the Spirit changes our lives. Each of these are expressions of Christ’s basic motivations in His ministry. These gifts are best described as the inner motivation to function and serve God in a certain way. The Spirit gives and develops one or more of these in our lives as the ‘inner drives’

Cooperating with the Indwelling Holy Spirit

There are several ingredients in daily walking in the Spirit to allow Him to work in our lives.

#1 Daily Repentance - Today, there is not much emphasis on repentance; not much talk of turning away from sin to follow God; not much talk of leaving the things of the world for God’s things.

Today’s message: “If you pray this prayer to Jesus, He will fix all of your problems. You don’t have to change; you don’t have to give anything up; He will make you wealthy, healthy and wise if you just come to Him.” But Jesus message was “Repent and believe the Gospel.” Without repentance, people try to turn TO Jesus without turning FROM the world.

Repentance is. . .TURNING FROM everything you used to seek your life in, and TURNING TO Jesus as your sole source of life!

- From sin. . .To Jesus
- From materialism. . .To Jesus
- From religion . . . To Jesus
- From wrong relationships . . . To Jesus
- From success . . . To Jesus



Discussion: *With a partner, describe how repentance is important in the walk of the Holy Spirit. Is it a normal part of your life today? How are you living in daily repentance?*

#2 Sowing to the Spirit – The second ingredient that allows the Spirit to have His way in our lives is by sowing to the Spirit. In Gal. 6.8, Paul tells us that we must sow to the Spirit and then we will reap eternal life. This is done through the word of God, prayer, worship, and practicing His presence and other activities of communion with Him.



Years ago, a missionary to Africa went from village to village sharing Christ. In one village as he shared over and over, he knew that the Spirit of God was working in deep conviction in the hearts of the villagers and yet, they would not receive Christ until the tribal king did. The missionary sought an audience with the king and after some time, he became a Christian and with him, most of the village converted.

The missionary continued on through his circuit of villages and later came back to this village expecting to find them following Christ and hungry to learn more. When he came into the village, he was taken prisoner at spear-point as they proclaimed, "You and your God has done something bad to our king!" The missionary quickly sought out the king to find out the problem. "Ever since I have received Christ, there is a constant battle going on inside of me. I don't know what to do; my life is so difficult. It is like there is a big black dog inside of me and a big white dog inside of me and they are always fighting now." The missionary quickly prayed for wisdom and after a moment he asked, "Which dog wins?"

The King had not thought about this. He pondered for a moment and then replied, "Whichever dog I feed!"

#3 Learning to walk in the Spirit. Paul speaks of this over and over, but nowhere so beautifully as in Gal 5.16-18. To walk in the Spirit is to live with a moment by moment connection with Him, listening to Him, obeying Him, following Him on every point. It is also to draw upon the eternal life that He is within the soul so that we might escape our own natural failures and have Christ live in us.

#4 Living in Community with other Believers - This is another KEY ingredient in the work of the Spirit. God often uses relationships to change who we are on the inside! It is more than going to a church gathering; it is living in deep relationship with other Christians.



Application: **Are you taking these steps to allow the Holy Spirit to fulfill His work in your Life? What do you need to do to sow to the Spirit in a greater way? Are you learning to walk in the Spirit, communicating with Him moment by moment and obeying His every prompting?**



Lesson #3: The Empowering of the Spirit

Acts 1:4-8 “And gathering them together, He commanded them not to leave Jerusalem, but to wait for what the Father had promised, “Which,” {He said,} “you heard of from Me; 5 for John baptized with water, but you shall be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days from now. . .8 but you shall receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be My witnesses. . .”

The **EMPOWERING OF THE SPIRIT** is the ministry of the Spirit of God in which He comes upon you with power to equip you for supernatural ministry. You are equipped with supernatural resources to accomplish the work of Christ.

Baptism of the Holy Spirit – notice that Jesus calls this experience being baptized with the Holy Spirit in Acts 1.5 and we will discuss this in greater detail in the next lesson.

When we are baptized in water, we are coming into the **new life in Christ**. When we are baptized with the Holy Spirit, we are coming into **new power in Christ** to accomplish His work in others. He comes upon us with power.

The Bible calls this experience by several names: *baptized with the Holy Spirit, filled with the Spirit, coming upon, falling upon, etc.*

Empowering in the Old Testament

We find that many times, the Holy Spirit comes upon servants of God in the OT to do God’s work.

Some examples:

For Battle - Gideon & Sampson (Judges 6 & 15)

For Leadership - David (1 Sam. 16); Leaders under Moses (Num. 11)

For Prophecy – (1 Sam 10.6)

In the OT, this empowering was only for a limited few and often only a few times in their lives. It was not open for all men to know God this way.

Jesus Second Teaching on the Holy Spirit in John



Bible Study: Jesus has two of the clearest teachings in the Bible on the Holy Spirit in the book of John. (**John 4.10-13 & John 7.37-41**) In these two teachings, He refers to the Holy Spirit as **living water** both times. Read these two passages and list the similarities and differences in the teaching. What is He saying to us?

Let’s see some of the similarities:

- *If any man is thirsty:* spiritual thirst is the key to receiving the Spirit in both teachings
- *Let him come to Me and drink:* Jesus is the source in both and we must come to Him and drink. Drinking implies taking in of water.



Let's look at the differences:

- The Holy Spirit is referred to as a well in the first and rivers in the second.
- A well is IN the ground and a river is UPON the ground
- A well is small in size and serves a family or a village in their personal needs and a river is large, powerful moving and can serve thousands or more. One is more personal and the other is more powerful!
- The well in Jesus teaching springs UP to eternal life. This indicates that the first ministry of the Spirit is Godward-giving man eternal life that He may walk with God.
- The rivers flow OUT of him to the world indicating that they are manward as power to touch the world.



Reflection: Can a person have the Spirit dwelling in them, but not have His power resting upon them?

