



WORD OF FAITH CHURCH



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The Importance of Fasting

Some have exalted religious fasting beyond all Scripture and reason, and others have utterly disregarded it. A lot of Christians think fasting belongs to the Old Covenant, and neglect the practice. They do not see the need for or the benefit of a Christian fast. The assumption is that faith and belief are sufficient enough to get things done. Thus, fasting is confined to the occasional, whenever. In the pages of the New Testament, you will find that there is more teaching on fasting than repentance. Jesus taught more on fasting than He did teaching on Baptism or the Lord's Supper!!! Fasting joined with prayer and confession will accomplish things which normal faith may not!!!! "However, this kind does not go out except by prayer and fasting." (Matthew 17:20-21) "...So He said to them, "This kind can come out by nothing but prayer and fasting", (Mark 9:29). Jesus concluded that there is a higher level of operation, which demands the combined tools of prayer and fasting.

In other words, some demonic problems can only be resolved when we fast and pray. Adam and Eve fell from the Grace of God through eating; we can conquer through fasting and prayer. A very direct way of attacking the devil is to show your devotion to God by denying your flesh of whatever food is needed. If the devil cannot use food to tempt you, he has lost control over your life. Fasting, therefore, becomes a tool to fight the flesh and the devil. It is a very potent weapon of both attack and defense. You can unleash on the enemy of your soul. Food is always an area the devil will tempt you. He did that to Jesus. It was not surprising that the devil tempted Him in three areas: The lust of the flesh (eating), the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life.

Fasting is Sacrificial

Most sacrifices performed under the Old Covenant required the burning of fat. To appease God, the blood of the sacrifice and the fat were forbidden to be eaten by anyone. The fat belongs to God:

"And the Priest shall sprinkle the blood on the Altar, of the Lord, at the door of the Tabernacle of Meeting, and burn the fat, for a sweet aroma, unto the Lord." (Leviticus 17:6)

"And the Priest shall burn them, of the Altar as food, an offering made by the fire for a sweet aroma." All the fat is the Lord's. "This shall be a perpetual statute throughout your generation in all your dwellings; you shall eat neither fat nor blood."

It is a known scientific and medical fact that once the body has used up its reserve of glucose, it burns fat for energy. So, when we fast, we are burning fat as a sacrifice unto God. When we fast, we become fragile and feeble, especially with our knees. This is awesome; we truly do

become the sacrificial lambs. Fasting is powerful, Glory to God. “My knees are weak through fasting, and my flesh is feeble from lack of fatness.” (Psalms 109:24)

The Actual Meaning of Fasting

Biblical fasting is going without food. The noun “fast” translates to “tsom” in the Hebrew and “nesteia” in the Greek. It means to volunteer to abstain from food and to cover your mouth!! In the Greek it means to abstain. The Spiritual meaning is “to do without food.”

“Go, gather all the Jews who are present Shushan, and fast for me; neither eat nor drink for three nights or days. My maids and I will go to the king, which is against the law; if I perish, I perish.” (Esther 4:16) Fasting relates only to food. Many people have recommended a fast from sex, cigarettes, television, social media, etc. This refrain is defined as self-denial and works very well with fasting. It is a definite aid in blocking voices other than God. Cutting these activities and other activities to focus on God will only assist, but will not take the place of fasting from food. When you fast from food, it will have a noticeable effect on your body, putting your soul under subjection. Fasting this way allows you to align your spirit with the Spirit of God, so that His Omnipotence can overshadow your impotence.

“But those who wait upon the Lord (who accept, look for and hope in Him), shall renew their strength and power; they shall lift their wings and mount up close to God. As eagles (mount up to the sun); they shall run and not be weary, they shall walk and not faint or become tired.” (Isa 40:31).

Fasting/Consecration is not a requirement. It is a choice. Fasting/Consecration brings you closer to God. Whenever a Believer chooses to begin a spiritual fast for one day or for several days, he or she makes a choice to break out of the routine, desiring to draw closer to God.

You Will See Results

When you take time for Fasting/Consecration and Prayer, you will see amazing results in your life. Fasting/Consecration gives you back your sharpness and spiritual sensitivity. The first thing you need to do is to make up your mind that you are going to regain your edge. Fasting/Consecration gives you an opportunity to get the toxins out of the body, to become renewed and restored. Many medical doctors support the healing benefits of fasting. However, Fasting/Consecration without prayer is just dieting. Fasting/Consecration makes you sensitive to the trash that tries to invade your life. Fasting/Consecration is the “Drano” of the soul. Seasons of Fasting/Consecration and Prayer helps you get the sensitivity of the Spirit back for the things of God. When you become dull by the constant bombardment of ungodly influences all around you, Fasting/Consecration helps you regain the edge: “Glorify God in your Body.” (1 Corinthians 6:19-20)

Fasting/Consecration Builds Confidence

Time spent in Fasting/Consecration and Prayer builds confidence and helps you develop the determination necessary to run your race with endurance. Fasting/Consecration and Prayer

prepares and conditions your spirit to go the distance in life's battles. Remember, Fasting/Consecration is not a requirement – again, it is a choice. Fasting/Consecration does not guarantee your salvation. Choosing to Fast/Consecrate is choosing to come away from the routine and wait upon the Lord with greater intensity, seeking His Face and His Presence in a deeper way. You must have a made-up mind. Hebrews 3:6,14; 10:35; Philippians 3:3-4; 1 John 2:28, 3:21, 5:14; Proverbs 3:26; 14:26; Psalm 71:5.

Do Not Compromise

Don't compromise. Stick to the Fasting/Consecration Plan given to you by the Pastor. As you set your mind that you will not compromise during a fast, you build confidence and endurance that can carry you through the trials and battles that come. Keep a journal. The moment you determine you have come too far with God on a fast to turn back, you will see the hand of God working in your life. At the completion of the fast, begin to make Prayer and Fasting/Consecration a regular part of your life. If Fasting/Consecration is the gateway through which God releases His supernatural power into our lives, why is it such an overlooked opportunity? All the greats of the Bible fasted: Moses, David, Nehemiah, Daniel, Elijah, Paul, Peter, even Jesus Himself. Fasting/Consecration is feeding your spirit by neglecting your flesh. Fasting/Consecration will stir-up the Power of God within you. 1 Thessalonians 2:3-4; Matthew 6:24; 1 Samuel 15:9 (compromised obedience, incomplete faithfulness to God); 1 Kings 22:43 (doing right before God); 2 Chronicles 19:2 (calling evil good); Isaiah 5:20 (desire to be like others); Ezekiel 20:32-38.

Fasting in the Old Testament/Fast for Affliction and Mercy

- Lev 29:7 "...You shall afflict you souls." Afflicting one's soul in the Bible refers to chastening one's soul, to strike.
- Psalms 69:10 "...When I wept and chastened my soul with fasting, that became my reproach."
- 2 Sam 15:15-23 David sought Mercy from Sin.

Protection Against A More Powerful Enemy

"...And Jehoshaphat feared and set himself to seek the Lord and proclaimed a fast throughout all Judah." (2 Chronicles 20:3) Three powerful nations gathered against God's people. But King Jehoshaphat decided to seek God. He proclaimed a fast. The fast only lasted a single day, but the effects were amazing. The gathering of the spoil lasted three days. There are three elements to this story: Fasting, Prayer, and Praise. When we turn to God in Fasting, He will move. Another very important point we must focus on and understand is that the people praised God before the Victory. That is Faith speaking. 2 Chronicles 20:1-25.

The First Order of Business for Jesus Was to Fast/His Teaching on Fasting

There is nowhere in the Scripture that Jesus commands people to fast, but He expects men everywhere to fast. There were three exercises that were very traditional to Jews: giving (Matt 6:3); praying (Matt 6:6); fasting (Matt 6:18-19). Jesus did not have to command fasting,

because it was standard practice everywhere. He only corrected the practice and motive behind the fasting.

Benefits

Earthly reward versus Heavenly Reward – Father will reward you. The word reward in Greek means wages, a gift.

Fasting should not be hypocritical, but to fast in secret, private and personal, God will reward you openly.

Before Jesus began His earthly Ministry, He fasted (Matthew 4:1-3). Fasting/Consecration and Prayer were the biggest parts of the Life of Jesus Christ. Fasting/Consecration gives you a deep thirst for God (Psalm 63:1, "... early will I seek thee, my flesh longeth for thee..."). Notice, while in the desert, David thirsted for God rather than water. God is saying to us today, "You will seek Me and find Me, when you seek Me, with all your heart." (Jeremiah 29:13-14)

There is a price that must be paid for hearing from God and walking in His Will. There is a work going on in us right now that we may not be fully aware of, but without Fasting/Consecration, prayer and wilderness experiences, you will never be qualified to handle what God has for you in the future. Fasting/Consecration prepares you for what is yet to come!!! Deuteronomy 9:11-18 (during national crisis); 2 Samuel 1:12 (humbled); Psalms 35:13; Joel 1:13-14; Luke 4:1-2; Mark 8:1-3 (four thousand people fasted three days), Jonah 3:7 (Animals and people fasting together).

Fasting/Consecration Brings Brokenness

Fasting/Consecration bring brokenness. Brokenness is so precious in the eyes of the Lord (1 Samuel 16:7). God sent Samuel to anoint a new king to replace Saul as leader of Israel. He guided Samuel past all the older, stronger, more experienced sons of Jesse, young men who by all appearances seemed well-suited to be King. But God told Samuel not to look at the boys' outer appearance or their physical strength. Brokenness makes room for God to release His strength through our weakness, in order to accomplish His plans. Psalm 51:17; Proverbs 15:13; 17:22.

Fasting/Consecration Restores

There is nothing that has been wasted in your life (i.e., drugs, alcohol, troubled episodes, abuse, etc.). Fasting/Consecration can restore and break the yoke of the waster (Satan). Through Fasting/Consecration, God will remove the burden and repair what seemingly has been wasted. God will pick up all the fragments of your life. (John 6:12, He said, "Gather up the fragments that remain, that nothing will be lost.") He is a "Repairer of the Breach, the Restorer of Streets to Dwell In." (Isaiah 58:12) Regular Fasting/Consecrating will keep your spirit strong. Joshua 14:11-12.

“Then Will I Hear from Heaven...”

“If my people who are called by My Name will humble themselves, and pray and seek My face, and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from Heaven, and will forgive their sin” (2 Chronicles 7:14). Fasting/Consecration is self-humbling. “He who humbles himself will be exalted” (Luke 18:9-14). Fasting/Consecration is our body language to God. When we Fast/Consecrate, we are expressing our hunger for Him. We always ask from a place of humility.

Unforgiveness

Fasting/Consecration will loosen the grip of unforgiveness. (Matthew 18:32-33, 35; Luke 6:37; 7:45-50; Mark 11:25-26). If these scriptures pertain to you, the Spirit will identify the individuals in question.

No Expiration Date on Prayers – Persistence Breaks Resistance

As soon as you pray, God hears you, as in Daniel 10:12-14. Daniel fasted and prayed for weeks. Satan does everything in his power to stop you from receiving your answer. Your prayers will not be discarded. Believe God!!!!!!! Stack up your prayers as you are Fasting/Consecrating. Pray, Pray, Pray!!!!!!! Pray all night as Jesus did. “Pray without ceasing.” (1 Thessalonians 5:17)

God Needs a Clean Vessel

God needs empty vessels, not ones so full of themselves that He cannot pour Himself out through or into them. Fasting/Consecration can cleanse the DIRT and prepare us for God’s use!!!

- D** Disobedience
- I** Ignorance (zeal without knowledge)
- R** Rebellion
- T** The Tongue (words of doubt and unbelief)

Spending time in Fasting/Consecration and prayer, regardless of your circumstance, will help you to be rooted and grounded in your faith, ready to weather any storm, the economy, your health, your family, or your job, etc... These are Satan’s attention-getters. NOTE: Remember, the focus of the enemy is always to cause the Work of God to cease!!!!

There are several elements we can glean from and be strengthened by during the Consecration:

- Assemble – Unity, Buddy System, Find a Friend
- Separate – Turn off the TV, computer and entertainment!!!
- Confess – Nehemiah 9:1-2, Repent!! God will bring things to your mind!!!
- The Word – Hear and Read the Word. Nehemiah 9:1-3
- Worship – Nehemiah 9:1-3

Fasting/Consecration Brings the Glory of God

His Glory is upon the earth through you as you fast before Him (Habakkuk 2:14). “Then shall thy light break forth as the morning, and thine health shall spring forth speedily: and thy righteousness shall go before thee; the Glory of the Lord is thy rereward. Then shalt thou call, and the Lord shall answer; thou shall cry, and He shall say, Here I Am ... The Lord shall guide thee continually, and satisfy thy soul in drought ... then shalt thou delight thyself in the Lord; and I will cause thee to ride upon the high places of the earth, and feed thee with the heritage of Jacob, thy father, for the Mouth of the Lord hath spoken it.” (Isaiah 58:8-14).

