



# EMPOWERED

*RELEASING THE POWER OF GOD  
IN YOUR LIFE AND MINISTRY*

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# 1. EMPOWERED

*But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth.”*

Acts 1:8

He is a person, but unseen to our eyes. A member of the Trinity, yet he makes our body his temple. He is a mystery to many believers, yet the writers of Scripture talk about him often. Are you aware of his work in your life? Do you experience his power?

As D. L. Moody said, “Without this power, our work will be a drudgery. With it, it becomes a joyful task, a refreshing service.” He was concerned that many were missing this refreshment and wrote, “The doctrine of the Holy Spirit has been too much overlooked, as though it were not practical, and the result is lack of power in testimony and work.”

As Catherine Marshall said, “We in our century are certainly no less needy than our Lord or those first disciples. For us to attempt any church work, any ministry, or witnessing solely through man’s devices, talents, and organizational machinery alone is as effective as trying to drive our car with water in the gas tank.”

***What about you? Is the Holy Spirit free to do his work in your life? Are you experiencing the energy of his presence?***

## **When the Holy Spirit is at work, there is:**

- ▶ Acts 1:8 – Power for witnessing
- ▶ Gal 5:22 – Love, joy, and peace
- ▶ Gal 5:16 – The ability to resist sin
- ▶ Rom 8:2 – Power to live a Godly life
- ▶ Eph 6:18 – Effective prayer
- ▶ 1 Cor 12:7-11 – Supernatural gifts for ministry

## **When he is not free to work, there is:**

- ▶ Gal 3:3 - Only human effort
- ▶ Rom 8:6 – Death
- ▶ Rom 8:8 – Inability to please God
- ▶ Gal 5:17, 19-20 – Slavery to sinful habits

## **Examples from History:**

### ***Bill Bright***

“No truth is more important to the believer than an understanding of the person and ministry of the Holy Spirit and how to be filled and controlled by Him as a way of life by faith.”

“The Christian life isn’t difficult, it’s impossible—without the power of the Holy Spirit.”

“Successful witnessing is taking the initiative to share Christ in the power of the Holy Spirit and leaving the results to God.”

“A word of caution is in order. Do not seek an emotional or mystical experience. Do not depend on mystical impressions. The Word of God must be the basis of your spiritual growth. There is an interesting parallel between Ephesians 5:18, which admonishes us to be constantly and continually directed and empowered by the Holy Spirit, and Colossians 3:16, which admonishes us to "let the Word of Christ richly dwell within you..."

“It is very important to recognize the importance of the balance between the Word of God and the Spirit of God. The Word of God is closed to our understanding and has little meaning to us apart from the illumination given by the Holy Spirit, and the Holy Spirit is hindered in speaking clear and life-changing truth apart from the Word of God.”

## ***Hudson Taylor***

“Since the days of Pentecost, has the whole church ever put aside every other work and waited upon Him for ten days, that the Spirit's power might be manifested? We give too much attention to method and machinery and resources and too little to the source of power.”

“Many Christians estimate difficulty in the light of their own resources, and thus they attempt very little, and they always fail. All giants have been weak men who did great things for God because they reckoned on His power and presence to be with them.”

“The supreme want of all missions in the present day is the manifested presence of the Holy Ghost.”

## ***DL Moody***

“There is no use in running before you are sent; there is no use in attempting to do God's work without God's power. A man working without this unction, a man working without this anointing, a man working without the Holy Ghost upon him, is losing time after all.”

“Every great movement of God can be traced to a kneeling figure.”

“I was crying all the time that God would fill me with His Spirit. Well, one day, in the city of New York — oh, what a day! — I cannot describe it, I seldom refer to it; it is almost too sacred an experience to name. Paul had an experience of which he never spoke for fourteen years. I can only say that God revealed Himself to me, and I had such an experience of His love that I had to ask Him to stay His hand. I went to preaching again. The sermons were not different; I did not present any new truths, and yet hundreds were converted. I would not now be placed back where I was before that blessed experience if you should give me all the world — it would be as the small dust of the balance.”

“If we are full of the Holy Spirit, it will be impossible to stop us from talking about Jesus.”

“I never saw a fruit-bearing Christian who was not a student of the Bible. If a man neglects his Bible, he may pray and ask God to use him in His work; but God cannot make use of him, for there is not much for the Holy Ghost to work upon. We must have the Word itself, which is sharper than any two-edged sword.”

“The Bible without the Holy Spirit is a sundial by moonlight.”

***Our goal?*** To carefully study the Holy Spirit in Scripture and respond with faith and obedience so that we can experience more of his power and presence in our lives.



## **Discussion Questions:**

1. As you think about the days ahead, what would you like to receive most from the Holy Spirit during this conference?
2. What are the things that could prevent you from that growth? How could you get in your own way?
3. What could you do to counter these potential barriers?
4. Express these things to God in prayer and pray for each other.

# 2. THE COUNSELOR

## **What did Jesus teach about the Holy Spirit?**

John 14:15-17, 25-27, John 15:6-15, Acts 1:4-8

### **Context**

In the upper room

At the last supper

John 13:33-36 – Jesus is leaving

What kind of questions did his disciples have?