Apostles – IN = John 20.22 (1st night after resurrection) & yet He told them 39 days later to go to Jerusalem to wait for the Holy Spirit to come upon them for power - UPON = Acts 1& 2

Samaria – IN = Acts 8.12 (and yet the Holy Spirit had not yet fallen UPON any of them until the apostles release Him) UPON – Acts 8.15-17

Ephesus – IN = Acts 18 when they respond to Apollos preaching of Christ and they become disciples yet they only know the baptism of John. UPON – Acts 19 when Paul finds them and realizes they have not received the Holy Spirit's & power in their lives.

There may be some of you here who know that He has come to live in you, but He has not yet come upon you. Let's be open to what He desires in your life now!

Empowering was almost always sudden & experiential. When God comes by His power, you begin to see new things occurring. One example of this is how Simon SAW something happening to people as the Spirit came UPON them in Acts 8. (Other examples: Acts 2, 9, 10, 19)

Tongues

Tongues is often an initial evidence of the Spirit's baptism. In Acts 2, 10, & 19, when the Spirit comes upon them, they spoke with tongues. We also know that Paul (Acts 9) spoke in tongues often although it does not specifically say it happened right then. Tongues is a prayer language to enable a man to better communicate with God.

About Tongues: (From 1 Cor. 14)

- When you speak in a tongue, you do not speak to men, but to God (v. 2)



- When you speak in a tongue, you speak mysteries to God in your spirit (v. 2)
- You edify yourself (v. 4)
- Your spirit prays, but your mind is unfruitful (v. 14)
- We should pray in both our understanding and in tongues. We should sing in both our understanding and in tongues. (v. 15)
- We all need this ability of spirit communication to the Father.
- Tongues is primarily to build up and benefit my own personal walk with Christ.
- Tongues is a gift God has given to open up our spirit man and help us to interact with the Holy Spirit and His power

Other Gifts of power

God gives 8 other gifts to minister to others in power.

1 Cor 12:7-10 "But to each one is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good. 8 For to one is given the word of wisdom through the Spirit, and to another the word of knowledge according to the same Spirit; 9 to another faith by the same Spirit, and to another gifts of healing by the one Spirit, 10 and to another the effecting of miracles, and to another prophecy, and to another the distinguishing of spirits, to another {various} kinds of tongues, and to another the interpretation of tongues."

We will cover these in some detail later in this manual.

Power for evangelism – perhaps all of this power is culminated in Christ's statement, **"you shall receive power and you shall be my witnesses. . ."**

Bringing others to His salvation is always 1st. He promises power in winning souls above all. Jesus described this ministry of power in evangelism when He said. . .

John 16:7-11 "But I tell you the truth, it is to your advantage that I go away; for if I do not go away, the Helper shall not come to you; but if I go, I will send Him to you. 8 "And He, when He comes, will convict the world concerning sin, and righteousness, and judgment; concerning sin, because they do not believe in Me; and concerning righteousness, because I go to the Father, and you no longer behold Me; and concerning judgment, because the ruler of this world has been judged."

Paul speaks of this mighty evangelistic power . . . **"for our gospel did not come to you in word only, but also in power and in the Holy Spirit and with full conviction. . ."** 1Thes 1:5

Power for Discipling – This power was not just to win souls, it was to be used then to transform them into disciples of Jesus Christ. Only the power of God can transform the human heart to deny self and fully love Christ and men. See Col. 1.28-29.



Application: Answer the following questions honestly:

1. Have you been empowered by the Holy Spirit?
2. What is the evidence?
3. How is this power operating in your life today?



4. What is the fruit in the lives of others?



Lesson #4: THE BAPTISM IN THE SPIRIT

As you lead people to Christ or as others come into the church, one of the great blessings you will have a part in is administering the Baptism in the Holy Spirit to them. God has ordained for all of His children to not only be saved and enter His Kingdom, but to also be filled with His power for fruitful service to Him.

What is the Baptism in the Holy Spirit?

Definition: The Baptism in the Holy Spirit is a definite coming upon of the Holy Spirit in the life of the believer to empower him/her for service.

"As for me, I baptize you with water for repentance, but He who is coming after me is mightier than I, and I am not fit to remove His sandals; He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire."

Matt 3:11

Truths About the Baptism in the Spirit

#1 Terms used for the Baptism in the Holy Spirit

- Baptized in the Holy Spirit Acts 1.5, 8
- Filled with the Holy Spirit Acts 2.4
- Poured out the gift of the Holy Spirit Acts. 10.44-46
- The Holy Ghost fell on them . . . Acts 11.15-17
- Receive the gift of the Holy Spirit Acts 2.38-39

#2 The Baptism in the Spirit is a second experience apart from salvation.

- Regeneration brings the indwelling ministry of the Holy Spirit which is to give us relationship with God and spiritual life.
- The baptism brings the empowering ministry of the Holy Spirit to fit us for divine service.
- The 12 Apostles John 20-19-22 & Acts 1-2
- Phillip & the Samaritans Acts 8.5-19
- Paul & the disciples at Ephesus Acts 18.24-19.7

#3 The Baptism in the Holy Spirit should be a definite experience that you know you have or don't have according to the Bible.

- Jesus told His men not to leave Jerusalem until they were clothed & knew they were clothed with power from on high Luke 24.49
- Samaria - Acts 8 - they knew that He had not come upon them yet & when He did, Simon saw it and wanted to buy the power
- Galatians 3.2 - A clear question about the surety of their receiving the Holy Spirit

#4 Today:

- Many groups say that all have it, but no evidence
- Other groups pray for it, but are never sure if they have it.
- We must lead people into a definite reality of the Baptism of the Holy Spirit.



#5 The Purpose of the Baptism in the Holy Spirit is to equip our lives for powerful ministry and service.