No-Quit Option/The Power of a Made-Up Mind

Never make decisions based on temporary circumstances. 2 Corinthians 11:23-29. Quitting is not an option!!!! When you think about quitting, you talk about quitting. Be assured, you will then quit!! Hebrews 10:39, “We are not of those who draw back to perdition, but of those who believe to the saving of the soul.” Jesus never quit!!!! Remove the quit option!!!! When you do that the battle is won!!! Hebrews 10:35-36, “Therefore, do not cast away your confidence, which has great reward. For you have need of endurance, so that after you have done the Will of God, you may receive the promise.” “We are more than Conquerors.” (Romans 8:37-39)

THE CONSECRATED FAST

How long is the consecration?

5 days. We will begin Monday, May 18 and conclude Sunday, May 24. Please read and study the scriptures and content provided.

What about medications?

Please continue to take all medications as prescribed. It is vitally important that you do not stop taking your medications.

May I take vitamins and sports drinks (protein drinks)?

Yes, you may take a good multivitamin and a meal substitute drink. We discourage sports drinks due to the high sugar and sodium contents.

What is the key to a successful consecration or fast?

Prayer and study of the Scriptures. You are encouraged to spend time in private devotion (Prayer and Bible reading). ***See the attached scripture readings.*** You may also want to share in a time of corporate prayer with your spouse, family members or other believers.

What are the Corporate Prayer Days and Times?

- Morning Prayer: Sundays at 8:30am and Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Fridays at 5:00 a.m. **in person and also through the conference line: Dial-in: +1 502-509-0282. Access code: 343 9463**
- Noon Prayer: Tuesdays at 12:00 p.m.
- Evening Prayer: Fridays at 7:30 p.m.

What are the dietary restrictions being observed?

ONE MEAL PER DAY

What about Marital Intimacy during Times of Consecration?

According to 1 Corinthians 7:5, those that are married should limit physical intimacy. However, this does not mean abstain from emotional intimacy that is expressed in various appropriate ways (daily). After the season of consecration, Paul states that the married couple should resume their physical intimacy.

What about Unmarried or Pre-Marital Physical Intimacy?

If this question is being considered, stop the activity and schedule an appointment with the Pastor.

THE CONSECRATED FAST

***"I beseech you therefore brethren, by the Mercies of God, that you present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable to God, which is your reasonable service. And do not be confirmed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, that you may prove what is that good and acceptable and the perfect Will of God."* (Romans 12:1-2)**

PRAYER FOCUS FOR FAST

DAY 1 – Monday, May 18, 2026

Scripture Reading: Isaiah 28:11-12, Joel 2:28-32; John 14:16-21; Luke 11:13; Acts 1:8, 2:4, 32, 33, 39, 8:12-17, 10:44-46, 19:2, 5-6; Romans 10:9-10; 1 Corinthians 14:2-15, 18, 27; Ephesians 6:18; Jude 1:20

Prayer: *To Receive the Infilling of the Holy Spirit*

My Heavenly Father, I am Your child, for I believe in my heart that Jesus has been raised from the dead, and I have confessed Him as my Lord.

Jesus said, “How much more shall your Heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask Him.” I ask You now in the Name of Jesus to fill me with the Holy Spirit. I step into the fullness and power that I desire in the Name of Jesus. I confess that I am a Spirit-filled Christian. As I yield my vocal organs, I expect to speak in tongues, for the Spirit gives me utterance. And I will continue each day to speak in my heavenly language in the Name of Jesus. Praise the Lord! Amen.”

Scripture Reading: Romans 11:19; 1 Corinthians 13; Galatians 5:17–25; James 3:17–18

The Holy Spirit Manifests Through Various Fruit

The Fruit of the Spirit is Love, Joy, Peace, Patience, Kindness, Goodness, Faithfulness, Gentleness and Self-control” (Gal. 5:22–23). It is possible for one to have the Gifts of the Spirit without the Fruit of the Spirit. One cannot have the Fruit of the Spirit without the Gift of the Spirit. Charismatics and Pentecostals tend to emphasize the Gifts; Conservative Evangelicals and Reformed Christians tend to stress the Fruit.

There has been a silent divorce in the Church, speaking generally, between the Word and the Spirit. When there is a divorce, sometimes the children stay with the Mother, sometimes with the Father. In this divorce there are those on the Word side emphasizing sound doctrine, especially the Book of Romans, and those on the Spirit side emphasizing the Holy Spirit, especially the Book of Acts. Sadly, it seems to be one or the other, the need is for both. Simultaneous combination will result in spontaneous combustion. The Word and Spirit coming together will bring about the next move of the Holy Spirit.

Fruit of the Spirit as found in the Book of Galatians 5:22–23.

Love. This is the first Fruit of the Spirit that Paul lists and is actually the sum total of all the Fruit of the Holy Spirit. If indeed we fulfilled all that is described by Paul in 1 Corinthians 13, we would experience all the Fruit that follow—Joy, Peace, Patience, and so forth. Paul means *agape* love (selfless love), not *philia* (brotherly love) or *eros* (physical love). Read 1 Corinthians 13, noting that “Love is patient, Love is kind. It does not envy, It does not boast, It is not proud. It is not rude, It is not self-seeking, It is not easily angered, It keeps no record of wrongs” (vv. 4–5). Why do we keep records? To prove we have paid? Why do we keep a record of wrongs? To remind another of their faults? Love tears up all records of wrong—

whether it be your friend or enemy, your spouse or neighbor. Total forgiveness means that all the Fruit of the Spirit follow.

Joy. This is an inward state where the absence of any condemnation allows you to experience the Lord's own joy. Happiness comes from outward things; joy is internal and comes by the ungrieved Spirit.

Peace. This is something that Satan cannot produce. The flesh cannot produce it. It is a Fruit of the Spirit that witnesses to your Eternal Salvation and your pleasing the Lord.

Patience. This is a supernatural ability to *wait*, not merely to wait upon the Lord but also upon people! Instead of snapping your finger and expecting others to jump, you let them be themselves without your moralizing them.

Kindness. This means being nice. Considerate. Friendly. It is what makes people want to be around you. Does it surprise you that being nice to people is a fruit of the Holy Spirit?

Goodness. This is perhaps the hardest of the Fruit of the Spirit to define. It is the combination of honesty and generosity. It can be used interchangeably with virtue. I think transparent integrity best defines goodness.

Faithfulness. God is faithful; He will never let us down. He keeps His word. If we are Faithful, we will be consistent in keeping our word and demonstrating *Agape* love.

Gentleness. This means the willingness to yield; It's the opposite of being harsh. It is being unruffled when your plans suddenly fall through. One thinks of the Dove, a symbol of the Holy Spirit, as opposed to a pigeon, which is boisterous and a symbol of the counterfeit.

Self-control. This means having self-discipline regarding your temper, appetite, handling money, ambition, lifestyle, or coping with disappointment with ease.

Whereas the Gifts of the Spirit are granted without repentance, the Fruit emerge in proportion to our obedience. The Gifts are sovereignly bestowed and irrevocable; they do not prove how spiritual a person is, whereas the Fruit of the Spirit do indicate one's spirituality. Word people, speaking generally, tend to focus on the Fruit; Spirit people focus more on the Gifts.

Why not both?

Prayer:

Gracious Holy Spirit, I am ashamed that I do not manifest Your Fruit as I should, and I ask for Your forgiveness. I pray that my life will be one that shows Your power in Spiritual Gifts as well as Grace that demonstrate Your Fruit In Jesus's Name, Amen.

Scripture Reading: Matthew 25:1–13; Luke 12:35–40; Ephesians 5:8–21; Revelation 3:14–22; 1 Thessalonians 4:15-18

The Holy Spirit Will Awaken The Church

The Holy Spirit is the only entity that can keep us and catch us up in the "Rapture". Our very Salvation depends upon Him. In the parable of the ten virgins (Matt. 25:1–13) Jesus describes what the state of the Church will be like in the very last days; asleep. This parable is based upon an ancient Middle Eastern wedding—very unlike our weddings today. The wedding

took place not in a Church or synagogue but in the Bridegroom's home. It could last over a period of several days. The procedure was this: the Groom would go to the bride's home and bring her back to his home

where the wedding took place, but the Bride never knew when he would arrive. Strange as it may seem to us, sometimes he would come in the middle of the night! The Bride had young maidens around her who carried lamps. They would need flasks of oil in order to keep the lamps lit in case the Groom came at night.

In the parable there were Five "Wise" Virgins; they took oil with them so their lamps would never go out. The wise represent those who were pursuing their inheritance. Some do; some don't. The Five "Foolish" virgins took no oil; they represent those who did not pursue their inheritance. In the parable there was a cry at midnight; the Greek word means "middle of the night." The cry went out, "Here's the Bridegroom! Come out to meet him!" (v. 6). All ten virgins were awakened; even the Wise had been asleep. But the Foolish virgins' lamps had gone out, having run out of oil. They pleaded with the Wise, "Give us some of your oil (Holy Spirit)" (v. 8), but the Wise were unable to help. Those who had the oil in their lamps went in to enjoy the Wedding banquet (Symbolic of the Rapture).

Prayer:

Most gracious Holy Spirit, I welcome any wake-up call that will bring me to my senses. Grant me not to miss the joy and glory of what is coming. Wake me up now that I may know I am truly pursuing my inheritance. And glorify Jesus to the greatest degree. In His name, Amen.

Tongues Bring Fire

1. Is 64:6-7. The most essential things in Prayer is to connect with God and find His Will. This is most essential in the Prayer life of a Child of God, to find out what God wants. One must stir himself up to pray and lay hold of God. The person who does will be Blessed of the Lord (v7). No man rises to God without effort; and if one fails in this, he sinks into sin and spiritual deadness, which will take him to the lowest hell. The idea here is that of making an effort to rouse oneself when oppressed by a Spirit of heavy slumber and extreme drowsiness. Speaking in tongues keeps one from being sunk into a spiritual **stupor** (a condition of greatly dull or complete sense of sensibility).
2. Tongues. Is 28:11-12 (Stammering does not mean that the language would not be real and genuine, but the people hearing it would not understand it).
3. Romans 8:26,27 – As we pray, speaking in Tongues our spirit connects with His Spirit, we will draw near to God and He then will impress His Will upon us. (Infirmities – feebleness of body or mind; moral fragility-diseases, sickness, weakness.) The Holy Spirit is not sent to pray for you, but to assist you as you pray. The groaning comes out of our spirit and escapes our lips and our mind. It goes directly to God, which is the Spirit of the Living God speaking to God telling Him exactly what we need, when we do not know what we need. These groanings cannot be expressed by words.
4. Speaking tongues builds up our Faith. Jude 20.

5. A person who speaks in other tongues in prayer touches God every single time. 1Cor 14:1, 2.
6. The person that prays in Tongues and has been Baptized by Fire shakes up hell and has the potential to destroy the works of Satan.
7. When we don't know what to pray for, just speak in Tongues and let the Spirit pray.
8. After being Baptized, in the Fire of the Holy Ghost and a burden is so heavy that it cannot be discharged, speak in Tongues, plead the Blood of Jesus, and it will be burned up by Fire.
9. The Blessings of Speaking in Tongues 1 Corinthians 14:
 - V 2 –You speak directly to God.
 - V 4 – You edify yourself
 - V14-Your spirit prayeth
 - V21- A sign to unbelievers

DAY 2 – Tuesday, May 19, 2026

Scripture Reading: 2 Samuel 12:11–14; Psalm 139; Lamentations 3:19–26; 1 John 1:7–2:2

The Holy Spirit Does Not Forsake Us

We have seen that each person in the Trinity is truly and fully God. This has relevance with regard to our Relationship to the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. For example, it is written of God the Father that He “Will never leave you nor forsake you” (Deut. 31:6). Jesus said before His ascension to Heaven, “Surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age” (Matt. 28:20). Can we expect the same faithfulness with regard to the Holy Spirit? Yes. Jesus said of the Holy Spirit that He would be with us “Forever” (John 14:16).

David, a man after God's own heart and Israel's greatest king, was not perfect, his sins of adultery and murder, rank at the top of the list in grievous and disgraceful sins in the Old Testament. Unlike Saul, David repented as soon as the Prophet Nathan reproved him, and afterward he wrote down his prayer. It is Psalm 51. The first thing David asked for was Mercy; “Have mercy on me, O God, according to Your unfailing love; according to Your great compassion, blot out my transgressions. Wash away all my iniquity and cleanse me from my sin” (v. 1–2). Focus on these words: “Do not cast me from your Presence or take your Holy Spirit from me” (v. 11). Some think this shows that the Holy Spirit leaves us when we sin, because David prayed as he did—that God would not take the Holy Spirit from him. He did not pray that because the Holy Spirit leaves us when we sin; David prayed this because he *feared* this and was conscious of what he deserved. **He prayed this way because the Presence of God was so precious to him.** To him the Presence of God and the Holy Spirit came to the same thing. David was horrified at the thought he might forfeit this.