## ***The promise – another counselor 14:16***

Counselor = “**parakletos**” in the Greek

para = alongside

kletos = the one who calls

*The one who comes near me and speaks to me  
in a way that enables me to move forward.*

1. He will be with you forever (v 16)

Psalms 51:11

2. The world neither sees him nor knows him  
(v 17)

3. He will be in you and in each of you (v 17)

Isaiah 44:3

Eph 1:13-14, Rom 8:9, I Cor 12:13

# **What does he do?**

## ***1. Teaches and reminds – John 14:26***

In the same way as Jesus had a clear plan for his disciples, so also the Holy Spirit has a plan for you. Like an expert teacher, he leads you step by step through lessons specially prepared for your growth.

## ***2. Convicts of sin – John 16:8***

Often, we sense that something isn't in order, but we don't know the true source of the problem. The Holy Spirit shows us exactly where the problem lies and can lead us to repentance and purification.

## ***3. Guides you, speaks to you, and makes known to you things from Jesus. John 16:13-15***

The leading of the Holy Spirit shows us the will of God and reveals information to us that we would otherwise not know. He functions as a guide who shows us the way.

## ***4. Empowers – Acts 1:8***

The power of the Holy Spirit transformed a frightened group of individuals into a powerful force that changed an entire generation. He can do the same today with you.

***This is very powerful and alive -  
why do we not always experience it?***

*“To crown all this, the Spirit, being a Person, is a Friend whom we can come to know and to love. One of His most lovable characteristics is that He deliberately submerges Himself, in Jesus; He works at being inconspicuous. The Helper always sees to it that he acts as a spotlight, ever focused on Jesus, so that we are not aware of the spotlight itself, only of that one who stands bathes in the brilliant illumination.”*

Catherine Marshall, “The Helper”

*“The Holy Spirit is a reticent Spirit. He does not willingly draw attention to himself. Above all he glorifies Christ. He is never more satisfied than when a believer is engrossed in Jesus Christ.”*

John Stott, “Baptism and Fullness”

## Discussion Questions:

1. Where do you see evidence of the Spirit's work in your life? Where is it missing?
2. Of the four things that Jesus told his disciples that the Spirit would do, which do you experience the most? Which do you experience the least?
3. Give an example of when you have experienced one of those four things in the last year. What kind of difference did the work of the Holy Spirit make in those situations?
4. What made you able to be aware of and receive his work in each of those experiences?

# 3. YOUR MIND AND THE SPIRIT

## **What did the Apostles teach about the Holy Spirit?**

This work of the Spirit was promised to every believer, but it is clear that we don't always experience it. It is also clear that some people display what seems to be a more powerful filling of the Holy Spirit than do others. What is it that releases the work of the Holy Spirit? How can we experience the four things that Jesus promised on a more consistent basis? To answer that question, we must look to the epistles and find out:

How does the Holy Spirit relate to my mind?

How does the Holy Spirit relate to my will?

How is a person filled with the Holy Spirit?

Two pieces of advice as we continue.

1. The Holy Spirit is a person – we can't reduce his work to some formula and will never fully understand it. John 3:8
2. We mustn't seek his power for our sake, but rather so we can more effectively love and serve God. Acts 8:18-24

# 1. How does the Holy Spirit relate to my mind? – Rom 7-8

You may not be aware of it, but there is a war going on. One of the key battlefields is right between your ears – it is a battle for control of your mind. The Holy Spirit is very involved in this conflict, and he has an opponent that you know very well, for you have lived with him all your life. His name is Sarx.

## ***Who is Sarx?***

Greek “σάρξ” = the **“flesh”** or my **“old nature”**

- ▶ His power is broken. – Rom 6:6
- ▶ But he still stays with me. – Rom 7:18
- ▶ He has strong opinions and tries to influence me. – Rom 7:17, 19, 20, 23
- ▶ And he wants my mind to be his prisoner – Rom 7:23

When I let him control my thoughts, I lose the power of the Spirit. I cannot please God. – Rom 8:8



## ***A closer look at the Battle***

**Rom 8:1** Therefore, there is now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus, 8:2 because through Christ Jesus, the law of the Spirit of life set me free from the law of sin and death. 8:3 For what the law was powerless to do in that it was weakened by the sinful nature, God did by sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful man to be a sin offering. And so he condemned sin in sinful man 8:4 in order that the righteous requirements of the law might be fully met in us, who do not live according to the sinful nature but according to the Spirit.

**Rom 8:5** Those who live according to the sinful nature have their minds set on what that nature desires, but those who live in accordance with the Spirit have their minds set on what the Spirit desires. The mind of sinful man is death, but the mind controlled by the Spirit is life and peace; 8:7 the sinful mind is hostile to God. It does not submit to God's law, nor can it do so. 8:8 Those controlled by the sinful nature cannot please God.

**Rom 8:9** You, however, are controlled not by the sinful nature but by the Spirit if the Spirit of God lives in you. And if anyone does not have the Spirit of Christ, he does not belong to Christ. 8:10 But if Christ is in you, your body is dead because of sin, yet your spirit is alive because of righteousness. 8:11 And if the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead is living in you, he who raised Christ from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies through his Spirit, who lives in you.