- *Luke 24:49 "And behold, I am sending forth the promise of My Father upon you; but you are to stay in the city until you are clothed with power from on high."*
- *Acts 1:8 but you shall receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be My witnesses both in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and even to the remotest part of the earth."*
- *Others: Acts 4.31-33, Acts 9.17-20*

#6 Today: many want spiritual ecstasies and experiences and seek that.

- The question is Not did I have another spiritual high, but am I more useful to God and His kingdom and my local church. That is the KEY.

#7 Today: we lead people into tongues instead of power for service.

- The question is NOT did you get your prayer language, but have you received power for ministry? The prayer language is a gift to help release the power! It is not an end in itself, it is a means to the end given by God in the Baptism of the Holy Spirit. Power for service is the goal.

#8 The Manifestation of the Baptism in the Holy Spirit is Not necessarily the same in every believer.

- Not just tongues: The occurrences of tongues 3 out of 5 times. Why tongues so often? It is the unlocking gift of the other power ministry manifestations.
- The Case of Billy Graham - no tongues but incredible power
- Don't put people in bondage to tongues, but lovingly lead them into the reality of the baptism and help them develop their prayer language.
- Not just for evangelism or preaching ministry - every area of life: mothers (Susannah Wesley), business men, Cell leaders, children's workers, etc...
- Very different manifestations in all of these areas

#9 The Baptism of the Holy Spirit is received by faith

- Many look for a big feeling or some incredible experience
- All things come by simple faith in Jesus
- See Gal. 4.13 & Luke 11.13

#10 The Baptism of the Holy Spirit is for ALL not the spiritually elite

- Many believe only the very spiritual get this gift and experience
- Peter cleared this up in Acts 2.38-39
- You must simply go back and claim what was purchased for you – Watchman Nee book illustration

#11 There needs to be many future infillings of the Spirit after the initial baptism.

- It is the pattern of Acts - Acts 4.30-31
- The baptism is the initial immersing into the Spirit but there must be many continual fillings.
- It is commanded by Paul – Eph. 5.18



- Why? DL Moody “*We leak!*” and there are often times of new service coming upon us.

The Conditions of the heart to receive:

#1 The Person Must Be Saved

#2 Intense Desire & Hunger are Essential for the Baptism of power

--Matt 5:6 "Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they shall be satisfied."

This is one of the biggest keys I have learned over the years. We try to lead people into something that they are really not on fire to get. A hungry heart will never be denied from the Lord. We should not press the issue. Preach the message of the Baptism and then let the Spirit do His work in regard to preparing the heart.

#3 Surrender to Christ's Will and Service – in order for the Baptism to come in power, we must lead people to surrender to His will and work for that is the purpose of the power. The power will not be manifest in an un-surrendered heart.

#4 Childlike Faith in God and His promise – So many people get hung up looking for a big encounter instead of receiving the promise by faith and then cultivating this power and using it. Everything in the Christian life is by faith, not feelings.

How to Minister the Baptism of the Spirit

- A. Relate what the Bible has to say about it.**
- B. Repent of all known sins – Acts 2.38-39**
- C. Receive the promise of the Spirit by faith - Luke 11.13**
- D. Release the power of the Spirit upon them by the laying on of hands – Acts 8.16-17**
- E. Release the gift of tongues by faith – Acts 19.6**



Lesson 5: The Gifts of the Holy Spirit – Part 1

1 Cor 12:1 Now about spiritual gifts, brothers, I do not want you to be ignorant.



Reflection: When you think of spiritual gifts, what comes to your mind? Think of a positive experience and a negative experience with the spiritual gifts.

In churches all over the world, there is a shift back to a more biblical view of church life – the ministry is being placed back into the hands of all people instead of being held by a few specialized and trained leaders. We are fulfilling the Eph. 4 mandate to equip all believers for the work of the ministry.

For you to be equipped in ministry, you must begin to identify and move in your spiritual gifts. God, through the Holy Spirit has gifted every believer with several gifts for the building up of His body and the extension of His kingdom on the earth.

We are not to wear these gifts as badges, but to humbly serve, working together for the glory of the Lord. As we find our specific gifts and callings, we begin to see where our place is in the body of Christ and how much we need one-another to fulfill the ministry of Jesus.

We will look at three things in the study of the gifts:

- Identifying the three major areas of spiritual gifts listed in the New Testament
- Beginning to discover your own areas of gifts
- How to move into your gifts and callings

Three Areas of Spiritual Giftings

1 Cor 12:4-7 *There are different kinds of gifts, but the same Spirit. There are different kinds of service, but the same Lord. There are different kinds of working, but the same God works all of them in all men. Now to each one the manifestation of the Spirit is given for the common good.*

Four key phrases are used in these scriptures: kinds of **gifts**, kinds of **service**, kinds of **working**, **manifestation** of the Spirit.

From this scripture, it seems there are three types of gifts we are to operate in. These three types of gifts have been termed: Motivation Gifts, Ministry Gifts, and manifestational Gifts.

- **Motivational Gifts** are the kinds of workings. These are the things which motivate us to action. These describe the basic working of our hearts, these are the basic inward drive which God places within us to express



Christ. These are described in Rom. 12 by the words: prophecy, exhortation, mercy, giving, serving, etc..

- **Ministry Gifts** are the kinds of service. These are the basic areas of ministry God has given to the church and has called us to fulfill. These are described in Eph. 4 & 1 Cor. 12 and are called: apostle, prophet, evangelist, pastor, helps, administrations, etc..
- **Manifestation Gifts** are those supernatural demonstrations of the Spirits power to work in lives in specific circumstances. They are found in 1 Cor. 12 and use words like: word of knowledge, tongues, gifts of healings, discerning of spirits, etc..

Motivational Gifts

Our motivational gift is the thing God has placed within us that motivates us and explains the 'why' behind the things we do. It is like the inner drive of our hearts to work and serve. Although we may exhibit more than one gift in this area, we all have been given one primary heart motivation with maybe another as a strong complimentary gift. These gifts work very strongly together with our God-given personality that we have regardless of our religious experience, but when we are saved and the Holy Spirit begins to work within us in His Indwelling work, these motivations of the heart are empowered and He forms these gifts in us in a more profound way.