He need not have worried. “Great is your Faithfulness” (Lam. 3:23). The God of the Old Testament does not leave us; Jesus the Son of God does not leave us; the Holy Spirit does not

leave us, because, they are One. Only a person who was motivated by the Holy Spirit could pray like that! His prayer for Mercy shows that the Holy Spirit was with him! Praying for Mercy showed his repentance. Also, pleading for Mercy shows we have no bargaining power; David recognized that God could give or withhold Mercy and be just either way. The entire Psalm 51 can be described with one word: Repentance. That is what David was showing. The Holy Spirit was at work in him, enabling David to pray as he did. Indeed, Psalm 51 is a part of Scripture—of which the Holy Spirit is the Author! All Scripture is “God-Breathed,” which means inspired by the Holy Spirit (2 Tim. 3:16).

David also wrote the amazing Psalm 139. Whether he wrote this before or after his horrible sin, we don’t know. In any case, David wrote: “Where can I go from your Spirit? Where can I flee from your presence? If I go up to the Heavens, You are there; if I make my bed in the depths, You are there” (v. 7–8). The King James translates the latter part of verse 8, “If I make my bed in Hell.” The ESV leaves the Hebrew untranslated: “If I make my bed in *Sheol*”—Death, the Grave. David certainly had made his bed in Hell, when he sinned with a high hand as he did. (*Hades* is the New Testament equivalent of *Sheol*.) If he wrote that Psalm after his sin, it is a Testimony that God indeed had not left him.

We are all sinners, “If we claim to be without sin, we deceive ourselves and the Truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, He is faithful and Just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness” (1 John 1:8–9). It is by the Grace of God that we might have not sinned as David did. However we are just encouraged to know that the God of the Bible is full of Mercy. Jesus said to the Woman found in adultery, “Neither do I condemn you . . . Go now and leave your life of sin” (John 8:11). The Holy Spirit is the Same; He will never leave us, but He will tell us to leave our life of sin.

Prayer:

O Holy Spirit, I think of the phrase, “There go I but by the Grace of God.” Forgive me for my sins, including my self-righteousness. Thank You for Your Great Mercy. In Jesus’ Name, Amen.

Scripture Reading: Matthew 11:25–30; John 6:61–65; Romans 8:28–30; Ephesians 2:1–9

The Holy Spirit Directs People To Jesus and Makes Him Real

Have you considered how essential the Work of the Holy Spirit is in Evangelism? When Jesus said to Nicodemus, “You must be Born Again,” He immediately added something about the Holy Spirit: “The Wind blows wherever it pleases. You hear Its sound, but you cannot tell where it comes from or where it is going. So it is with everyone Born of the Spirit” (John 3:7–8). Jesus is saying that every conversion is a work of sovereign Grace of the Holy Spirit. As we were passive in our natural birth, so too are we when born of the Holy Spirit. It is what the Holy Spirit does with us that is the Miracle.

Does this surprise you? James said, “Of He brought us forth by the Word of Truth, that we should be a kind of Firstfruits of His Creatures” (James 1:18, ESV). This means no

conversion is an accident. Our natural birth was not an accident. God gives each of us life and breath. “From one man he made every nation of men, that they should inhabit the whole earth; and he determined the times set for them and the exact places where they should live” (Acts 17:26). God chose when and where we should be born. Why? “That men would seek him and perhaps reach out for him and find him” (v. 27). We are born “dead” in transgressions and sins, “but because of his great love for us, God, who is rich in mercy, made us alive with Christ even when we were dead in transgressions—it is by grace you have been saved” (Eph. 2:1, 4–5). This means we cannot take credit for being saved. “Where, then, is boasting?” asks Paul, who then answers: “It is excluded” (Rom. 3:27). Conversion is what the Holy Spirit does. It is not of works lest we boast (Eph. 2:9).

We saw earlier that Jesus said of the Holy Spirit, “He will testify about me” (John 15:26). What makes people want to turn to Jesus? The Holy Spirit. What makes Jesus real? The Holy Spirit. What makes what He did for us—dying on the cross and being raised from the dead—real? The Holy Spirit.

This is why Jesus said, “No one can come to me unless the Father who sent me draws them” (John 6:44). We are all born “dead”—“dead in your transgressions and sins” (Eph. 2:1). Can a dead man speak? Can a dead man hear? Can a dead man move? Can a dead man make a choice? Jesus’s statement in John 6:44 came in the midst of what Bible teachers call *the hard teachings of Jesus*. At the beginning of this discourse Jesus had a following of five thousand (v. 10). At the end, “Many of his disciples turned back and no longer followed him” (v. 66). Jesus elaborated on His various *hard* sayings: “The Spirit gives life; the flesh counts for nothing . . . This is why I told you that no one can come to me unless the Father has enabled him” (v. 63, 65).

What is the aim of the Holy Spirit’s witness? Jesus Christ. The Holy Spirit directs people to Jesus. “He will testify about me.” It is the Spirit who makes people see *why* Jesus died and rose again. Remember that the Eleven (now that Judas Iscariot is out of the picture) did not know *why* Jesus died or rose from the dead even after they saw His resurrected body. It was not until the Holy Spirit fell on them on the Day of Pentecost that it all came together for them.

Charles Spurgeon once told how he himself was converted. He asked, “Why am I a Christian?” He concluded: it was because he heard the gospel. “But,” he asked, “why did I believe it?” Then, like a flash, “I saw that God was at the bottom of it all”; he owed his salvation to sheer grace alone. Dr. Lloyd-Jones used to say that a Christian is a person who is surprised that he is a Christian!

I was invited to meet the late Margaret Thatcher when she was prime minister of Great Britain. I was given several minutes of private time with her just before I gave the invocation at a lawyers’ convention in Royal Albert Hall. But lo and behold, who would be waiting to meet her, only to shake her hand? Chief Justice of the Supreme Court Warren Burger, Vice President Walter Mondale, and the American ambassador to St. James Court. Then it was announced that there would be a photograph of these dignitaries with the prime minister. At that point I stepped back to watch. “Come here, Dr. Kendall; you are to be in this photo,” I was told. I walked over self-consciously to be included, to be photographed with these important people. I felt like a fraud. I did not deserve to be there for one second. But I was invited, and I accepted the

Invitation. When we get to Heaven, we will all have this in common: we don't deserve to be there. But we were invited, and we accepted the Invitation.

Martin Luther said, "He expects three surprises in Heaven: (1) There will be those present he did not expect to be there, (2) There will be those missing he expected to be there, and (3) He is there himself!

Prayer:

O Sovereign Holy Spirit, I am so aware of my unworthiness before You. I so don't deserve to be Your child. Thank You for wooing me and giving me life. Save me from ever boasting that I am saved when I know it is all by Your Grace. In Jesus's Name, Amen.

Scripture Reading: Romans 12:3–12; 1 Corinthians 1:4–9; Ephesians 4:7–16; James 5:13–16

The Holy Spirit Manifests Through Various Spiritual Gifts

"Now concerning Spiritual Gifts, Brethern, I will not have you ignorant" .” These including, for to one is given by the Spirit, The Word of Wisdom, to another The Word of Knowledge, by the Same Spirit; to another Faith, by the same Spirit; Gifts of Healing, by the Same Spirit, to another, the working of Miracles; to another Prophecy, to another Discerning of Spirits, to another Divers kinds of tongues, and to another the Interpretation of Tongues (1 Cor. 12:7–10).

There are further gifts listed, however are not listed as Spiritual Gifts. Such are the ability to "Help others" and "Gifts of Administration" (v. 28). There are (what some call) Motivational Gifts in Romans 12:3–8.

Word of Wisdom. This is the presence of the Mind of the Spirit, enabling you to know the next step forward in what you should say or do. Wisdom consists not in more education or a high IQ but having the right word at the right time whether it be for yourself or others. Sadly, it is the last gift so many seem to want and yet is the most needed. It is also a Word from God for ones Future. It can reveal what is going to happen in the Future. It can come in the form of a Dream or a Word or any Way God desires.

Word of Knowledge. Better known these days as "word [Gr. *logos*] of knowledge," this Gift *could* refer to theological and biblical knowledge, but it may also be understood as being a "special word" that a person needs urgently: a timely and relevant message from the Spirit that assures one that God and not man has spoken. It can be a Past or Present Word.

Faith. This is not Saving Faith or justifying Faith but rather a Special Faith, an amazing ability to trust God in a crisis, to stand and confess when the situation looks unbearably negative. It is when you are amazed at your ability to cope when all things have gone wrong. It could be a permanent Gift or something given for a needed moment. Luke 7:50; Matt 9:22; Mark 5:34.

Gifts of Healing. This Gift shows that Jesus’s Ministry of Healing did not end when He ascended to God’s Right Hand. God intended that healing the sick should continue until Jesus comes. What happened in the Book of Acts can happen today. Some people seem to have a special gift in this area. Matt 10:8; Luke 10:9; matt 12:10; Luke 4:18, 5:17.

The Working of Miracles. It is not easy to determine the difference between Healing of the sick and Miracles (the Greek words are used interchangeably). However, it is possible that Healing can be gradual and Miracles may take place instantly. The forty-year-old lame man who never walked was suddenly enabled to walk—and leap—at the Gate Beautiful (although this miracle is called Healing; Acts 3:1–16). This Gift of Miracles may also refer to casting out demons. Jn 2:11; 2:23; 3:2, 26; 7:31; 11:47; 12:37; Act 2:22; Heb 2:4; Matt 4:24.

Prophecy. Gift of Prophecy Paul seems to be urging (1 Cor. 14:1) is mostly for the edification of the Body of Christ; Joel 2:28; Acts 2:17-18; 21:9; romans 12:6; 1 Cor 13:9; 1 Th 5:20; Prophetied, Acts 19:6.

Discerning of Spirits. This important gift enables one to recognize the demonic, but more importantly the genuine Holy Spirit. But never underestimate the importance of a person having the ability to recognize the Holy Spirit Himself in a day when there is so much of the counterfeit. 1 Corinthians 11:29; 12:10.

Divers Kinds of Tongues. “Different kinds” of Tongues, implying that one may not always speak in the known language, but will speak according to the inspiration of the Holy Spirit, whether it is a known language on earth or an angelic tongue. 1 Cor 12:10; Mk 16:17;; Act 2:3; Act 2:4; 2:11; Acts 10:46; 1 Cor 12:28; 1 Cor 14:22.

Interpretation of tongues. Paul does not say *translation* but *interpretation*. It does not require a word-for-word translation but conveying the Spirit of one’s message in Tongues. If one speaks in a Tongue in the Church, Paul required that someone interprets.

It is debatable whether one has a Gift permanently or as needed. In any case, the Gifts are “irrevocable” (Rom. 11:29; “without repentance,” KJV), a sober reminder that we should not fancy ourselves to be spiritual because we exercise any of these Gifts.

Prayer:

Blessed Holy Spirit, thank You for granting Gifts to the Body of Christ. Grant that I myself will truly desire earnestly the greater Gifts. Let me want them so much that I will seek the less spectacular or the more humbling, in order that I might Glorify the Name of Jesus. We pray in His Name, Amen.

Scripture Reading: Jude 20; Romans 8:2, 4, 9, 14, 31, 37, 12:21, 13:12, 14; James 1:22, 4:7-8; Hebrews 13:5; Ephesians 6:10; Colossians 2: 10

Prayer: Spirit-Controlled Life

Father, I pray for all Saints everywhere. Help us remain teachable, that we may receive instruction from the Apostles, Prophets, Evangelists, Pastors, and Teachers. We will be Your children equipped for the Work of Ministry, for the edifying of the Body of Christ. Bring us to the unity of Faith and Knowledge of the Son of God, to a perfect man, to the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ.

Father, there is now no Condemnation to those who walk according to the Spirit, because through Christ Jesus, the Law of the Spirit of Life sets us free from the law of sin and death. Grant us the Grace to live the Life of the Spirit. Father, You condemned sin in the flesh [subdued, overcame, deprived it] of its power over us. Now the Righteous and Just requirement of the Law is fully met in us, who live and move in the ways of the Spirit – our lives governed and controlled by the Holy Spirit.

We purpose to live according to the Spirit, and we are controlled by the Desires of the Spirit. We set our minds on and seek those things which gratify the Holy Spirit. We no longer live the life of the flesh; we live the Life of the Spirit. The Holy Spirit of God really dwells with us, directing and controlling us.