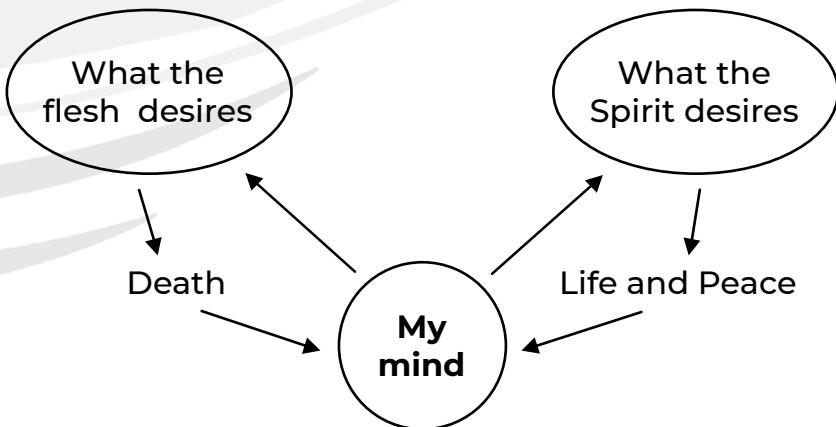
*Who are the key players in this conflict?*

*What is a key battleground?*

*What does the spirit want to do?*

*What do I need to do?*

We cannot underestimate the importance of the mind in the work of the Holy Spirit. Whatever controls our minds will also control our attitudes and behavior. If we want the life and peace the Holy Spirit promises, we must take responsibility for submitting our thoughts to him.



## **Practical implications**

1. The Holy Spirit will not take control of my thoughts if I am focused on what my old nature desires. He will not share a room with his enemy.
2. Without his help, my old nature Sarx will put me in bondage – even if I try to resist him.
3. I must realize that I am responsible for what goes on in my mind.
4. When I see the fruit of the sinful nature, I need to purposefully place my mind on what the Spirit desires and let him control my thoughts.

***Summary – Stop, look and listen***

## **Application**

1. My mind and the teaching of the Spirit
2. My mind and the convicting of the Spirit
3. My mind and the leading of the Spirit
4. My mind and the empowering of the Spirit

# Personal Response

	Sarx	Holy Spirit
Phrases		
Impact		

Take a moment and listen to Sarx. What are some of the phrases that you hear often in your head from your sinful nature? Write them down.

How does it impact you when you listen to his voice?

Have you ever tried to reason with Sarx? What is the outcome?

Now look at the things that Sarx said and turn your head. Ask God to speak to you through his Spirit in response to these statements. Write down what he says.

What is the nature of the Spirit's voice? How does it impact you when you set your mind on what he is saying?

Now, discuss with others what you have noticed and learned.

# 4. YOUR WILL AND THE SPIRIT

## Testing the Spirits

One of the persistent questions you will face in relationship to the Spirit is if you are actually hearing his voice. This is important to evaluate since, in the same space where the Spirit speaks, you can also hear the voice of your old nature and the voice of the enemy.

Because of that, you can be deceived by:

1. Satan – 2 Cor 11:3, 14, Rev 12:9
2. Sin – Rom 7:11, Heb 3:13,
3. Self – Gal 6:7, Jer 17:9, Obadiah 1:3

Knowing this, you should always...

1. Test the spirits – I John 4:1 (reject everything that is not from God)
2. Not quench the Spirit – I Thess 5:19-22 (accept everything that is from Him)

## ***How? – by using the Nine Signs of the Spirit:***

1. Does this spirit acknowledge Jesus as the son of God? (1 John 4:2-3)
2. Does it acknowledge Jesus as Lord (1 Cor 12:3)
3. Is this true? (John 16:13)
4. Is it in total agreement with Scripture? (2 Tim 3:16)
5. Does it bring life and peace? (Romans 8:6)
6. Does it bring the fruit of the Spirit (love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, gentleness, self-control)? (Gal 5:20)
7. Does it bring freedom? (2 Cor 3:17)
8. Is it confirmed by other Spirit-led people? (Eph 4:3-5)
9. Is this spiritually wise, even though it may appear foolish to the world? (1 Cor 2:6-16)

Over time we begin to recognize the voices because each of them has typical characteristics. Think about how each of these voices sounds:

1. Satan
2. Self (the old nature)
3. The Holy Spirit

Keep these characteristics in mind as you evaluate what you are hearing.

## How does the Holy Spirit relate to my will? Gal 5:16-26

If our minds are controlled by the Spirit, we will find that he directs our thoughts to things that please the Lord and often gives us specific instructions as to what we are to do. Sometimes, these instructions are about the way we are to live, and other times, about specific assignments he has for us.

At that point, I have a choice, for the Holy Spirit will not generally violate my will. He will stop and wait for my step of obedience. This choice may last just a moment, but how I direct my will at that moment has huge implications for releasing the Holy Spirit's work in my life. In Galatians, Paul wants us to understand how this works.

To catch the full impact of what he is saying, we need to understand two more Greek words.

### 1. περιπατεῖτε = peripateite = **walk or live**

This word carries a picture of specific steps we make in the course of living. These steps together form the direction or way of our life.