Although God has given us each one or two, it is His desire that we walk so close to the Spirit that we develop maturity even in the areas we are not normally gifted in for these express the overall picture of the motivations of Christ Himself. He was all of these then and He is all of these today!

Rom 12:6-8 *“And since we have gifts that differ according to the grace given to us, {let each exercise them accordingly} if prophecy, according to the proportion of his faith; if service, in his serving; or he who teaches, in his teaching; 8 or he who exhorts, in his exhortation; he who gives, with liberality; he who leads, with diligence; he who shows mercy, with cheerfulness.”*

In this passage we find seven basic motivational gifts the Lord gives:

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| a) prophecy | e) giving |
| b) service | f) leading |
| c) teaching | g) mercy |
| d) exhortation | |

Show the first example: “What we need in our church is. . .”

A Brief look at these seven heart motivations:

Prophecy: Sees everything in only black and white and the only thing that matters is presenting God’s truth and doing it in each situation. Can be very direct, frank, and seem even harsh at times. This gift is one who ‘sees’ the situation and then strongly declares the truth to correct or minister.

Biblical Example: John the Baptist

- He saw what God was doing, He heard God’s word and spoke the truth
- He was direct, firm, rough, and seemed even harsh at times
- He looked for repentance and immediate change when he spoke
- He placed great emphasis on right and wrong



- He was courageous to openly confront evil

Serving: Sees practical needs and joyfully works to meet them; is fulfilled by serving others. They see what needs to be done and jump right in to fulfill that need. Servers often need sincere gratitude to keep a good attitude.

Biblical Example: Martha, Lazarus' sister (Luke 10, John 12)

- She was always alert to the practical needs of those around her
- She tried to draw others into working more in practical service
- She was very eager to do the practical.

Teaching: The ability to search out and then impart knowledge and to lead others into truth. They place great emphasis on truth, facts, the Word and they tend to see their gift as the foundation of all others. They get much joy out of personal study and then public teaching of the Scriptures.

Biblical Examples: Apollos (Acts 18)

- He taught accurately the things concerning Christ
- He greatly helped the believers through his gift
- He is described as an eloquent speaker which means he was given to clear, precise communication
- His teaching was depicted as being: accurately, carefully, and diligently prepared
- He was mighty in the Scriptures & he taught fervently

Exhortation: Encourager. One who stimulates, motivates, and inspires others to abundant living, personal growth, and full maturity in Christ. These people pull widely from personal life experiences to urge others on in their faith.

Biblical Example: Paul, the Apostle

- He was constantly motivating people to be all they can be in Christ
- He desired face-to-face meeting with people to help them reach their full potential
- A great ability to identify with people of various backgrounds for their good

Giving: Desires to give of himself, and especially of all life resources such as time, money, material possessions to help others and further the plans of God. These people give with great liberality, cheerfulness, and usually with no strings attached.

Biblical Example: Abraham & Macedonian church

- God entrusted him with great assets
- He was very liberal to others
- He had no problem tithing
- He was willing to give his all (Isaac) when God asked for it
- The Macedonians gave themselves to God, then they gave liberally and joyfully in the midst of terrible hardship.

Administrations or Leading: Coordinating and leading of peoples, resources, time, etc. for the fulfillment of common goals. Is fulfilled in



seeing all the pieces come together, in others finding their place in the work of the Lord, and in seeing a finished product or completed goal.

Biblical Example: Nehemiah

- He visualized the goal and the final result of a major undertaking
- He broke down the job into small and large goals and achievable tasks
- He knew what resources would be needed to finish the goal
- He organized and motivated people into their place in the work
- He knew what to do and what to delegate

Mercy: One who identifies with, comforts, and relieves those who are in distress. Feel where people are and can reach out in deep support and compassion.

Biblical Example: the Good Samaritan

- He saw the need and had compassion on him
- He went to him and bound up his wounds
He took of his resources to see that he was comforted and healed

We are all called to exhibit all seven of these gifts, all seven of these life motivations, but there are one or two that seem to be the primary motivations of the way we are and operate.

We must begin to understand our limitations and our need for the rest of the body as a whole! God has only made each of us a piece of the puzzle. We really need each other to see the whole 'body of Christ.'



Application: Answer the following questions about the motivational gifts of the Holy Spirit:

1. **What are your primary motivations for service?**
 2. **How do you know?**
 3. **What are your strengths? Weaknesses?**
 4. **Try to describe someone you know in each of these gift areas. Who has the gift of prophecy? Service? Mercy? Etc..**
 5. **Someone at a party spills a desert dish all over the floor. Write a response that a person with each one of these gifts would make to that person or to the people sitting around. You should have one response from each of these seven gifts listed. Seven responses in all.**
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Lesson #6: Ministry Gifts - The Gifts of Christ to the Church

1 Cor 12:4-5 *There are different kinds of gifts, but the same Spirit. There are different kinds of service, but the same Lord.*

Verse 5 above tells us that God has not only given different kinds of motivational gifts, but He has also given different kinds of service or different kinds of ministries. The Greek word for service is the word 'diakonia'. It refers to office or position of service in the body. Some of these offices are more geared toward leadership and some toward practical service. All of these positions or offices are established by Jesus to equip the church for healthy life and ministry.