On the Authority of Your Word, we declare that we are more than Conquerors and are gaining a surpassing Victory through Jesus, our Lord, Who loves us. We refuse to let ourselves be overcome with evil, but we will overcome and master evil with good. We have on the full Armor of Light, clothed with the Lord Jesus Christ, the Messiah, the King of King and Lord of Lords and make no provision for indulging the flesh.

May we always be doers of God's Word. We have God's Wisdom, and we draw it forth with Prayer. We are peace-loving people of God. Not revengful, liars, fornicators, gossipers, back biters but full of Compassion and good Fruits. We are free from doubts, jealousy, wavering and insincerity. We are subject to God, our Father, in Jesus Name.

We are strong in the Lord and the Power of His might. Therefore, we take our stand against the devil and resist him and he flees from us. We draw close to God, and God draws close to us. We do not fear, for God never leaves us or forsakes us in Jesus Name. Jesus is our Lord!

Scripture Reading: Matthew 7:15–27; Romans 11:29; 1 Timothy 4:1–5; 2 Timothy 4:1–5; Acts 21:10–14; Philippians 2:12–16; 1 Thessalonians 4:3–7; Hebrews 12:15–17; 1 Samuel 24:1–7; 26:8–11; Psalms 23; 136; Isaiah 40:31; Matthew 20:20–28

The Holy Spirit Empowers for Leadership

Questions “Why did God not raise up a successor to Joshua? He made Joshua successor to Moses but provided no successor to Joshua.” It is a mystery. Whatever the reason, Joshua was not succeeded by one man but by Judges, or leaders sometimes called deliverers, during the time between Joshua and Samuel. Four of these men have in common that the “Spirit of the LORD came upon him” (Othniel, Judges 3:10; Gideon, Judges 6:34; Jephthah, Judges 11:29; and Samson, Judges 14:6, 19, 15:14). We know little about Othniel, but we know that in the case of the other three, each was characterized by a glaring weakness. Gideon was probably the best of the lot, but his stature diminished when toward the end of his life he requested that the people give him an earring. Gideon made the gold earrings into a gold ephod, which he placed in Ophrah, his town. “All Israel prostituted themselves by worshiping it there, and it became a snare to Gideon and his family” (Judg. 8:27).

John Calvin said that “in every saint there is something reprehensible.” He said this in his commentary on Jephthah, who delivered Israel in an amazing victory over the Ammonites but would always be known for his foolish vow. Jephthah vowed to God that if He delivered Israel in this major battle, he would sacrifice anyone who “comes out of the door of my house” (Judg. 11:31). But who should it be but his own daughter! (vv. 34–35). In the case of Samson, sometimes called the strongest man who ever lived, he had a fatal weakness—a weakness for women. This weakness led to his downfall. He fell for Delilah, but she accused him of not loving her because he would not reveal his secret to her. He surely knew she was a bad person, but his desire for her overruled common sense. He revealed his secret—he had never had a haircut. When he slept, she cut off his hair, and his strength immediately left him. He became as weak as any man. The Philistines seized him, gouged out his eyes, and bound him with shackles. But when his hair began to grow, his strength returned. He brought down the temple, and all the people in it, getting vengeance upon them. He killed many more when he died than while he lived (Judg. 16:30).

Leaders need more than empowerment. They need wisdom. Young Solomon had the presence of mind to ask God for Wisdom: “Give your servant a discerning heart to govern your people and to distinguish between right and wrong” (1 Kings 3:9). Solomon’s wisdom was legendary in his own day and ever after. The Spirit of God gave power for leadership to these judges, but that was all. Why didn’t the Holy Spirit lead them to cleansing as well as power for leadership? The Book of Judges is summed up in the very last verse: “In those days Israel had no king; everyone did as he saw fit” (Judg. 21:15); or, in other words, “Everyone did what was right in his own eyes” (ESV).

There is a melancholy debate in some circles—which is more important, character or gifting? You would have thought that Christian leaders would have no difficulty answering a question like this, but—believe it or not—there are a lot of them who actually say that gifting is

more important than character. In other words, if a person shows great leadership and oratory, and is able to prophesy or do miracles, a person's personal and private life does not matter. Really? No wonder the sexual immorality among Christian leaders nowadays has been on the rise! The Holy Spirit is able to empower, yes. And He empowers for Leadership. True. But power is not enough. We need purity too.

I fear that too many leaders want power only. Some of them have a vast following. Great charisma. But that's about it. I don't mean to be unfair, but Paul did say that in the last days people would easily be deceived. "For the time will come when men will not put up with sound doctrine. Instead, to suit their own desires, they will gather around them a great number of teachers to say what their itching ears want to hear. They will turn their ears away from the truth, and turn aside to myths" (2 Tim. 4:3–4). Jesus said, "Many will say to me on that day, 'Lord, Lord, did we not prophesy in your name, and in your name drive out demons and perform many miracles? Then I will tell you plainly, 'I never knew you'" (Matt. 7:22–23).

Even though the Spirit of God still comes on some people—and they make a great show and woe the people—we should never follow them as our models, much less our mentors.

These things said, it may be surprise you that Gideon, Jephthah, and Samson all earned a place in the great faith chapter of the Bible—Hebrews 11. (See verse 32.) It goes to show that God is merciful. He knows our frame, remembering that we are dust (Ps. 103:14). Amen

Prayer:

O Holy Spirit, grant me the discernment to recognize the absence of Wisdom and Purity in leaders today. Let me not be among those who have itching ears and are not totally interested in the Truth. In Jesus Name, Amen.

The Holy Spirit Empowers For Prophecy

The manner in which the Spirit of the Lord was referred to in the Book of Judges is repeated in 1 Samuel; that is, when it comes to King Saul.

We begin with Samuel—the first major prophet since Moses—and Israel's request for a King. Samuel pleaded with them not to ask for a King, but he gave into them. From that moment Samuel did his best to find them a king. Saul, the son of Kish, from the tribe of Benjamin was chosen. Samuel prophesied to Saul, "The Spirit of the LORD will come upon you in power, and you will prophesy . . . and you will be changed into a different person" (1 Sam. 10:6). Shortly after that "the Spirit of God came upon him in power," and he began prophesying (v. 10). Some of those who knew him asked, "What is this that has happened to the son of Kish? Is Saul among the prophets?" (v. 11).

King Saul had a brilliant beginning. He was given great authority. On one occasion "the Spirit of God came upon him in power, and he burned with anger. He took a pair of oxen, cut them into pieces, and sent the pieces by messengers throughout Israel, proclaiming, 'This is what will be done to the oxen of anyone who does not follow Saul and Samuel.' Then the terror of the LORD fell on the people, and they turned out as one man" (1 Sam. 11:6–7).

But in a short period of time Saul became “Yesterday’s man,” *The Anointing: Yesterday, Today, Tomorrow*. What went wrong? In a word, he took himself too seriously. Dr. Martyn Lloyd-Jones used to say to me, “The worst thing that can happen to a man is to succeed before he is ready.” That was Saul. The turning point came when Saul would not wait for Samuel to offer the burnt offerings. So Saul said, “Bring me the burnt offering and the fellowship offerings.” Saul then offered up the burnt offering—knowingly going against Scripture that stipulates only the Priest called of God can do that. Saul did it anyway. Samuel then showed up and said to King Saul, “You acted foolishly.” Furthermore, “Your kingdom will not endure; the LORD has sought out a man after his own heart” (1 Sam. 13:9–14).

Things were never the same again—for Saul or for Israel. Saul was rejected by God. The people did not know this; only Samuel knew it. In the meantime Samuel anointed young David (1 Sam. 16:13)—the man after God’s own Heart. David killed Goliath, making Saul insanely jealous. Moreover, “Saul was afraid of David, because the LORD was with David but had left Saul” (1 Sam. 18:12).

David had to go into hiding because of Saul’s jealousy and dogged determination to kill him. Saul was more concerned about the threat of David than he was the Philistines—the enemy of Israel. Saul was totally committed in his mind and heart to get rid of David. No persuading would change him, whether from his son Jonathan or daughter Michal.

And now we examine a surprising, truly extraordinary occurrence. On one of his expeditions to find David and kill him, King Saul began to prophesy. His prophetic gift had not left him. Strange as it may seem, “the Spirit of God came even upon him, and he walked along prophesying until he came to Naioth. He stripped of his robes and also prophesied in Samuel’s presence. He lay that way all that day and night. This is why people say, ‘Is Saul also among the prophets?’” (1 Sam. 19:23–24).

Put these two things together: Saul prophesying and simultaneously planning to kill David. However can the two coincide? However could the *Spirit of God* come upon a man with such a wicked goal? If the Spirit of God fell on David when being anointed by Samuel, how could the same Spirit of God fall on the man whose sole obsession was to kill the man after God’s own heart?

This goes to show some of the mysteries that surround the manifestations of the Holy Spirit. What is more, Saul prophesied in the presence of Samuel, who had just anointed David to be king. Why didn’t Samuel say something to Saul? He apparently remained silent.

There are some things that happen in the Work of the Lord you cannot figure out. The Bible itself doesn’t try to explain some things. We are left to “work out” our salvation with fear and trembling (Phil. 2:12). I take “work out” to mean to sort out some dilemmas as best and honestly as you know how. God does not spoon-feed us with every detail we would gladly welcome. He apparently expects us to grow up and come to conclusions that gives us purity and peace of mind.

There is one verse that gives me a sense of sanity on this kind of issue: “God’s Gifts and his call are irrevocable [‘without repentance,’ KJV]” (Rom. 11:29). Like it or not, God gives Gifts—and lets us keep them—regardless of our character or conduct. This is why some people think that Gifting has priority over character. It is not true. I do not believe it is glorifying to God to live private lives that ignore Holy living even though our gift may flourish.

Prayer:

Dear Holy Spirit, there is so much in Your word that I do not understand. Please give me grace to leave things with You but, at the same time, walk in a manner that brings great honor and glory to Your name. In Jesus's name, Amen.

The Holy Spirit Prepares Us For Service

Then Samuel poured oil upon young David, anointing him to be the next king, the Spirit of the Lord came upon him in power (1 Sam. 16:13). But there is one thing that did not happen, namely, a further prophetic word from Samuel. If only Samuel had said, "David, it will be another twenty years before you will become king." No. Nor did Samuel prophesy, "You will be spending the next twenty years running from King Saul just to stay alive." And Samuel might have added, "Don't worry, David, this is part of your preparation." God did not lead Samuel to say anything like that.

When God commits us to service for Him, He often tells us *nothing* regarding pitfalls and disappointments along the way. We just fall into all sorts of trials and tribulations. No warning. They just come. We learn by experience. God does not lead us directly from A to Z but from A to B, B to C, *etc.* "One Day at a Time," as the title of a popular gospel song goes

Some might ask, "Since the Spirit of the Lord came upon David in power, was he not then fit to be king?" No. His anointing needed to be refined, first. Success came too soon for Saul. God was going to ensure that the man after His own heart did not succeed before he was ready.

Perhaps you feel God has given you a definite Anointing. You have thought that the Spirit of the Lord coming on you in power means you are "Ready to go." Not necessarily. Everyone's Anointing needs to be refined. Victor Hugo said, "Like the trampling of a mighty army, so is the force of an idea whose time has come." I would paraphrase that: "Like the trampling of a mighty army, so is the force of one's *Anointing* whose time has come." We all tend to think we are ready merely because of a Touch of God on us. The twelve Disciples foolishly said to Jesus, "We are able" (Matt. 20:22, KJV). God knows the truth about us. We all need more preparation.

The evidence of David's anointing came when he killed Goliath (1 Sam. 17). It was the best thing that happened to David; it won Saul's favor. It was equally the worst thing that happened to David; it incurred Saul's wrath. But David was being prepared to be the next King. Charles Spurgeon is often quoted as saying, "If I knew I had twenty years left to live, I would spend twenty of it in preparation." If your time has not yet come, it is because you need further preparation. Do not be Anxious.

God knows our frame, always remembering we are dust (Ps. 103:14). He knows how much we can bear and therefore leads us exactly according to our needs, our measure of strength, and what will be needed down the road.

I don't think David could have coped had he known in advance he would be running for his life for twenty years. One year was hard enough! But all he would go through truly was part of his preparation. He learned a lot. He learned the meaning of *Mercy* in those years. How many times did God spare David's life when a vengeful King Saul was so close to killing him? God was so Merciful. This comes out in the Psalms he was also writing. David could not have known that those psalms he was writing during those twenty years would be a part of the canon of Holy Scripture. He learned to be a grateful man. This too comes out in the psalms. He learned how not to grieve the Holy Spirit and that he must not try to hasten his becoming king before God's time had come. He learned also to fight and survive. He was being trained to be like a general in the military. He learned leadership and how to govern his faithful warriors. Most of all, he learned to trust God when all was utterly bleak. David was indeed a man after God's own heart.