*Galatians 5:16: "So I say, live (walk) by the Spirit, and you will not gratify the desires of your sinful nature."*



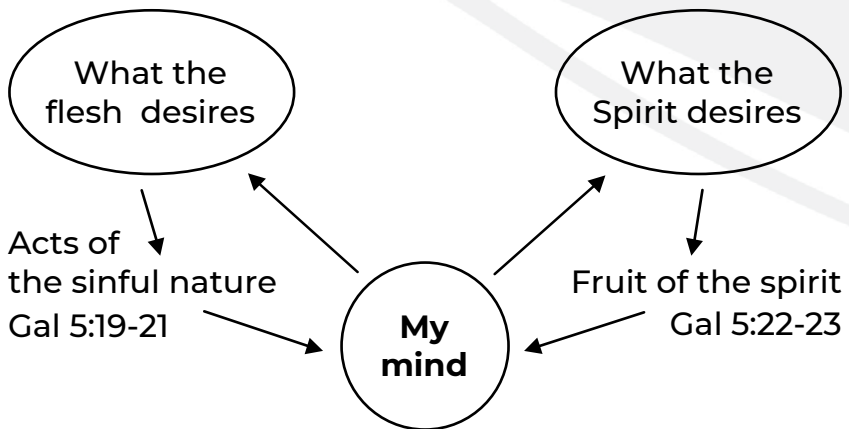
2. στοιχηω = stoicheo = **keep step**

This word is a military term and means to march in line, keep in step, to match my actions to the one next to me.

Galatians 5:25: *"Since we live by the Spirit, let us keep in step with the Spirit."*

Galatians 5:16-18

*So I say, live by the Spirit, and you will not gratify the desires of your sinful nature. For the sinful nature desires what is contrary to the Spirit and the Spirit what is contrary to the sinful nature. They are in conflict with each other, so that you do not do what you want. But if you are led by the Spirit, you are not under the law.*



## ***The key to experiencing the fruit of the Spirit?***

- ▶ Galatians 5:16 - Walking in the Spirit
- ▶ Galatians 5:25 - Keeping in step with the Spirit



## **Practical implications**

1. This is not a one-time event. I must choose to submit my will to him over and over every day.
2. The focus is on individual steps. He makes a step; I make one as well. These steps are often small, and I don't necessarily see where they are going.
3. Walking in the spirit is not complicated and brings much freedom. Our responsibility is just to keep in step with him – his responsibility is to change us and take us in the right direction.
4. The fruit of the Spirit is a natural outgrowth of this way of living. If we don't see the fruit, it is an indication that we are not walking in the spirit. We need to solve the problem by addressing the cause, not just trying to change the symptoms.

## **Summary – Stop, look, listen, and obey**

### ***A warning***

If we do not respond to the work of the Spirit by obeying him, he is grieved. Because we are ignoring him, he ceases to speak, move and empower. Eph 4:30

## **Application of walking in the spirit**

1. My will and the teaching of the Spirit
2. My will and the convicting of the Spirit
3. My will and the leading of the Spirit
4. My will and the empowering of the Spirit

*“The works of the flesh are deeds we do naturally when left to our own resources, while the fruit of the Spirit consist of qualities which the Spirit works in us supernaturally (for they are beyond our natural strength) when we are responding to him.”*

John Stott – “Baptism and Fullness”

## **Personal Response**

In prayer, turn your attention to the will of the Spirit and listen to his voice. What steps of obedience does he want you to take in the next week? Write these down.

Are these steps attainable and possible for you to do?

What will be the result if you act on these instructions?

What will keep you from doing them?

Now, discuss what you have learned with others around you.

# 5. FANNING THE FLAME

## Dealing with Discouragement

*“Exhausted and depressed, Hudson Taylor later confessed that only his wife’s love stood between him and suicide.” - The Life and Ministry of James Hudson Taylor, by Ed Reese*

*“Fits of depression come over the most of us. Usually cheerful as we may be, we must at intervals be cast down. The strong are not always vigorous, the wise not always ready, the brave not always courageous, and the joyous not always happy.” - Charles Spurgeon*

*“For we do not want you to be unaware, brothers, of the affliction we experienced in Asia. For we were so utterly burdened beyond our strength that we despaired of life itself.” - Apostle Paul – 2 Cor 1:8*

# NOTES

## **Personal Renewal**

*“God’s love is like a river, constantly flowing, always available to cleanse, refresh, and renew us through prayer.” - Hudson Taylor*

*“Therefore, we do not lose heart. Though outwardly we are wasting away, yet inwardly we are being renewed day by day.” - Apostle Paul - 2 Cor 4:16*

## **Prayer and Fasting**

*“Fasting reduces the power of self so that the Holy Spirit can do a more intense work within us.”* Bill Bright

*“Show me a church or a Christian organization that emphasizes prayer, and I’ll show you a ministry where people are excited about Jesus Christ and are witnessing for Him.”* Bill Bright

*“I’d rather be able to pray than to be a great preacher; Jesus Christ never taught his disciples how to preach, but only how to pray.”* DL Moody

*“Do not work so hard for Christ that you have no strength to pray, for prayer requires strength.”*  
Hudson Taylor

*“When we work, we work. When we pray, God works.”* Hudson Taylor



# NOTES

# 6. SPIRITUAL GIFTS

*“...from whom the whole body, joined and held together by every joint with which it is equipped, when each part is working properly, makes the body grow so that it builds itself up in love...”*

Ephesians 4:16

## **How is the church designed to function?**

1. The church is a body – Rom 12:4-5  
The picture of the church in the New Testament is not a structure or an organization but a living organism whose head is Christ.
2. Within the body exists diversity – many parts and different gifts – I Co 12:12, Rom 12:6
3. At the same time, there is unity – one body, one Spirit, one Lord – Eph 4:4

## **What makes ministry effective?**

Every believer is equipped by God with supernatural gifts that build the body. The Lord wants you to know your gifts and serve according to them.