These gifts or offices are outlined in Eph. 4.7-13 & 1 Cor. 12. 28

Eph 4:7-8, 11-12 *"But to each one of us grace was given according to the measure of Christ's gift. Therefore it says, "When He ascended on high, He led captive a host of captives, and He gave gifts to men." And He gave some {as} apostles, and some {as} prophets, and some {as} evangelists, and some {as} pastors and teachers, for the equipping of the saints for the work of service, to the building up of the body of Christ"*

1 Cor 12:28 *And in the church God has appointed first of all apostles, second prophets, third teachers, then workers of miracles, also those having gifts of healing, those able to help others, those with gifts of administration, and those speaking in different kinds of tongues.*

These are gifts given by Christ to the Church. These gifts are PEOPLE who are given some measure of grace from Christ to perform some area of His ministry upon the earth. Literally the grace that was and is on Jesus Christ for some area of ministry is placed upon a person and this person becomes the gift not just does the gift. The key here: The PERSON is the gift. It is first what he/she is of Christ and then what they do.

Some of these ministries are of more a leadership & spiritual nature and some are more of a service and practical nature, thus Christ emphasizes to us that we must have all types of ministries both of leadership, spiritual and practical service nature in the church.

The offices or areas of service outlined:

Apostle: The apostle is the spiritual father of pastors and churches. They often are associated with church planting or church movements. They have the anointing to set the church in order and lay strong foundations and direction to local pastors. He often sees the greater overall plan for the church. These people are given tremendous authority from God to lead and build. There are five major areas of apostolic authority:

- *Pioneering* – evangelism, signs and wonders and church planting
- *Building* – laying the doctrinal foundations in the church, establishing pastors and elders, teaching Christ
- *Fathering* – these are the spiritual fathers of the pastors and leaders of churches in the NT



- **Leadership Authority** – according to the NT, these persons had the spiritual authority in the churches to do many things, make decisions, pass judgments, remove leaders, etc.
- **Prayer Authority** – the apostolic prayers of Jesus and Paul in the NT are the most powerful prayers in the Bible. These men had tremendous power in both intercessory prayer and spiritual warfare. (Story of John in Ephesus AD 95-100)

Prophet: The prophet is another major building foundational gift. They receive accurate revelation from God and gives guidance and direction to the local leaders. They often see how to build, what God is saying or currently doing, etc.. They often establish the revelation gifts such as prophecy, tongues, interpretation, word of knowledge, word of wisdom, discerning of spirits, etc. in the body at large and release the supernatural ministry of the Spirit of God within churches. Their role is critical for our development!

Eph 2:20 *“having been built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Christ Jesus Himself being the corner {stone}”*

I believe that the ministry of apostles and prophets are critical for the foundation and development of the local church. If we do NOT have them operating with us and around us, we will remain immature and never reach our full potential.

Evangelist: He is the instrument of action and movement in reaching out to the lost. He not only wins many to the Lord, but encourages, stimulates, and trains the body to do the work of evangelism. The Evangelist often establishes the power gifts such as healing, faith, miracles. We desperately need this grace gift of Christ released among us. There seems to be several levels this gift operates on: trans-local and local church based.

Pastor: The primary guide and leader in the local church. Like a shepherd, he gives direction and care for the growth, maturity, safety, and life of the flock. He will have a vision from God on where the overall flock should be going. The biblical term “Elder” is who we usually call a pastor. Every church should have a lead elder / pastor and then a team of elder/pastors around.

Teacher: This gift is often coupled with that of a pastor. The teacher brings strength and stability to the church through communicating God’s word to the church accurately and regularly. Teaching was one of the primary ministries of Jesus and we must have quality teachers in our midst to lay the foundations of the apostles’ doctrine to us.

Worker of Miracles: This is obviously a person that God has entrusted with great spiritual powers to perform supernatural deeds. This is supposed to be a common gift or office in the local church life. These people are endue with unusual faith for the supernatural. Where is it today?

Gifts of healings: This is interesting in that both the word ‘gifts’ and ‘healings’ are plural. It seems to indicate that there is more than one gift in this area and that there is more than one type of healing. These are persons with special callings and empowerings to bring healing of many



kinds: physical, mental, emotional, inner healing, deliverance, etc. (See Isa. 61.1-3)

Helps: Within the local church, there are people who have been called of God and supernaturally empowered to help behind the scenes in very practical areas of service. These people are critical and invaluable to the ministry of Christ on the earth. There are many areas of support and service ministry that would fall into this category and they must not be overlooked!

Administrations: These are those who have been set aside by God to orchestrate and guide the activity and development of the local church. They organize and coordinate people, resources, time, events, etc.. But on top of this, this gift could also imply those who administrate to gifts and callings of others like an orchestra leader into their places of ministry and service.

Various tongues & interpretations: These are those in the body who minister to the body with tongue and interpretation. When this occurs, it seems to have the equivalent effect of prophecy yet with a different dynamic and effect.



Reflection: How many of these gifts have you seen in operation? What was it like? Why do we not see these operating as they were in New Testament days?

Truths about these Ministry Gifts

1. The thing we must understand about these gifts or offices is that everyone has been given a ministry place and the body of Christ will not move in full strength until every believer finds and gets into his or her place and serves Christ with all of their heart. You must take your place in ministry!
2. A second thing that we must understand is that everything points to one ministry: the fulfilling of the Great Commission. Every office has one intention – winning souls and turning them into powerful, Christ-filled disciples! We are all working toward that one ministry.
3. A third thing we must understand is the powerful work of the Holy Spirit of placing us in the body as He sees fit.



1 Cor 12:11-14 *But one and the same Spirit works all these things, distributing to each one individually just as He wills. For even as the body is one and {yet} has many members, and all the members of the body, though they are many, are one body, so also is Christ. For by one Spirit we were all baptized into one body, whether Jews or Greeks, whether slaves or free, and we were all made to drink of one Spirit. For the body is not one member, but many.*

- He gave us gifts as He sees fit.
- He places us in the body as He sees fit.
- He assigns prominence and He assigns obscurity.
- We all need each other!



Discussion: Describe a ministry / church where all of these gifts are working. What would it be like? What would be the result?

What is stopping these from operating today?