God made sure that David would be *ready* when his time came. The day came. He turned out to be the greatest king Israel ever had. It was all worth waiting for.

Are you waiting for your time to come? God is ensuring that you do not embark on any opportunity until you are ready.

Prayer:

Gracious Holy Spirit, thank You for the way You refine us. Forgive me for trying to rush You. I know that time belongs to You and is in your hands. Make me patient and grateful until my time comes. In Jesus's name, Amen.

Scripture Reading: Luke 24:45–49; Acts 2:37–41; 3:6–16; 13:8–12

The Holy Spirit Gives Power

We have seen that God is Omnipresent (present everywhere) and Omniscient (all knowing). The Holy Spirit is also Omnipotent—All Powerful. After all, when we consider that the Holy Spirit was involved in Creation, that is proof of His Power. It was the Holy Spirit who divided the Red Sea when the Israelites crossed it. It was the Holy Spirit who caused fire to fall on Mount Carmel. It was the Holy Spirit who enabled Elijah and Elisha to raise people from the dead. It was the Holy Spirit who converted three thousand people on the Day of Pentecost. It was the Holy Spirit who caused the place to be shaken when the Disciples prayed (Acts 4:31).

Moments before Jesus ascended to Heaven, He said (probably His final words on this earth), “You will receive Power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be My Witnesses in Jerusalem, San Pablo, Richmond, Vallejo, Oakland and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the Earth” (Acts 1:8). That came when the Spirit came on them. This promise was fulfilled on the Day of Pentecost.

The Power of the Holy Spirit was experienced basically in three areas. First, there came a demonstration of supernatural power—that which defied a natural explanation. Mind you, not a high level of faith was needed for what they heard, saw, and felt. It was heard by their ears, seen

with their eyes, and felt in their bodies. Although Jesus said the Kingdom of God would not be visible (meaning an earthly government), ironically the initial evidences of the Holy Spirit were physical! The first sensation was hearing. Suddenly there came from heaven a *sound* like a “mighty rushing wind.” The 120 disciples sitting (not standing, not kneeling) inside the house were given power to hear and see and feel what was unprecedented in Israel’s history. They looked at each other and saw “Tongues as of fire” resting upon each one’s head! It was a visible display of Holy Fire. This came with their being “Filled with the Holy Spirit.” They began to speak “In other tongues as the Spirit gave them utterance” (Acts 2:1–4, ESV). Although Mark 16:17 [a passage in dispute by some scholars since it was not apparently in the earliest manuscripts we have] indicated that Jesus’s followers would speak “in new Tongues,” I don’t believe the 120 disciples were prepared for this. They were enabled to do this as the Spirit gave them “Utterance.” They didn’t work it up. The Tongues on the Day of Pentecost were recognizable languages. The multitude that had gathered heard each one speaking “in his own Language” (Acts 2:6).

Secondly, they were given inner power to grasp what had previously been dark or mysterious. It was not until the Holy Spirit came on them, that the disciples came to see the real purpose of Jesus coming to the earth. They now understood that (1) the falling of the Spirit was a fulfillment of Joel (Joel 2:28–32); (2) Jesus’s death on the Cross was no accident but was purposed for our Salvation; (3) His Resurrection demonstrated who Jesus was—that He was the Son of God; (4) Jesus was now at the Right Hand of God; (5) that the ascension took place to make way for the Holy Spirit; (6) people needed to be forgiven of their sins; and (7) all those/ who heard Peter’s Sermon could be forgiven and could receive the Holy Spirit if they repented and were Baptized (Acts 2:14–39). It all fell in place for Peter and those who had been filled with the Spirit.

Third, this power meant Power to witness. Acts 1:8 connects two things, making them virtually inseparable—Power and Witnessing. The power was not merely for their enjoyment—although it must have been thrilling for them all. It is what enabled Peter to confront thousands of Jews with utter fearlessness. The same Peter who cowardly denied knowing Jesus to a Galilean servant girl only seven weeks before was now telling the powerful Jews of the Day what *they* needed to do. In fact, Peter’s preaching was so effective that the hearers were “cut to the heart”—something that only the Holy Spirit can do—and asked, “What shall we do?” (Acts 2:37). They were scoffing at first, dismissing the 120 who were filled with the Spirit as having “too much wine” (v. 13). Hearing what was said but understood in their own language would have sobered them, had it been wine. But after hearing Peter, the scoffers were now begging to know what to do next! The explanation: power, a supernatural energy that defies a natural explanation.

Paul said that the Kingdom of God consists not in talk but in “Power” (1 Cor. 4:20). No doubt the power of the Holy Spirit is relevant and available not only for insight and Witnessing but also for Holy living and other Demonstrations of the Supernatural.

Prayer:

Omnipotent Holy Spirit, please hasten the day when our own generation might see Your mighty power. Forgive me for having so little of Your power. Please apply Jesus's blood to me for my cleansing and being used. Grant that I may have an increased power to witness and to see many saved. In Jesus's name, Amen.

DAY 4 – Thursday, May 21, 2026

Scripture Reading: John 14:16-17; Acts 1-8; Ephesians 1:22-23, 4:15-16; Colossians 3:12-15; Hebrews 10: 23-25; Ephesians 4:4-6, 6:18-19

Prayer: *The Body of Christ*

Father, You put all things under the feet of Jesus and gave Him to be Head over all things to the Church, which is His Body, the fullness of Him, who fills all in all. We were dead in trespasses and sins, but You made us alive! Christ is our Life and Peace, and we are no longer strangers and foreigners, but fellow citizens with the saints and members of the Household of God. Jesus is our Cornerstone.

Father, You want us to grow up, to know the whole truth and tell it in love – like Christ in everything. We take our lead from Christ, who is the Source of everything we do. He keeps us in step with each other. His very Breath and Blood flows through us, nourishing us, so that we will grow up healthy in God, robust in love.

May we be filled with the Knowledge of Your Will in all Wisdom and Spiritual Understanding. As the Elect of God, Holy and Beloved, we put on Tender Mercies, Kindness, Humility, Meekness, Longsuffering; forbearing with one another and forgiving one another. If we have a complaint against another, even as Christ forgave us, so we also must do. Above all things, we put on love, which is the bond of perfection, and let the Peace of God rule in our hearts, to which we were called in one Body, and we are thankful.

Full of belief, confident that we're pure inside and out, we keep a firm grip on the promises that keep us going - Your Word. Father, You always keep Your Word. Now we will see how inventive we can be in encouraging love and helping out, not avoiding Worshiping together as some do, but encouraging each other on, especially as we see the big Day approaching, "The Coming of Jesus Christ, The Rapture".

Since we are all called to travel on the same road and in the same direction, we will stay together, both outwardly and inwardly. We have One Master, One Faith, One Baptism, One God and Father of all, Who rules over all, works through all, and is present in all. We pray that everything we are, think and do is permeated with Oneness.

Father, we commit to pray for one another, keeping our eyes open and keeping each other's spirits up, so that no one falls behind or drops out. Also, we pray for our Spiritual

Leaders, all over the earth, that are following Your Word, that they will know what to say and have the courage to say it at the right time. We are One in the Bond of Love, in the Name of Jesus.

Scripture Reading: 1 John 5:14-15; 1 Corinthians 1:10; Matthew 18:19; Ephesians 4:2-3; 1 Peter 3:8-9; John 17: 22-23; Matthew 6:10

Prayer: Unity and Harmony

Father, in the Name of Jesus, this is the confidence that we have in You: that, if we ask anything according to Your Will, You hear us; and since we know that You hear us, whatsoever we ask, we know that we have the petitions that we desire of You. Because our desires are Your Desires and that is what we Pray.

Holy Spirit, teach us how to agree (harmonize together, together make a symphony) – about anything and everything – so that whatever we ask will come to pass and be done for us, by our Father in Heaven.

We pray that as members of the Body of Christ we will live as You have instructed– with complete lowliness of mind (humility) and meekness (unselfishness, gentleness, mildness), with patience, forbearing with one another and making allowances because, we love one another. In the Name of Jesus, we are eager and strive to earnestly guard and keep the harmony and oneness of [produced by] the Spirit in the binding Power of Peace.

We commit, in the Name of Jesus, and according to the Power of God at work in us, to be of one and the same mind (united in spirit), sympathizing [with one another], loving [each other] as brethren (of one household), compassionate and courteous – tenderhearted and humble-minded. We will never return evil for evil or insult for insult – scolding, tongue-lashing, berating; but, on the contrary, we will bless – pray for their welfare, happiness, and protection and truly pitying and loving one another. For we know that to this we have been called, that we may ourselves inherit a blessing [from God] – obtaining a blessing as Heirs, bringing welfare and happiness and protection.

Father, we thank You that Jesus has given to us the Glory and Honor that You gave Him, that we may be one, [even] as You and Jesus are One; Jesus in us and You in Jesus, in order that we may become one and perfectly united, that the world may know and [definitely] recognize that You sent Jesus and that You have loved them [even] as You have loved Jesus. Father, Thy Will be done in earth, as it is in Heaven. In Jesus Name. Amen, and so be it.

Scripture Reading: Acts 8:5-12, 14-17; Acts 10:1-48; Romans 4:17; 1 Corinthians 1:10; Mark 16:20; Ephesians 4:11-15; Philippians 4:19; Romans 5:5; 1 Corinthians 3:9; Psalm 63:4

Prayer: Vision for a Church

Father, in the Name of Jesus, we come into Your presence thanking You for Word of Faith Church. You have called us to be Saints in the Word of Faith and around the world. As

we lift our voices in one accord, we recognize that You are God and everything was made by and for You. We call into being those things that be not as though they were.

We thank You that we all speak the same thing: There is no division among us; we are perfectly joined together in the same mind. Grant unto us, Your representatives here, a boldness to speak Your Word, which You will confirm with signs following. We thank You that we have workmen in abundance and all manner of cunning people for every manner of work. Each ministry operates in the excellence of Ministry and Intercessions. We have in our Church Ministry gifts for the edifying of this Body till we all come into the unity of faith and knowledge of the Son of God unto a mature person. None of our people will be children, tossed to and fro and carried about with every wind of doctrine. We speak the truth in love.

We are a growing and witnessing Body of Believers. We have every need met. Therefore, we meet the needs of people who come – Spirit, Soul and Body. We ask for the Wisdom of God in meeting these needs. Father, we thank You for the Ministry equipment and facilities that will more than meet the needs the Ministry that You have called us to. Our Church is prospering financially, and we have more than enough to meet every situation. We have everything we need to carry out Your Great Commission and reach the Bay Area for Jesus. We are a people of Love as love is shed abroad in our hearts by the Holy Spirit. We thank You that the Word of God is living big in all of us and Jesus is Lord and Our God!

We are a Supernatural Church, composed of supernatural people doing supernatural things, for we are Laborers together with God. We thank You for Your Provision, Your Healings, Your Miracles, Your Tongues, answered Prayers, Mercy, Goodness, Faithfulness, Your Son, Jesus and Your Precious Presence among us, and we lift our hands and Praise Your Holy Name. Amen.

DAY 5 – Friday, May 22, 2026

Scripture Reading: Acts 19:1-41; Psalm 85:6-7, 51:10,12,13, 119:9-11; 2 Corinthians 7:1; John 15:3; Psalm 119:16-17; James 1:22; Psalm 119:25, 37, 40, 50; Ephesians 4:22-24; 2 Corinthians 4:16

Prayer: Revival

Father, in the Name of Jesus, You have revived us again that Your people may rejoice in You. Thank You for showing us Your Mercy and Loving-kindness, O Lord, and for granting us Your Salvation. You have created in us a clean heart, O God, and renewed a right spirit, preserving, and steadfast spirit within us. You have restored unto us the Joy of Your Precious Salvation, and You are upholding us with a willing spirit. Now we will teach transgressors Your Ways, and Sinners and Backsliders shall be converted and return to You, our precious and Wonderful Savior.

We therefore cleanse our ways by taking heed and keeping watch [on ourselves] according to Your Word [conforming our lives to it]. Since Your [Great] promises are ours, we cleanse ourselves from everything that contaminates and defiles our bodies and spirits and bring [our] consecration to completeness in the (reverential) Fear of God. With our whole hearts have

we sought You, inquiring for You and yearning for You; O let us not wander or step aside [either in ignorance or willfully] from Your Commandments. Your Word have we laid up in our hearts, that we might not sin against You.

Jesus, thank You for cleansing us through the Word and Teachings – which You have given us. We delight ourselves in Your statutes; we will not forget Your Word. Deal bountifully with Your servants, that we may live; and will observe Your Word [hearing, receiving, loving and obeying It].

Father, in the Name of Jesus, we are doers of the Word and not merely listeners to it. It is You, O Most High, Who has revived and stimulated us according to Your Word! Thank You for turning away our eyes from beholding vanity [idols and idolatry] and restoring us to vigorous life and health in Your Ways. Behold, we long for Your Precepts; in Your Righteousness, give us renewed life. This is our comfort and consolation in our affliction: that Your Word has revived us and given us Life.