*Ministry is effective when every believer uses their gifts in the power of the Spirit for the building of the body in submission to the head – Jesus Christ*

# Observations about spiritual gifts

1. God wants us to know about them – 1 Cor 12:1
2. Every believer has at least one gift – 1 Cor 12:7
3. Spiritual gifts are not human talents but supernatural effectiveness in a specific area of service – 1 Peter 4:10
4. The fact that you have been given a gift does not mean that you are proficient at it or even that you know you have it – 2 Tim 1:6.
5. Many areas of gifting are, at the same time, commands for everyone (i.e., evangelism or giving). Not having a specific gift doesn't mean that you are relieved of the responsibility to obey these commands. At the same time, believers with these gifts will be more effective in the given area and will have a special responsibility to equip the rest of the body. Eph 4:12
6. Everyone is commanded to use their gift to serve and build the body. 1 Pet 4:10

7. When all believers use their gifts, the needs of the body are met. Eph 4:12-13, 16
  
8. If the needs of the body are not being met, we must look for the cause in one of two places.
  - a. The members of the body have lost connection with the head. Col 2:19
    - i. Through sin
    - ii. Or seeking their own interests
  
  - b. The members of the body are not serving according to their gifts
    - i. From fear or lack of faith
    - ii. Because they are serving outside the area of their gifting
  
9. Although everyone receives at least one gift at salvation, and these gifts are sovereignly given (I Cor 12:11), we are encouraged to pray for gifts that are currently missing in our area of the body (I Cor 14:1, 13).

# What spiritual gifts are given to believers?

There are four main lists of gifts in the Bible. They do not include the same gifts, and because of that, we assume that the lists are not comprehensive but representative. There are 21 gifts on these lists.

- ▶ I Cor 12 and 1 Cor 14
- ▶ Romans 12:3-8
- ▶ Ephesians 4:1-16
- ▶ I Peter 4:7-11

Some people include up to three more gifts that are not directly in these passages, resulting in 24 total.

1. Celibacy (I Cor 7:7)
2. Prayer (James 5:16-18)
3. Suffering (Phil 1:29)

Others exclude the “sign gifts,” and some combine pastor-teacher into one and remove the gift of Apostle - ending up with either 15 or 16 gifts. Others include prophecy with the sign gifts.

# Spiritual Gifts

1. Apostle
2. Prophet
3. Evangelist
4. Shepherd
5. Teacher
6. Wisdom
7. Knowledge
8. Faith
9. Helps
10. Leadership
11. Administration
12. Service
13. Giving
14. Exhortation/Encouragement
15. Mercy
16. Hospitality
17. Discerning of Spirits
17. Miracles
18. Healing
19. Tongues
20. Interpretation
22. Celibacy
23. Prayer
24. Suffering

## How do you discover your spiritual gifts?

1. Engage in service and try a number of different things.
2. Notice areas where you experience God's power and see results.
3. Listen to what others say.
4. Notice what you are drawn to – what gives you joy and what you naturally lean towards.
5. Pray that the Holy Spirit will show your gifts to you.

Sometimes, people minimize their spiritual gifts because they seem too normal or too easy for them. There is a certain tendency to seek the gifts that are more publicly visible or which need more effort because they appear more spiritual.

Since the area in which a person is gifted appears natural to them, they often have the feeling that anyone could do it and minimize the exceptional nature of their gift. Remember that every gift is important, and the entire body will be lacking if you ignore your gift or fail to use it.

***We must always watch out for two dangers:***

1. ***Comparison*** – “Because I am not a hand, I do not belong to the body,” (I Cor 12:15-20)

**Answer?** God arranged the members exactly as he desired. You were created with a certain gifting which others need.

2. ***Independence*** – “I have no need of you” (I Cor 12:21-27)

**Answer?** You were created with certain weaknesses. The rest of the body has gifts that you need.

**Spiritual gift inventory and  
discussion of particular gifts**



## What does it look like when people serve together according to their spiritual gifts?

- I Cor 12:7 “common good”
- “...no division in the body”
- I Cor 12:25 “...members have the same care for one another”
- I Cor 12:26 “If one member suffers, all suffer together; if one member is honored, all rejoice together.”
- I Cor 14:24 unbelievers declare, “God is really among you.”
- Eph 4:12 God’s people are equipped to serve. The body of Christ is built up.
- Eph 3:13 “...we all attain to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God.”
- Eph 4:15 “...we grow up in every way into him who is the head, into Christ.”
- Eph 4:16 “...the whole body, joined and held together by every joint with which it is equipped, when each part is working properly, makes the body grow so that it builds itself up in love.”
- I Pet 4:10 we “...serve one another, as good stewards of God’s varied grace.”
- I Pet 4:11 in everything God is glorified.