Lesson #7: The Manifestation Gifts

1 Cor 12:7-10 *7 But to each one is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good. 8 For to one is given the word of wisdom through the Spirit, and to another the word of knowledge according to the same Spirit; 9 to another faith by the same Spirit, and to another gifts of healing by the one Spirit, 10 and to another the effecting of miracles, and to another prophecy, and to another the distinguishing of spirits, to another {various} kinds of tongues, and to another the interpretation of tongues.*

The gifts listed in I Corinthians 12 come as the actual result of the work of the Holy Spirit in our lives. They manifest in your life after you have been empowered by the Holy Spirit and reveal all aspects of Jesus' power here on earth. The Bible says that we are to earnestly desire spiritual gifts!

All believers can manifest any of these gifts at any time. Some may manifest a particular gift more often and more easily because of the ministry God has assigned them to, but we can all move in all of these gifts.

The nine manifestations of the Holy Spirit are divided into three groups:

- Revelation gifts**
 - Word of wisdom
 - Word of knowledge
 - Discerning of spirits
- Vocal gifts**
 - Speaking in tongues
 - Interpretation of tongues
 - Prophecy
- Power gifts**
 - Gift of faith
 - Gifts of healing
 - Working of miracles

Revelation Gifts:

1. Word of Wisdom

Wisdom supernaturally given by God that cannot come from study or learning. It is not just "a" word, but "the" word on a situation—the answer or solution—the will of God. The supernatural ability to perceive a fragment of the wisdom of God when needed in a specific situation or to solve a problem.

A word of wisdom is usually a statement that is sharp, to the point, cuts through all issues, and settles any questions, argument or doubt. The word of wisdom, while offering no new knowledge, provides the needed answer, guidance and direction.

Scriptural examples: Jesus—Matt. 22.21 - Then He said to them, "Then render to Caesar the things that are Caesar's; and to God the things that are God's."



2. Word of Knowledge

A supernatural revelation of God's Word concerning a certain truth that cannot be obtained by natural means such as facts about a person's life, health, past, etc.. that you could in no way know. To operate in the word of knowledge is to participate, to some infinitesimal degree, in the omniscience of God.

This is God revealing a bit of supernatural knowledge about a person or situation that you could not have known. Often used in combination with the gift of healing, raising the level of faith and expectancy.

Scriptural examples: Jesus—John 4:7-25- 17 The woman answered and said, "I have no husband." Jesus said to her, "You have well said, 'I have no husband'; 18 for you have had five husbands, and the one whom you now have is not your husband; this you have said truly."

3. Discerning of Spirits

The God-given ability to recognize the identity of the spirits which are behind different manifestations or activities. This is not a natural knowing, but supernatural—its purpose is to protect, guard, and guide the flock. The ability to discern the difference between God's Spirit, man's spirit, and evil spirits. It is supernatural perception into the spiritual realm for the purpose of determining the source of the spiritual activity.

This is the defense gift of the body of Christ whereby the working of Satan can be distinguished from the operation of the Spirit of God. Satan can counterfeit God's word and works, but the spirit in them gives him away.

This gift is very important in intercession and spiritual warfare, as well as in ministry.

Scriptural examples: Paul—Acts 16:16, 18

Vocal Gifts:

1. Speaking in Tongues

The gift of tongues is the manifestation of the Spirit through a language (whether known or angelic) which is unlearned by the person who is speaking.

Three major purposes for speaking in tongues:

- A. Personal edification—I Corinthians 14:2, 4
 - direct communication with God—a devotional tool
 - speak the "mysteries of God"
 - used to meet the desire to really know how to pray
- B. Edification of the Church through interpretation—I Cor. 14:5
 - used to bring greater understanding
- C. sign for unbelievers—I Cor. 14:22



- Scriptural examples: Acts 2:1-11; Acts 10:44-48; Acts 19:1-7

2. Interpretation of Tongues

The interpretation of tongues is the God-given inspiration to speak in the language of the listeners, giving them the dynamic equivalent of that which was spoken in tongues.

A supernatural, spontaneous ability to interpret a word or message given in tongues.

The message must be supernaturally revealed and be an immediate response to a word in tongues. Tongues and interpretation of tongues are two sides of the same coin. They are so closely interconnected that Paul does not conceive of one without the other in a public worship service (I Cor. 14:5, 13, 27-28).

The gift of interpretation is not necessarily a word-for-word translation, but it provides the sense or meaning of the tongue spoken. Tongues are addressed to God, yet the interpretation is the heartbeat of that message to the Church. It can come forth as prophecy, a word of knowledge, a word of wisdom or another gift. It can be in the form of praise, prayer, or a response from the throne of God to His Church.

Scriptural examples: I Cor. 14:27-28

3. Prophecy

Prophecy is speaking under the direct supernatural influence of the Holy Spirit. God's mouthpiece—to verbalize His words as the Spirit directs—the voice of the Groom to His bride. The gift of prophecy is the ability to speak forth a message from God to the church. Prophecy in the Old Testament had an emphasis on the foretelling of future events. The New Testament sees foretelling as an important function, but it is also used to build up or edify, exhort and to comfort or console. (I Cor. 14:1, 3-5)

The congregation is free to flow in prophecy, but the words are to be judged according to accuracy, timing and method (I Cor. 14:29). There is never an excuse for a word of prophecy or any other verbal gift to come forth in an uncontrollable or compulsive manner. The prophet is to have control over his own spirit (I Cor. 14:32).

Scriptural examples: Agabus – Acts 21:10-11, I Corinthians 1:10

Power Gifts:

1. Gift of Faith

The God-given ability to believe God for the impossible in a particular situation. It goes beyond normal faith of believing for provision—just knows God is going to do something without a doubt. Begin able to visualize the solution beyond the obstacles. Through the gift of faith, the Holy Spirit imparts a portion of God's own faith, directly and supernaturally, to the believer. This is faith on a divine level, as high above mere human faith as



heaven is above the earth.