We strip ourselves of our former natures- put off and discard our old unrenewed selves – which characterized our previous manner of life. We are constantly renewed in the spirit of our minds – having a fresh mental and spiritual attitude; and we put on the new nature (the regenerate self), created in God’s image, (Godlike) in true Righteousness and Holiness. Though our outer man is (progressively) decaying and wasting away, our inner self is being (progressively) renewed day after day. In Jesus Name!! Hallelujah! Amen.

Scripture Reading: 1 Corinthians 14:1-4, 15-17; 1 Timothy 2:1-2; 2 Corinthians 10:3-5; Matthew 9:38; Romans 2:4, 15:21; 2 Timothy 2:26

Prayer: Salvation of the Lost

Father, it is written in Your Word, “First of all, then, I admonish and urge that petitions, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings be offered on behalf of all men.” (1 Tim. 2:1 AMP)

Therefore, Father, we bring the lost of the world, this day – every man, woman, and child from here to the farthest corner of the earth – before You. As we intercede, we use our faith, believing that thousands this day have the opportunity to make Jesus their Lord.

Father, we know that Satan would prevent these from hearing Truth, if possible. We human, but we don’t wage war with human plans and methods. We use God’s Mighty Weapons to knock down the devil’s strongholds. With these weapons we break down every proud argument that keeps people from knowing God. With these weapons we conquer their rebellious ideas and teach them to obey Christ.

We ask the Lord of the Harvest to thrust the perfect laborers across these lives this day to share the Good News of the Gospel in a special way so that they will listen and understand it. We believe that they will not be able to resist the wooing of the Holy Spirit, for You. Father, bring them to repentance by Your goodness and love.

We confess that those who have never been told of Jesus, will know and receive, Him. They shall understand, the Love He has for them. They will understand the Sacrifice of the Cross for them.. And they shall come out of the snare of the devil who has held them captive. They shall open their eyes and turn from darkness to Light – from the power of Satan to You God! In Jesus’ Name, Amen.

“Some of the Works of the Holy Spirit 2026”

1. The Holy Spirit is spoken of as God. Acts 5:3-4.
2. He has Names to describe the Office of which He is operating i.e. Spirit of God, 1Cor 3:16; Spirit of the Living God 2Cor 3:3; Spirit of Jesus Christ Phil 1:19.
3. There are Divine Attributes ascribed to the Holy Spirit.
 - Eternal and Self-existence Heb 9:14;
 - Omnipresence Ps 139:7-10, (Everywhere);
 - Omnipotence Luke 1:35, All Power; Acts 10:38
 - Omniscience (Knows Everything);
 - Spirit of Grace Heb 10:29.
 - Spirit of Truth Jn 14:17,26; 15:26;16:13.
 - Spirit of Intelligence 1Cor 2:10-11; 12:11; Rom 8:27; 1Cor 12:8-11.
4. Divine Works are ascribed to the Holy Spirit: He creates, heals, gives life, cast out devils; convicts of sin; redeems, resurrects, inspires, changes lives, frees from sin, guides, gives victory over sin, sanctifies, imparts supernatural Power, Always speaks of Jesus and Glorifies Him, gives access to God, confirms the Gospel, Healer of the Saints, is now carrying on the Work of God in the earth.
5. It is of the greatest importance that we believe in the divinity of Holy Spirit, Love Him, and appreciate His Work in you! As we learn truth concerning the Holy Spirit, we can give Him Honor, Adoration and a personal respect as He guides our lives each and everyday!! He is not a Power that we get a hold of, but a Presence that is infinitely wise, Holy, Just and Gracious, who seeks to dwell in us and use us for the total Glory of God!!!
6. We must become acquainted with Him as a Person and not merely as an influence or Power derived from a person.
7. The Word of God reveals numerous works of the Holy Spirit among men, and an understanding of these acts on behalf of God and will enable one to see what he should expect in his own personal life. All that He has done for man, he can do for us!!!
 - Moved upon the chaotic Earth and restored it to a habitable state in six days and created new life as we see it today Gen 1:2; Ps 104:30; Job 33:4
 - Gives dreams i.e. Joseph Gen 41:14-44
 - Fills us with knowledge to do things that an ordinary man cannot do Ex 28:3; 31:33; 35:31.
 - Has filled men with Power Micah 3:8; Zec 4:6; Acts 1:8; Romans 15:19, 29
 - Endues man with physical strength with which no natural man has Num 11:10:25; 1 Sam 10:6-11
 - Gives men Power to prophesy Num 11:25-30; 24:2; 1Sam 10:6-11; 19:20-23; 2Sam 23:1-2 Chron 15:1-7.
 - Has lifted men up and carried them through the air, Ez 3:12-14; 8:3; 11:1, 24; 37:1
 - Gives victory in war (trials) Judges 3:10; 6:34; 11:29
 - Inspires men to write songs 2 Sam 23:2.

- Speaks to men as a person Acts 8:28; 10:19. 11:12.
 - Causes us to have Holy desires, Roman 9:1-13
 - Has departed from men 1Sam 16:13-23; Ps 51:11
 - Gives different degrees of Power Num 11:10; 2Kings 2:9; Jn 3:34
 - Anointed men freely like rain, Isa 32:15; 44:4; Ezek 39:29; Joel 2:28-29
 - Will lift up a standard against the devil -Is 59:19
8. When He left, He left us a “Teacher”
- He is not an “it”. An “it” doesn’t whisper, sing, speak, cry, convict, dance, enable, move, strengthen, comfort, teach, reveal, supply, enable and a million other things.
 - He always glorifies “Jesus” John 16:14-15;15:26,27
9. **Gen 1:2** First work. Acts 1:1. Jesus speaks to us thru the Holy Spirit.
10. In **John 14:15**, He is called a Comforter – Jesus first spoke of the Holy Ghost as a Comforter (Greek: allon parakleton). In Classic Greek denotes someone called or sent to help. It was sometimes used in a technical sense as a counselor or spokesman, not in a legal sense but as a friend who has coming alone side to help. In the Gospels, it has the every day meaning of “helper”. Jesus indeed was the helper in **John 16:7**. This Holy Spirit brought a closer relationship to Jesus and made His power available to his disciples wherever they were or went. As well as where ever we are or go. **John 14:23-27. John 15:26 (Just Jesus); Matt 3:16-17** We see three manifestations of God - Father, Son and the Holy Spirit.
11. The Holy Spirit is a Divine Person. He has a unique personality; He has intellect, has emotions and a Will. He has the ability to express love, communicate; He is easily wounded by our careless words and actions. . **Jn 16:5-16.**
- 12. Acts 2:2-4, 13-15; 36-47.**
13. Some more Attributes:
- a. He has all knowledge – teaches you, John 14:26
 - b. He has a Will **1 Cor 12:11 – Rev 2:7**
 - c. He speaks; **Acts 13:2; 1Tim 4:1**
 - d. He has emotions - He has feelings and heart and can Love, wants people to be saved.
 - e. Can be grieved - means to torment; to hurt or harm; cause sorrow; offend, and cause pain. **Mark 3:5; Is 63:8-10; Ep 4:30. This happens when we do not operate in the compassion, mercy and love of God.**
 - f. Cannot be lied to without consequences. **Acts 5:3,4**
 - g. Blasphemed – “To curse or slander” Matt 12:24-32 “The only unforgiving sin”
 - h. Quenched “To put an end to; to put out; to subdue” **1Thes 5:14-23**
 - i. He is Omnipresent **Ps 139:7-12 “God Is - Exist everywhere, simultaneously. There is no place in heaven, on earth or anywhere else in the universe that is not inhabited by the Holy Spirit ”.**
 - j. He is Omniscient **Is 40:13-14/1 Cor 2:10-11 “Knowing Everything”**
 - k. He is Omnipotent – brought the universe from nothing “Having unlimited and Absolute Power” Gen 1;!-3

- l. Brings you in the presence of God **Ep 2:18**.
- m. Helps in Prayer w/ groaning, **Romans 8:26**; **Jude 20** “Praying in the Spirit”. Gives us Power
- n. Gives us power to Worship **Phil 3:3**
- o. Performs miracles through us, **John 14:12**
- p. Produces His Fruit in us **Gal 5:22**
- q. Appoints us to the Ministry/Separates you from certain people. **Acts 13:2**
- r. He only speaks of the Father, The Word, Jesus **2 Sam 23:2**
- s. Changes your behavior (boldness) **Acts 4:13**
- t. Changes your prayer life, **Acts 12:5**
- u. Changes your decision making **Acts 15: 28**
- v. Changes your direction **Acts 16: 6,7**
- w. Changes your understanding **Acts 18:26**
- x. Changes your Leadership **Numbers 12:3**
- y. You become a fruitful place **Is 32:15**
- z. He causes you to walk more closely with God **Ez 36:25-28**

- 14.The Holy Spirit is expressly linked to the exaltation of the Lord Jesus Christ.
- 15.The filling of the Holy Spirit is linked with being empty. The outpouring is for everyone.
- 16.The procedures to receive the Holy Spirit. Acts 2:38; Matt 3:1-3; John 3:3-5.
- 17.The Disciples Go To Jerusalem to wait for the Holy Ghost. Acts 1:9-13.
- 18.The Dispensation of the Holy Ghost. Act 2:1-8.
- 19.We must be born again John 3:5 – Water and the Sprinkling.
- 20.Do all Men speak with Tongues when they receive the Holy Ghost?????
- 21.Gifts of the Spirit 1 Cor 12

DAY 6 – Saturday, May 23, 2026

The Fire of the Holy Spirit

The Scriptures present us with a variety of visible images which signify the Presence and Action of the Holy Spirit. These signs include Wind, Fire, Breath, and Rivers of Living Waters. Signs of Fire in Scripture signify in a special way God’s Holy Presence, Power, and Glory, as well as the Purification and Cleaning Action of the Holy Spirit.

The Phrase “Holy Ghost and Fire” is a Biblical expression that appears in the New Testament. It is used to describe the Baptism of Jesus Christ, which is to be a Spiritual Baptism that involves both the Holy Spirit and Fire. The Holy Spirit is often associated with Grace and Truth, while Fire is associated with Purification and Judgement.

In Matthew 3:11, John the Baptist says, “I indeed Baptize you with Water unto Repentance; but He that cometh after me is mightier than I, whose shoes I am not worthy to bear; He shall Baptize you with the Holy Ghost and Fire. This passage suggest that the Baptism of the Holy Spirit and Fire is a more powerful transformative experience than John’s Baptism of Repentance.

The exact meaning of this phrase has been interpreted in different ways by different Christian denominations. Some believe that it refers to the purifying work of the Holy Spirit in the Life of a believer, while others see it as a reference to the Judgement of God. The Spirit is Grace, and the Fire is Truth and These are Inseparable.

Acts share an account in which the Holy Spirit is symbolized by Fire that has become the most well-known reference to the Spirit being like a Fire. Acts 2:3-4 (NIV) states, “They saw what seemed to be Tongues of Fire that separated and came to rest on each of them. All of them began to be filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in tongues as the Spirit enabled them”. In this account, the Spirit appeared visibly like fire as the Church began on the Day of Pentecost.

Hebrew calls God, “A Consuming Fire”. In the Old Testament, God appeared to Moses in a Burning Bush Exodus 3:2. The Glory of God often appeared like a Fire, such as during the time the Israelites traveled 40 years in the wilderness (Ex 13:21-22; 14:19-31). Though the Bible often uses fire as a symbol of God’s Judgement, there are other occasions in which fire is used positively to describe God’s Power. Revelations 1:14 describes the Glorified Jesus, saying, “The Hairs of His head were white, like white wool, like snow. His eyes were like a Flame of Fire.” The Holy Spirit’s Power can certainly be represented by Fire, yet His Power is much greater than any Flame.

As stated above, God Himself is a Consuming Fire. Fire speaks of God’s Presences and Power. It also testifies to His approval of what is occurring. For example, God’s Power and approval was demonstrated through the Fire that came down and consumed the burnt offering that Elijah had prepared. 1 Kings 18:38.

Sin purged by Fire.

When the Lord has washed away the filth of the Daughters of Zion and purged the Bloodshed of Jerusalem from her midst, by the Spirit of Judgement and the Spirit of Burning. Is 4:4.

After Isaiah saw the Lord upon His Throne, He had to be purged from his sin with Fire.

Then one of the seraphs flew to me with a live coal in his hand, which he had taken with thongs from the Altar. With it he touched my mouth and said, “See, this has touched your lips; your guilt is taken away and your sin atoned for.”

Fire can speak of God's Judgement

So, fire came out from the Presence of God and consumed them, and they died before the LORD.