# **Areas of ongoing discussion about Spiritual Gifts in evangelical circles.**

1. Did the “sign gifts” end with the passing of the first apostles (Cessationism)?

I Cor 13:8-12, I Cor 12:18, 28, I Cor 14:49

2. Are there five main gifts, described in Eph 4, at least one of which is possessed by every believer?

Eph 4:11-13, I Cor 12:4-11

3. Is speaking in tongues recommended for every believer and a sign that they are baptized by the Holy Spirit?

I Cor 12:30, I Cor 12:4-13, I Cor 12:14-17

4. Is the gift of the Apostle still valid today, or was it only for the first generation of the church?

Acts 14:14, Rom 16:7, I Cor 4:6-9, I Cor 12:28, 2 Cor 8:23, Gal 1:19, Phil 2:25, I Thess 1:1, 2:6

5. Should everyone develop the gift of prophecy or the gift of healing?

I Cor 12:27-31, 12:15-17, James 5:16

6. Should public speaking in tongues, singing in tongues, or praying in tongues out loud without an interpreter be part of our worship services?

I Cor 14:1-28

7. Is modern-day prophecy infallible, and does it have the same authority as Scripture?

Acts 21:7-15, 2 Tim 3:16-17

8. What does it mean to “test the spirits”?

I John 4:1-6

9. What is the “more excellent way”?

I Cor 12:31, I Cor 13

# 7. HOW TO BE FILLED WITH THE SPIRIT

## **How is a person filled with the Holy Spirit? Eph 5:18-20**

All of the works of the Holy Spirit can be experienced in various degrees. The Bible is clear that the more a person is under the control of the Holy Spirit, the greater freedom he has to work powerfully in and through that person's life. This is often described as the filling of the Holy Spirit.

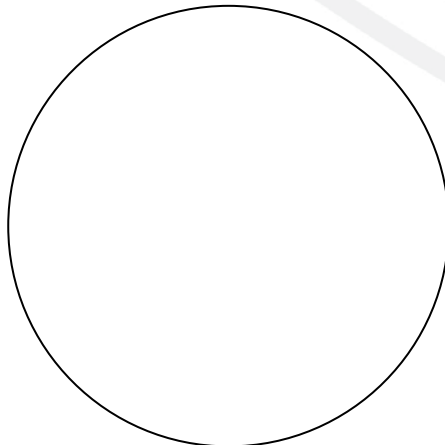
## **Observations about the filling of the Spirit**

1. God worked powerfully through people who were filled with the Holy Spirit – Acts 4:31
2. Though there can be specific experiences of particular filling, the filling of the Spirit is not a one-time event. Acts 13:9,52
3. We are all commanded to be filled with the Holy Spirit. Eph 5:18

4. This command is in a continuous form – “keep on being filled” with the spirit. Eph 5:18
5. Where people are filled with the Holy Spirit, there is music, praise, and a thankful spirit. Eph 5:19-20
6. In the New Testament, the characteristic of being “filled with the Spirit” was an essential prerequisite for leadership. Acts 6:3

## **What does it mean to be “filled with the Holy Spirit?”**

*I am filled when His presence, influence, and control penetrate every corner of my life. John 12:3*



# How can I be more filled with the Holy Spirit?

1. ***Ask him to show you any areas of your life not yet yielded to him. Then give these to him.***

Ress Howells, Welsh coal miner (1879-1950) who was mightily used by God in the Welsh revivals, wrote of this process in his own life.

*"The Holy Spirit said to me. 'As the Savior had a body, so I dwell in the cleansed temple of the believer. I am God, and I am come to ask you to give your body to Me that I may work through it...'"*

*"He made it very plain that he would never share my life...but there were many things dear to me and I knew I couldn't keep on of them... ."*

*"He put His finger on each part of my self-life, and I had to decide in cold blood. He could never take a hing away until I gave my consent .... He was not going to take any superficial surrender."*

So real was this repentance period for Ress that the process took five days and many tears, during which he lost seven pounds.

James Burns, "Revivals, Their laws and leaders."



**2. Seek his filling in prayer and dependence.  
Accept his filling in faith.**

John 7:37-39, Acts 1:14

*"Let us constantly seek to be filled with the Spirit, to be led by the Spirit, to walk in the Spirit. We can agree that the main condition of being filled is to be hungry. The Scripture tells us that God fills the hungry with good things and sends the rich away empty (Ps. 81:10)"*

John Stott

*"I had been a minister for some years before I came to the place where I saw that I had no right to preach if I was not empowered by the Holy Spirit. I went to a business friend of mine and said to him in private, "I am never going to enter my pulpit again until I have been filled with the Holy Spirit and know it, or until God in some way tells me to go."*

*"Then I shut myself up in my study."*

*"But Sunday did not come before the blessing came."*

Dr. R. A Torrey – First President of Moody Bible Institute.

Bill Bright, founder of Campus Crusade for Christ, calls this "Spiritual Breathing", exhaling everything that would stand in the way of his full control, and inhaling his presence and power.



## Personal Response

1. Draw a circle that represents your life. Then, ask God to show you through his Spirit the areas that are not fully under his control. Draw these in your circle and name them.



2. Now, ask the Father to show you what you need to do to bring these areas into submission to him. Are there conditions that you need to cancel, demands you need to withdraw, sins you need to confess, or lordship that you need to yield?
3. Write a prayer of response to the Lord. If you are ready, begin the process of confession and submission.
4. Now ask the Lord to fill you with his Spirit and take these areas fully under his control. Write out this prayer as well.