Generally, the gift of faith works with the other power gifts: miracles and healing. In practice, the gift of faith often serves as a catalyst to bring the other two gifts into operation.

Scriptural examples: Daniel in lions' den; Three in fiery furnace; Jesus and fig tree—Mark 11:20-23; Acts 16:18

2. Gifts of Healings

The God-given ability to impart healing to the body, soul, and spirit—accompanied by a measure of the gift of faith and often the gift of knowledge. It lifts one who needs healing out of doubt and unbelief toward healing.

God has given various means for His people to be healed and walk in the divine health provided through Jesus. These particular gifts are the only ones spoken of in the plural, indicating the multifaceted provision of God.

The Holy Spirit may give someone the gift of faith to believe for healing and under the guidance of God they pray for you with the laying on of hands. The gift of healing is deposited to them by the Holy Spirit while they are praying, and with boldness and assurance they declare your healing—this is the gift of healing in operation.

Scriptural examples: Jesus - Luke 6:19; Peter & John - Acts 3:6-8;

3. Working of Miracles

The gift of working of miracles is the ability to perform works by the power of God that would otherwise be impossible. A supernatural demonstration of the power of God by which the laws of nature are altered, suspended, or controlled.

The working of miracles are creative (Mark 6:41-44; Mark 8:6-9; John 2:7-11).

Scriptural examples: Moses and Red Sea; Manna in the wilderness; Lazarus raised from the dead; Feeding the 5000

God can use each of us in any of these nine manifestational gifts if we will simply open our hearts, believe, be available, etc. It seems that if we have the Holy Spirit, He can manifest Him in any one of these nine ways through our lives.

God has provided the gifts of the Spirit so that we will be effective ministers of the gospel. We are all called and commissioned to minister in the name of Jesus and the power of the Holy Spirit. Our part is to desire the gifts, pray to be used, and be available to God. As we do, we will flow in the gifts and move in supernatural power.

These gifts can be used to minister and build up the body or they can be used powerfully in evangelism.



Discussion: Who can move in these gifts? Which of these do you personally move in most often? Which have you never or rarely experienced? What is stopping you from operating in these gifts frequently?



Lesson #8 Walking With the Holy Spirit

The key to learning to move in the power and gifts of the Holy Spirit is to learn to walk with and in Him. Many believers today have either had NO experience with the Holy Spirit or they have had a few experiences, but have no on-going relationship with Him.

New Testament Terms for Walking with the Spirit
Virtually every writer in the New Testament described this concept in their own terms:

Jesus – On the last night of His life, Jesus told His men that the Holy Spirit would come to be WITH them and would live IN them. He then in John 13-17 began to describe what this relationship or walk with the Spirit would be like and what they could expect.



Bible Study: Read John 13-17. Describe all Jesus taught us about walking with the Spirit.

The center teaching of this passage speaks of learning to abide in Christ. That is, to live every day with a constant connection to Jesus in all that we say and do. This is walking with the Spirit, for it is through the Holy Spirit that He lives within us and by discovering His indwelling presence and then walking with Him, we abide in Christ.

Paul – Paul spoke much about this topic. Some of the phrases he used were – walking in the Spirit, keeping in step with the Spirit, the fellowship of the Spirit.



Bible Study: Read Gal 5.16-25, 2 Cor. 13.14



Discussion: Describe your personal experience in walking with the Spirit daily to a partner.



Practical thoughts on learning to walk with the Spirit

#1 He must be approached as a Person – as God

The Holy Spirit is God. He is NOT some impersonal force or some IT. He is God, He is a Person and must be approached as such.

#2 Discover His presence within you - The next idea is that you must come to believe and completely live as if His word is true, He is WITH you and IN you. You must meditate on this fact and claim it by faith until it becomes a dominant reality in your mind and heart.

#3 Learn to come and drink each morning - Jesus taught in John 4 and John 7 that the Holy Spirit is a living water and we must learn to come to Him and drink Him in. Take time each morning to come and drink Him in by faith, that is, fellowship with Him, listen to Him, take Him in by faith until He has filled you.

#4 As you walk through the day, turn inward to fellowship and drink many times. - As you drink of Him each morning, you must then learn to maintain that living connection through the day. You do this by turning inward to your spirit man where He dwells and re-connecting with Him by brief moments of worship, love, drawing of life and power.

#5 Walk through your day with a spiritual ear tuned in - Next, you must walk through your day with an inward ear tuned in to His voice, His promptings, His leadings, His love. Be ready to obey all that He tells you as you walk with Him and hear Him daily.



Lesson #9 Ministering in the Power of the Spirit

Jesus always empowers His men and women for the work He sends them out to do. In the very first few ministry trips, Jesus. . . ***Luke 9:1 And He called the twelve together, and gave them power and authority over all the demons, and to heal diseases.*** After this initial experience of serving in the power of the Holy Spirit, these men came back rejoicing!

Jesus felt so strongly about our need to be filled with the power of the Spirit for ministry that He told His followers on that last night He was with them to wait in Jerusalem until the power had come (See Luke 24.49 & Acts 1.4-8) He in no way ever thought of sending them out to minister without power to accomplish what He was sending them to do, and yet many don't know about or don't know how to access the power of the Spirit for daily ministry to others.

How many of you have ever:

- tried to minister to someone and there was absolutely no power?
 - tried to lead someone to Christ and there was no power to convict of sin?
 - prayed for someone for healing just to see them walk away unchanged?
 -
- It is so important that we learn to tap into and minister in the power of the Holy Spirit.

How did Jesus do these mighty works?

By the anointing. Jesus was a man who was anointed with the Holy Spirit and power just like you and I. See Acts 10.38

Definition of the Anointing

The Anointing is the special coming upon, setting apart, and empowering of the Holy Spirit to transform people's lives.

We must learn to access the anointing, to release the anointing, to maintain the anointing. The anointing is everything in ministry!