Those who rejected the message of Jesus will be judged by means of fire. The City of Jerusalem, with its Temple was destroyed, by fire one Generation after the coming of the Holy Spirit. The Holy Ghost, His Person and His Work are compared to Fire.

The ultimate destination for unbelievers is the "Lake of Fire". Fire has and will be used by God as an Element of Judgement.

Your Holy Spirit is **ALIVE in You Right Now**

1. The Holy Spirit is A Living Person in you.
2. As we discuss this Divine Person of the Godhead, please keep in mind that He is here right this very moment. The Holy Spirit is Divine and pictured in the Scripture as God and as a real Person. It is of great importance that we believe in the Divinity of the Holy Spirit, and also His Personality. It is only when we learn these truths that we can give Him Honor, Worship, Adoration and Personal Respect that we give God!!!! We must learn that He is not a mere Power that we need to get hold of and use, but we must understand that He is a person who is, infinitely Wise, Holy, Just, Gracious and who seeks to totally Love, Care and use us for the Glory of . We must become acquainted with Him as a Person and not merely as influence or power derived from a person.
3. John 3:1-8; Acts 1:5-8; 2:1-4 Resurrection is linked with death and filling is linked with emptying; however, the outpouring is for everyone; 2:36-47; 4:31; 8:14-17; 10:44-48; 19:1-7; 19:11-12.
4. The primary work of the Holy Spirit is to transmit the resurrected Lord to us. He does not try to convey the Christ recorded in the Gospels as far as His outward characteristics are concerned; Instead, He transmits the resurrected Christ. Which means that something has died (old nature) {Flesh} and something new is Living {Holy Spirit} in its place.
5. God's intent is for man's spirit to be His dwelling place, with the Holy Spirit-through a union with the human governing the soul, thus our spirits and souls would then use the body as the means of expression for God. Our independent soul must be destroyed. Anyone who has served God for any length of time will discover that the greatest hindrance to his work for the Lord is not others, but his own self. The outer man must be destroyed before the inner man can (come forth) reign. In one incident, this was not accomplished, so God had to use a donkey Numbers 22:21-35.
6. For the Spirit to work through you - you must be broken. There is a price to pay for this precious place in God, it is called Resurrection. The resurrection power of the Lord is at

work; otherwise, it cannot be reckoned as His Work. Heavenly authority is Glorious and exceeding great, but it is being restricted by earth. Matt 18:18.

7. For the Person of the Holy Spirit to work, there must one, no consciousness of sin that is undealt with and second a true hunger for Jesus.
8. The outpouring of the Holy Spirit is expressly linked to the exaltation of the Lord Jesus and not so much our prayers or good deeds.
9. The Work of the Holy Spirit is threefold; First He gives us life, Second, He dwells in us as Life, and Third, He falls upon us as Power to live and to be a witness.
10. The Law has rules, Life in the Spirit has no rules. "In the Spirit" - It is not ceremony it is Life. It is Ministry.
11. If you have no Anointing as you Minister, the more you talk, the less strength you have; and the longer you talk, the emptier you are within. You and others sense dryness. On the other hand, if you have an Anointing and are walking in the Spirit, the more you work the louder the Amen (Rev 3:14) inside you get, you feel light and easy and you know that is what God wants you to do and speak.
12. Humility, the place of entire dependence on God, is from the very nature of things, the first duty and the highest virtue of the creature, and the root of every creature will allow us to share God's Glory and be Vessel for His Glory. Revelations 4:11.
13. While it is easy to believe we are humble before God, the true test of our humility is our "Humility in Daily Life". The only Humility which we truly possess is the humility we show in our ordinary conduct.
- 14.1 Samuel 4:3-11. Religion and Sin will not move God.
15. John 4:23-24. Jesus is the Spirit of Truth. Worship in Spirit and in Truth. To Worship is God (Jesus) is man's Highest Glory. Recognizing who God is in His Holiness, His Glory, and His Love, and realizing that we are sinful creatures and as the Father redeemed child, in Worship we gather up our whole being and present ourselves to God, to offer Him the Adoration and the Glory due His Name. Such Worship in Spirit is Worship in Truth.
16. If you have seen Me you have seen the Father – John 14:9
17. The truest and fullest and nearest approach to God is Worship. Such a Worship in Spirit is Worship in Truth
18. We were created to Worship. This is the Worship that is pleasing to the Father. It is for this Worship that we have received the Holy Spirit.
19. There is a withering Work of the Spirit that takes place in our lives, once He is recognized as a Living Being, who desires to control our lives in accordance with the Father through the Blood of His Son, Jesus. This entire process is to make us become images of His Only Begotten Son, Our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. God created man in His Image, and His desire is for man to stay that way.
20. Learning from the Truth means that a person acts according to the Word and the relevant teaching of the Bible that he has learned. Learning from the discipline of the Holy Spirit means that after a person has experienced the Hand of the Lord dealing with him, he is gradually broken by the Lord. When this process is complete, one is fully delivered from his early stage of insubordination, murmuring, fretting, and opinions into a state of obedience. The scope of your Ministry will be determined by the amount of the Spirit's

discipline in your life; the more the discipline, the more the enlargement and usefulness of the vessel.

21.1 Sam 4:3-11

Some Positions and Acts of the Holy Spirit

In relationship to man, He is spoken of as “searching the heart” “sanctifying” “convicting” “teaching” “speaking” “hearing” “interceding” “working” “calling” “appointing” “helps to interpret dream”

1. He is spoken of as God Acts 5:3-4. Divine Names and titles ascribed to HIM are:

- The Spirit of the Living God (2 Cor 3:3)
- The Spirit of Jesus Christ (Phil 1:19; Acts 16:7)
- The Spirit of Burning (Isa 4:4)
- The Spirit of Grace and Supplications (Zech. 12:10; Heb 10:29)
- The Spirit of Glory and God (1Pet 4:14)
- The Eternal Spirit (Heb 9:14)
- The Comforter (Jn 14:26; 15:26)
- The Spirit of Your Father (Mt. 10:20)

2. Divine Works are ascribed to the Holy Spirit. He:

- Creates Ps 104-30
- Heals Romans 9:11
- Gives Life Romans 8:2
- Casts out devils Matt 12:28
- Convicts of Sins Jn 16:7-11
- Distributes gifts 1Cor 12:4-11
- Changes lives 1 Sam 10:6-9; Jn 3:3-5; 1Cor 6:11
- Inspires Scripture 2 Tim 3:15-17; 2 Pet 1:21
- Distributes gifts 1Cor 12:4-11
- Confirms the Gospel Heb 2:3-4
- Carries on the Work of God in the world (Jn 14:16-17, 26; 15:26; 16:7-15; Acts 20:28)
- Speaks of Christ and glorifies Him (Jn 16:13-15)

3. Offices of the Holy Spirit:

- He is the Author of the New Birth” and the “Direct Executive of God” in all phases of creation and redemption (Gen 1:2; Jn 3:3-5; 1Cor 6:11)
- General Overseer of the Churches (Acts 20:28)
- Chief witness for God in the earth (Jn 15:26; 16:7-15) Acts 5:32; Rom 8:14-16
- The Healer of the Saints (Rom. 8:11)
- “Character Builder” (2Cor 3:18; 2 Peter 1:5-10)

4. Attributes ascribed to the Holy Spirit are:

- Eternity and Self-existence (Heb 9:14)
 - Omnipresence Ps 139:7-10
 - Luke 1:35; Acts 10:38
 - Omniscience 1 Cor 2:10-11; Jn 14:26; 16:12-13
 - Creation Job 33:4; Ps 104:30
 - Holiness Romans 1:4 :Love, Joy
 - Love, Peace, Longsuffering Gal 5:22-23
 - Intelligence (1Cor 2:10-11; 12:11; Romans 8:27)
 - Power (1Cor 12:8-11; 2 Tim 1:7)
5. The Holy Spirit has brought these and many other benefits to men in various ages in the past and He will bring every one of these benefits today to us if we will but learn the Truth and conform to the plan of God. The Spirit of God has worked in all past ages and has blessed men according to every promise of God and according to the faith of the individual and this will be the case always. The Holy Spirit dwells in men only in the sense of union with. God and man are in perfect union and are considered as being one and dwelling in each other.

DAY 7 – Sunday, May 24, 2026

“The Presence of the Holy Spirit”

John 3:1-8; Acts 1:4-8,13-14;2:1-4; 2:36-47; 4:31;8:14-23;10:44-48; 19:1-7;19:11-12

1. The Deity of the Holy Spirit – The Holy Spirit is Divine and pictured in the Scripture as God, as a real person. It is of great importance that we believe in the Divinity of the Holy Spirit, and also His Personality. It is only when we learn these truths that we can give Him Honor, Worship, Adoration and then the personal respect He deserves. We must learn that He is not a mere Power that we need to get hold of and use, but that He is a person who is, Infinitely Wise, Holy, Just and Gracious and who seeks to get hold of us and use us. We must become acquainted with Him as a Person and not merely as influence or power derived from a person.
2. In relationship to man, He is spoken of as “searching the heart”, “sanctifying” “convicting” “teaching” “speaking” “hearing” “interceding” “working” “calling” “appointing” “helping to interpret dreams” and so much more....
3. He is spoken of as God Acts 5:3-4. Divine Names and titles that are ascribed to HIM are:
 - The Spirit of the Living God (2 Cor 3:3)
 - The Spirit of Jesus Christ (Phil 1:19; Acts 16:7)
 - The Spirit of Burning (Isa 4:4)
 - The Spirit of Grace and Supplications (Zech. 12:10; Heb 10:29)

- The Spirit of Glory and God (1Pet 4:14)
- The Eternal Spirit (Heb 9:14)
- The Comforter (Jn 14:26; 15:26)
- The Spirit of Your Father (Mt. 10:20)

4. Divine Works that are ascribed to the Holy Spirit. He:

- Creates Ps 104-30
- Heals Romans 9:11
- Gives Life Romans 8:2
- Casts out devils Matt 12:28
- Convicts of Sins Jn 16:7-11
- Distributes gifts 1Cor 12:4-11
- Changes lives 1 Sam 10:6-9; Jn 3:3-5; 1Cor 6:11
- Inspires Scripture 2 Tim 3:15-17; 2 Pet 1:21
- Distributes gifts 1Cor 12:4-11
- Confirms the Gospel Heb 2:3-4
- Carries on the Work of God in the world Jn 14:16-17, 26; 15:26; 16:7-15; Acts 20:28
- Speaks of Christ and glorifies Him Jn 16:13-15

5. Offices of the Holy Spirit:

- He is the Author of the New Birth” and the “Direct Executive of God” in all phases of creation and redemption (Gen 1:2; Jn 3:3-5; 1Cor 6:11)
- General Overseer of the Churches (Acts 20:28)
- Chief witness for God in the earth (Jn 15:26; 16:7-15) Acts 5:32; Rom 8:14-16
- The Healer of the Saints (Rom. 8:11)
- “Character Builder” (2Cor 3:18; 2 Peter 1:5-10)

6. Attributes that are ascribed to the Holy Spirit.

- Eternity and Self-existence (Heb. 9:14)
- Omnipresence Ps 139:7-10
- The Son of God Luke 1:35; Acts 10:38
- Omniscience 1 Cor 2:10-11; Jn 14:26; 16:12-13
- Creation Job 33:4; Ps 104:30
- Holiness Romans 1:4
- Love, Peace, Longsuffering Gal 5:22-23
- Intelligence (1Cor 2:10-11; 12:11; Romans 8:27)
- Power (1Cor 12:8-11; 2 Tim 1:7)

7. The Holy Spirit has brought these and many other benefits to men in various ages in the past and He will bring every one of these benefits today to us if we will learn the truth and conform to the plan of God. The Spirit of God has worked in all past ages and has

blessed men according to every promise of God and according to the faith of the individual and this will be the case always. The Holy Spirit dwells in men only in the sense of union with. God and man are in perfect union and are considered as being one and dwelling in each other.