# **APPENDIX I**

## **Nine Signs of the Spirit**

1. Does this spirit acknowledge Jesus as the son of God? (1 John 4:2-3)
2. Does it acknowledge Jesus as Lord (1 Cor 12:3)
3. Is this true? (John 16:13)
4. Is it in total agreement with Scripture? (2 Tim 3:16)
5. Does it bring life and peace? (Romans 8:6)
6. Does it bring the fruit of the Spirit (love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, gentleness, self-control)? (Gal 5:20)
7. Does it bring freedom? (2 Cor 3:17)
8. Is it confirmed by other Spirit-led people? (Eph 4:3-5)
9. Is this spiritually wise, even though it may appear foolish to the world? (1 Cor 2:6-16)

# **APPENDIX II**

## **Spiritual Gifts Descriptions**

# 1. Apostle - Acts 13:1-5

A broader application of the word “apostelo” - a sent one – beyond the first 12 Apostles

**Definition:** Someone with a special ability to open new territory for the kingdom, equip and release leaders, shepherd and protect a larger movement of God, and cross geographical and cultural barriers with the message of the Gospel.

## **Characteristics:**

- ▶ Special burden for the world
- ▶ Ability to open new territory for the gospel
- ▶ Possesses a natural authority to guide, protect, and empower other leaders and ministries
- ▶ Often, they have a real aptitude for picking up another language as well as learning different patterns of thought
- ▶ Likes moving on once a ministry is established and is able to leave it in the hands of others so that it continues and flourishes
- ▶ Can cross barriers that stop others and open doors that are closed to others

## **For further study:**

John 13:14-17, Rom 16:7, 2 Cor 8:23-24, 9:1, Phil 2:25, Mat 10:5-20, Luke 4:43-44, Luke 10:1-11, 16-20, John 4:34-38, 15:18-22, 17:18, 20:21, Acts 8:14, 13:3-5, 15:3-4, 15:30-33, Rom 10:13-15, 2 Cor 2:17, Phil 2:25, 1 Th 3:2

## **2. Prophet - Ephesians 4:11, Romans 12, 1 Cor 12**

One who speaks forth, a seer, a watchman

**Definition:** One who has special insight into a message from God in regard to a particular person, group of people, or situation.

### **Characteristics:**

- ▶ Can see things that others miss
- ▶ Has strong convictions about what is true or right
- ▶ Their message is often one of repentance, encouragement, or warning
- ▶ Can be very clear on future direction or consequences, both good and bad
- ▶ Controversial - not afraid to speak their mind
- ▶ Have a strong sense of what God thinks about a given issue or situation

### **For further study:**

Deut 18:18, Jer 42:4, 1 Cor 12-14, Jer 23:16-31, Ezek 13:3, Hosea 12:10, Matt 7:15, Matt 23:34, Acts 2:17, Acts 2:18, Acts 13:1, Acts 15:32, 1 John 4:1

### **3. Evangelist - Eph. 4**

Messenger of good news

**Definition:** Someone with a special burden for the lost and who is uniquely effective at bringing people to a commitment to accept Christ.

#### **Characteristics:**

- ▶ Drawn to non-Christians
- ▶ Gravitates to the gospel in their speaking and teaching
- ▶ Good understanding of the non-Christian's mind
- ▶ Will leave the "ninety-nine" to search for "the one."
- ▶ Is not held back by fear from sharing their faith
- ▶ Will often measure the success of their ministry or someone else's ministry by the number of souls saved
- ▶ Is able to articulate the truths of the Gospel in a way that is easily understood and motivating

#### **For further study:**

2 Tim 4:5, Eph 4:11, Acts 2:14-41, 3:12-26, 4:8-13, 5:29-32, 8:26:40, 13:16-49, 14:14-18, 17:2-4, 17:22-34, 1 Cor 1:18-2:4

## 4. Shepherd - Eph. 4:11

**Definition:** A shepherd or one who tends the flock - guides as well as feeds, with tender care and vigilant watch.

### **Characteristics:**

- ▶ Likes to build long-term relationships with a group of people.
- ▶ Very tuned in to the quality and spirit of the relationship in a group
- ▶ Strong sense of family and the little things that make a group of people feel that way
- ▶ Enjoys being deeply involved in people's lives - walking with them – knowing where everyone is at
- ▶ Sensitive to the one on the outside - wants to draw them in
- ▶ Will be drawn to things that promote personal and interpersonal health
- ▶ Very loyal
- ▶ High priority on relationships

For further study:

Eph 4:11, Mark 6:34, John 10:11, John 10:14, Acts 20:28, I Pet 5:1-4, Jude 1:12, Psa 78:72, Isa 40:11, Jer 3:15, Jer 10:21, Jer 23:2, Jer 23:4, Jer 50:6, Ezek 34:2-12,



## **5. Teacher - 1 Peter 4 (speaks), Eph. 4, Rom 12**

**Definition:** Someone who is especially effective at teaching others.

### **Characteristics:**

- ▶ Enjoys studying and preparing for something
- ▶ Takes great joy in others learning the truth
- ▶ Is comfortable in front of people
- ▶ Can organize facts well to pass on to others
- ▶ Is able to teach content in a way that motivates people to learn and causes them to remember.