Who is called to minister in the anointing?

Eph 4:11-12 "And He gave some {as} apostles, and some {as} prophets, and some {as} evangelists, and some {as} pastors and teachers, 12 for the equipping of the saints for the work of service, to the building up of the body of Christ;"

We are all called to be ministers! It is the ministry of the leadership of the Church to motivate, train, and equip each member of the body to find and fulfill their part in the work of Jesus Christ! The norm for the early church was near total partnership in the ministry of Christ. (Acts 8.1-4) Each of us must decide to give our lives to Christ's work in others and be trained by the leadership and filled with His power.



This anointing of the Holy Spirit was the source of Jesus ministry power (read Luke 4.16-21) and it must be the source of ours to. If we are called into the same work as Jesus, we must have the same anointing and power! If Jesus had to have this power, so must we.

If the leading and power of the Holy Spirit are taken out of the way, we are left to our own programs, our own wisdom, and our own abilities and Jesus warned against trying to produce spiritual fruit out of the power and wisdom of the flesh when He said. . . *that which is born of the flesh is flesh, and that which is born of the Spirit is Spirit. John 3.6 & "The flesh profits nothing, it is the Spirit who gives life." John 6.63*

Without the anointing, there is no true spiritual ministry. True ministry deals with a commodity to help people. If you have it, you can help. If you don't, you can't! That commodity is the anointing of God.

- The painter must have paint to paint
- The cook must have ingredients to prepare food
- The carpenter must have building materials
- The Christian must have the anointing or there is no real ministry

Obtaining the Anointing Luke 11.5-8

There is a need and the man doesn't have food to meet that need. He therefore realizes He must go to someone who has the goods he needs, so he goes to his neighbor who has food to get it for the person who has come with need.

Then Jesus says within this context in vs. 11 that Father will give us the Spirit if we ask Him. The promise of the anointing is for helping others.

We must know that we don't have what it takes (Not our bible verses, our clever counsel, or our vain attempts to help people) and that we must have the presence and the power of the Holy Spirit to meet people's needs. We must then go to Him to get the anointing! God gives the anointing in the place of prayer according to this story!

Releasing the Anointing



Reflection: Once you have the anointing flowing in your life, how do you release that power? How do you let that power flow through you into others?

#1 The Preached or Taught Word: Jesus constantly preached the Word and taught the Word and the power of the anointing was working through the Word of God.

#2 The Laying on of Hands: This is a primary method of impartational ministry. It was a major foundational teaching in the church and every believer was supposed to know how and why to do it (Heb. 6.1-2). The underlying concept is that God has placed His Spirit upon and within you and as you lay hands on another, the Holy Spirit flows out of you into them performing some work of power.



#3 The Faith Declaration: A third way we see Jesus release the power of this great anointing is through making a faith declaration. He spoke to the fig tree, He spoke to sickness, He spoke to demons and the power was released. He also gave us this power when He promised . . .

Mark 11:22-23 And Jesus answered saying to them, "Have faith in God. "Truly I say to you, whoever says to this mountain, 'Be taken up and cast into the sea,' and does not doubt in his heart, but believes that what he says is going to happen, it shall be {granted} him.

Maintaining the Anointing

There is nothing more physically or emotionally draining as ministering under the anointing of God. When you minister, power literally goes out from your life to another's. This depletes the spiritual and soul level of our lives. Also, as the great evangelist D. L. Moody once said, "We are leaky vessels and must continually be refilled."

We must learn to daily refill our spirits with God's presence and power. Eph 5:18 says, "***And do not get drunk with wine, for that is dissipation, but be filled with the Spirit.***" This literally says to "be filled over and over and over again."

Jesus knew after long ministry, He must be refilled (Read Mark 1.32 - 35 & Mark 6.33-46) He always went to be alone in prayer after times of intense giving out of the anointing. This was His secret of staying full & powerful

The Lordship of the Holy Spirit is Critical

For our lives to stay full of the Holy Spirit and to walk in the anointing, we must know a few realities in our relationship to Him.

- We must know Him as a Person and recognize His voice
- We must obey Him completely in all He says
- We must commune with Him through our day and stay connected at all times.
- We must be so very sensitive NOT to grieve Him at any time.

Appendix 1: Scripture Study on the Holy Spirit

1. Names of the Spirit: *List each name for the Spirit in the passages below. Why does He have so many names? What does each revelation of the Spirit mean to your life?* Gen 1.2; Luke 11.13; Heb 10.29; John 14.17; Rom 8.2; Rom 8.9; Rom 8.11; Rom 8.15; Eph 1.17; John 14.12,26; Acts 16.7; 2 Tim 1.7; Rom 1.4; Rev 4.5; Matt. 10.20; Phil 1.19; 2 Cor 4.13

2. The Indwelling Work of the Spirit: *Describe what each verse teaches about the indwelling work of the Holy Spirit. Is this activity present in your life today?* Ezek. 11.18-20; Ezek. 36.25-27; John 4.10-13; John 14. 16-19; John 14.26; Rom. 8.4-6; Rom 8. 9-11; Rom 8. 14-15; 1 Cor 3.16; 1 Cor 6.18-20; 2 Cor 1.21-22; 1 John 4.13

3. The Empowering Work of the Spirit: *Describe what each verse teaches about the empowering work of the Holy Spirit. Is this activity present in your life today?* Joel 2.28-29; Numbers 11.25-29; Isa 61.1-3; Acts 1.13-14 & 2.4; Acts 4.31; Acts 8.14-17; Acts 9.10-17; Acts 10.44-47; Acts 19.6

4. Spiritual Gifts: *Study the four lists of Spiritual gifts and note the similarities and differences of each. What can you learn? Is each list talking about the same things in different ways or are there different kinds of gifts?*

- a. Rom. 12.6-8
- b. 1 Cor 12.8-10
- c. 1 Cor 12.28-30
- d. Eph 4.11