The Inward Aspect

1. Aspects – Defined as a particular or specific direction.
2. Greek – Pleroo for inward filling -
3. The Word of God clearly revealed that there are two aspects of the Work of the Holy Spirit, the Inward aspect for LIFE and the Outward aspect for POWER. The outward is not the aim; the outward is for the inward. (The inward determines our destiny, communes with God etc.) The outward aspect is found in the Old Testament, but it is not until the New Testament, after the Resurrection of Jesus Christ, that the aim of God's eternal purpose is accomplished through the inward aspect. And that is conforming us into His image 2 Cor 4:4; Rom 8:29.
4. The inward aspect of the Work of the Holy Spirit is seen very clearly in the Gospel of John Chapters 7 and 20. In these two chapters the Holy Spirit is likened to Drinking water John (7:37-39) and Breath (20:22), Greek Emphusao/Heb. Neshamah. Gen 2:7. These are the things that are vital to life.
5. Why is the Holy Spirit likened to drinking Water and Breathe of Life in the Gospel of John? Because John is the Book of Life. It tells how Jesus came to be our Life (John 10:10) and our more Abundant Life supply; He came to be the Bread of Life (6:35, 53-58) and the Water of Life (4:13,14). If He was not the Holy Spirit, He could not come to us and be our Life supply.
6. There is only one way for the Lord to be our life; that is in the Spirit of the Living God. The concept is taught in John chapters 14-17. The main emphasis of these chapters is the transition of the Lord from flesh to the Spirit through Dead and Resurrection. He must change in form from flesh to Spirit, by being put to death and resurrected. "It is the Spirit who gives life, the flesh profits nothing; the Words I speak unto you, they are Spirit, and They are Life." After Resurrection, He came to His disciples and said, "Receive the Holy Spirit" (20:21-23). This signifies that He was received INTO His disciples as the Holy Spirit-the Divine Breathe. This Breathe is for Life. John 4:13-14; 7:37-38. He is the Spirit of reality, that seals us as the inheritance of God and the pledge that guarantees that all God is, we are and He is our Portion. He walks with us daily, and He is all that we need.

The Outward Aspect

1. The outward aspect of the Holy Spirit's Work is seen in the writing of Luke. He is writing about (Power) and In Luke 24:49 (Upon you) but wait for the Power, (they didn't have it all yet) (Put On. Act 1:4-8 (Power to do the Work of God) (Dunamis) to Witness); Power to Bind. Endured in the Greek means "clothed". Something

completely different from drinking. Clothes is for the outward. Drinking is for Life. Clothes is for AUTHORITY.

2. Where is the Authority (POWER) that belongs to the Saints? Matt 6:13; Mark 3:15; Luke 4:32; Luke 9:1; 10:19; 2 Tim 1:7.
3. The Kingdom of God is not in talk, but POWER (The power of reproducing itself)!! 1 Cor 4:18-20; 1Cor 2:1-5:
4. Then in Acts 2:2, the Holy Spirit is likening to a rushing mighty Wind. The Wind is for "Power". The Breath is for Life. It is the Wind that brings the fresh air to Breathe. But the significance of the Wind is "POWER". The Breath is for Life and the Wind is for "POWER UPON US".
5. John, in his Gospel used drinking Water and Breathe as symbols of the Holy Spirit. That is the inward aspect for Life, for John's Gospel is mainly concerned about Life. 1 Cor 12:13-14. We were Baptized, in the Spirit into one Body, we must drink of the Spirit, that we may grow, in Life and be built up, in the Body.
6. Luke's writing is about "POWER". If a policeman attempts to exercise his authority without wearing the proper uniform, no one will respect his authority. So, we must be clothed with the Holy Spirit for "Authority". When we are wearing the Divine Authority of God, satan must flee. We cannot do the Work of God without His Power. Luke 24:49; Acts 1:8; 2:3.
7. Both aspects of the Work of the Holy Spirit are necessary to us. Inwardly, we need the drink for Life, and outwardly, we need to be clothed with the Holy Spirit for the "AUTHORITY of GOD".
8. It is by the inward aspects that God's desire, His central aim is fulfilled. To be Baptized in the Holy Spirit is to be put into Him, just as Baptized in water is to be put into it. But to drink of the Holy Spirit is to take Him into us just as to drink water is to take it into us. Baptism is outward, and drinking is inward. The outward Baptism is for the inward drinking.
9. The Spirit dwells within us to be the very Paraclete, the Comforter, the One who takes care of us in our daily life. The Spirit also comes upon us with Power.
10. We may have the Spirit within us as Life, yet it is very possible we have not experienced the Holy Spirit as Power upon us. To have a proper life and walk as a victorious Christian, we need Holy Spirit Life and POWER moment by moment. We might have the Holy Ghost, but be very weak in Church attendance, serving in Ministry, sometimes no prayer attendance, rebellious, disobedient, bitterness, no love, feeling bound, cannot witness, no soul winning, no praying for a sinner (neighbor or job) or pray for healing, cast out devils etc...
11. One of the main reasons God gave us the Holy Spirit is to Witness. If we are not bringing people to God, not witnessing or our witness is weak our Power is low or NO!! We do not have the Holy Ghost upon us as power. He will always speak of the Father about our daily lives.
12. Serving with Power in the Ministry, Winning souls, sharing the Gospel, Ministering the Word are basic for a Man or Woman of God, who has the Holy Ghost with POWER. If

we are lacking in those areas, we are lacking Holy Ghost Power. We have the first aspect of the Holy Spirit but not the second! Life of the Holy Spirit, but no Power!

His Gifts by His Spirit (Explained) #1

1. 1 Cor 12:1-11. God's desire is for us to experience the Gifts of the Spirit. He wants us to understand their purpose and be effective in their use. Too many of us are ignorant of what they are, why they are given and how they can be used. Nowhere in the Scripture are the Gifts specifically defined. They often overlap (piggyback) and operate together. But we must be careful not to put such tight labels on the Gifts that we hinder your ability to be used by God. Keep an open mind and be led by the Spirit.
2. Our part is to be open to God and sensitive to His Spirit. As we obey the Spirit God will work through us. If we are not obedient, we probably will not see God in a great measure, in this area of Ministry.
3. There are Nine Gifts, which fall into three natural divisions. Three **Do** Something, Three **Say** Something and Three **Reveal** Something
 - The Three that **Do** something (Working Gifts-Power Gifts) are:
 1. The Working of Miracles
 2. The Gifts of Healing
 3. The Gift of Faith
 - The Three that **Say** Something (Vocal Gifts-Gifts of Inspiration) are:
 1. The Interpretation of Tongues
 2. Divers Kinds of Tongues
 3. Prophecy
 - The Three that **Reveal** Something (Mind Gifts-Gifts of Revelation) are:
 1. The Word of Wisdom
 2. The Word of Knowledge
 3. The Discerning of Spirits

Three Do Something:

The Working of Miracles – A Miracle is defined as a Wonder. An extraordinary event, manifesting Divine intervention into human affairs. An extremely outstanding or unusual thing accomplished through other than human powers. Hebrews defines it as a Wonder; sign; token. Greek: Dunamis. It is supernatural powers to intervene into an ordinary course of nature and counteract natural law if necessary. The Working of God's Power that interrupts, disregards and displaces the natural laws of nature. It is God's Power, working through a believer's Gift. God Himself, through the person He uses, interrupts or disrupts the original design and order – to bring about His Will and His Pleasure. God's intention is Supernatural intervention, through us, to use these power Gifts to destroy the works of the devil.

Ex 9:22-26; 14:21-31; 1Kings17:2-7; 8-16; 17-24; 1Kings 18:30-40; 2Kings 4:32-37, 38-41, 42-44; 6:1-7. (Jesus) John 2:1-11; 2 Kings 4:1-44; Mark 9:14-29 (Healing/Miracle/Jesus) spoke. Luke 13:13; Acts 5:12; 19:11-12; Luke 8:22-25.

The Gift of Healing – Heal – to make sound or whole; to restore to health; to return to a sound state. Hebrews defines healing as to mend; cure. Greek: cause to heal, repair; make whole. Ex 15:26. James 5:13-15 (The whole healing process rests upon the Lord), you can be assured that the Lord will raise you up. It is the supernatural power to heal all manners of sickness without human aid or medicine. Ps 107:20; Acts 20:9-12; Mark 5:21-36; Mark 16:16-18. Divine Healing is a gift for ministering to the needs of the people. Healing is your portion in Christ Himself. Mark 7:27. It is a Blood purchased portion that Jesus has given us. The person who operates in the Gift of Healing does not wait to see what happens. The Divine Gift is so profound to those whom God uses; there is no such things as doubt. Whatever happens does not change the mind, thoughts or the opinion of the Person God is using. He believes. The person is not moved by what he sees. He expects the very thing that God does as he lays hands upon the seeker. When God is using a person in operation of the Gift of Healing, it is the solid fact of a Divine nature within that person; pressing forwards the very nature and activity of the Lord, as if God was there in Person. The Gift of Healing is a fact. It is Faith, an unwavering trust; it is a confidence; it is reliable. The person who operates in this Gift must also have a Gift of suffering, always having a word of comfort. Longsuffering is a Grace Jesus lived in and moved in. This person must remember that he is dealing with satanic powers that are binding on the afflicted. God will not move in an atmosphere of sympathy or unbelief. We **fight** not against flesh and blood but against principalities and powers. The devil can stand all the comfort you can give him. You deal with sickness as if you were dealing with the devil, because it is the devil. 1 John 4:4. The Gifts of Healing include Body, Soul and Spirit. (The Brokenhearted Hebrew -to crush; hurt, destroy or quench) (Greek – Widely used for feelings, will or intellect, the center of anything.) (Is 61:1; Luke 4:18.)

John 6:2. Healing/Miracles. Luke 4:40-41; Act 3:11; 28:8-9; Matt 4:24; 8:8,13; 8:16; 12:15,22; 14:14;15:30. Mark 1:34, 5:23-43. Luke 6:19; 8:36.

Faith – Special gift to trust God to accomplish whatever you need or desire in your life. Supernatural ability to believe God without human doubt, unbelief and reasoning. This Faith is not saving Faith.

Romans 4:17-21; Acts 6:6-8; Matt 8:10; 9:2, 22,29; 15:28; Matt 21:17-22. Mark 5:25, 26; 9:23; 11-22-24; Luke 5:20:7:50; Heb 12:1-3; Matt 5:21-43; Matt 8:10. Abraham, Abel, Enoch, Noah. Heb 11:6. Faith worketh by Love, Galatians 5:6.

Three Say Something:

Tongues are profitable only when they exalt and glorify God, and that is when there is interpretation. It is a Word through the Spirit, and not of a human, but of the Lord. People know when God has finished and man has begun!!!!!!

- Interpretation of Tongues – The ability to listen to someone speaking in tongues and interpret, despite language barriers. Jesus 1 Cor 12
- Divers Kinds of Tongues – Ability to speak in a language that you have never spoken to any people of or in any country or land. 1 Cor 12
- Prophecy – Fore telling-predicting events before they happen and forth telling-speaking the mind, and Will and perspective of God to His people. 1 Cor 14:3, 4, 5, 6, 22-31 – If you continue to prophesy on your own, at the end of the Anointing, you are using false fire.

Three Reveal Something

- The Word of Wisdom – The Gift of the Word of Wisdom is a word in season at the moment of need to show you just what to do to scripture does not say the Gift of Wisdom. A Word of Wisdom is needed in any work that is done to please God. A Word of Wisdom gives you the direction in which God desire you to go. James 1:5. Word from God concerning the future. 2 Kings 4: 14-17
- The Word of Knowledge – Word from God concerning the past or present – it will inspire you and give your life and joy. Acts 5:1-11
- Discerning of Spirits – Ability to determine if a spirit is of God or Satan. Discernment is a very necessary Gift to understand. Most people seem to think it is discerning of human people. If we put the Discerning of Spirits on ourselves at different time, we would be careful not to judge others. We are not to discern on another, but to discern evil power and deal with them Commanding them to go back to the pit. Matt 7:4-5. When we are pure in heart God can use us to discern for His Glory. 1 John 4:1 The way you can determine a spirit is ask “Did Jesus Christ come in the flesh??? They will say no or either holds their tongue, curse, refuse to acknowledge etc.... You may ask them to say Lord Jesus. To discern spirits, we must dwell with Him who is Holy, and He will give the revelation and unveil the mask of satanic power, whatever it is. You will never be able to discern or deal with evil powers as long as there is anything in you that the devil can touch. Before Satan can bring his evil spirits, there must be an open door. How does Satan get an opening? When the believer ceases to seek holiness, purity, righteous, truth; when he ceases to pray, stop reading the Word and give way to carnal appetites. Not all the time, but sometimes sickness comes because of disobedience. This is not a rule, however, sickness is of Satan’s work. (Ps 119:67 God’s tenderness will work with us.) . You will never be able to reach out your hand to destroy the powers of Satan if there is a vestige of human desire or attainment in you. It is in the death of the death that you are in the life of the life. The sin in you must be absolutely destroyed. Discernment is not mind or eye, it is intuition. Your heart knows exactly what you are dealing with. You are only able to do what God desires for you to do when you come into the realization of Who He Is. Of death to

self, so that the supernatural Life of Jesus Christ is abounding in you to destroy the powers of evil. NOTE: Satan always comes with an “If” Matt 4:3.

4. Love is better than any of these. 1 Cor 13:1
5. There is not gift apart from relationship with God and people.
6. Our Giftedness comes from the Holy Spirit. Our ministry comes from the Lord Jesus. Our results come from God the Father.
7. These Gifts can only be received from God by Prayer and Faith.