### **For further study:**

Ezra 7:6-27, Eccl 7:27, 12:9-11, Matt 5:19, 10:24-25, 13:52, 22:16, Luke 6:40, John 13:13-17, Acts 2:42, 5:21, 5:42, 13:1, 18:11, Rom 2:20-21, 12:7, 1 Cor 12:28-29, Eph 4:11-14, Col 1:28, Col 3:16, 1 Tim 1:7, 2:7, 2:12, 3:2, 4:13, 5:17, 6:3-4, 2 Tim 1:13, 2:2, 2:24, 3:10, 3:16, 4:3-5, Titus 2:1-15, 3:1-2, James 3:1, 2 Pet 2:1

## 6. Wisdom - 1 Cor 12:8

Insight into the true nature of things

**Definition:** Someone who has insight into the true nature of things and the ability to apply knowledge to life.

### **Characteristics:**

- ▶ Good at asking and answering “Why” questions or any questions involving concepts or principles
- ▶ Intuitively arriving at the solutions for complicated problems
- ▶ Great at problem-solving
- ▶ Able to keep perspective on the whole and balance lots of different data and perspectives
- ▶ Able to articulate principles that have broad application
- ▶ Very tuned into what works

### **For further study:**

Matt 11:19, Luke 7:35, Luke 21:15, Acts 6:3, 7:10, 22, Rom 11:33, 1 Cor 1:25, 1:30, 2:7, 2:13, 3:19, 12:8, 2 Cor 1:12, Eph 1:8, 1:17, Col 1:9, 1:28, 2:3, 3:16, James 3:13, 3:15, 3:17, 2 Pet 3:15

## 7. Knowledge - 1 Cor 12

To come to know, recognize, understand, or understand completely. What is known is of value and importance to the one who knows.

**Definition:** Someone who is able to remember and organize large amounts of information and enjoys using that knowledge in the service of others.

### **Characteristics:**

- ▶ An answer man or woman
- ▶ Fast at memorizing - remembers for a long time
- ▶ Enjoys hearing relevant information
- ▶ Enjoys being a resource to others
- ▶ Interested in knowing things even if they have no immediate application
- ▶ Enjoys passing on to others things such as the content of a book, background information, etc.
- ▶ Is motivated to fill holes in for others

### **For further study:**

Matt 13:10-13, Acts 18:24, Rom 11:33-36, 1 Cor 1:5-6, 12:8, 13:2, 10:5, 11:6, Eph 3:14-19, 4:13, Phil 1:9-11, Col 1:9-10, 2:2-4, 3:10, 2 Tim 2:25, Titus 1:1-2, 2 Pet 1:3-8, 3:18,

## 8. Faith - Hebrews 11

Being sure of what we hope for and confident of what we do not see.

**Definition:** A person who has a special ability to trust God, ask him for things that only He can do, and take Him at His word, even when circumstances don't support their conclusion.

### **Characteristics:**

- ▶ Is able to point other people to God's faithfulness and generate hope even when the situation seems dark
- ▶ Has the ability to take risks and get out on a limb based on their confidence in God's faithfulness
- ▶ Great men of faith in the Bible could see with "eyes of faith" - they could picture what God could do as if He had already done it
- ▶ Often points people to the character of God and to His past faithfulness

### **For further study:**

Matt 8:8-10, 14:31, 17:19, 17:20, 1 Cor 12:9, 13:2, 13:13, 2 Cor 5:7, Gal 2:20, Eph 6:16, 1 Th 5:8, 2 Th 1:11, 1 Tim 4:12, Heb 10:35-39, Heb 11, Heb 13:7, 1 John 5:4

## 9. Helps - 1 Cor 12

Laying hold of so as to support. Rendering assistance - in exchange, to take place of.

**Definition:** Someone who gets great joy out of investing his energies to make others successful - strengthens, assists.

### **Characteristics:**

- ▶ Very in tune with needs
- ▶ Will drop everything to help
- ▶ Enjoys being a second man or woman
- ▶ Measures the value of their work by how it aids others
- ▶ Likes working off of the agendas of others if they feel they can fill a hole that enables them to be successful
- ▶ In contrast to the gift of service, they like to be directly aiding a person, rather than just doing needed work

### **For further study:**

Matt 25:35-40, Acts 11:29, 18:27, 20:35, Rom 16:2-4, I Cor 12:28, 16:6, Phil 2:29-30, Titus 3:13-14, Heb 6:10-12, I Pet 5:12

## 10. Leadership - Romans 12:8

The one taking the lead, to be the head of, rule, direct - in Romans 12, they are challenged to lead diligently.

**Definition:** Someone who has a special ability to coordinate and direct the efforts of others in a way that leads to harmony and productivity.

### **Characteristics:**

- ▶ Gifted at understanding where a group should go and motivating them to head there
- ▶ Able to see the big picture and understand priorities
- ▶ Derives great pleasure from seeing people succeed under their care and can derive satisfaction from the accomplishments of others
- ▶ Is commanded to lead by example and not lord it over the flock
- ▶ Enjoys being responsible and in charge

### **For further study:**

Mat 20:25-28, John 10:3, Acts 15:22, 2 Cor 1:24, Rom 12:8, 1 Th 5:12-13, 1 Tim 3:4, 1 Tim 5:17, Heb 13:7, 17

## **11. Administration - I Cor 12:28**

Comes from the word “steer” or “pilot”, as on a ship

**Definition:** One who can organize details and logistics in a particularly effective way and enjoys using these gifts in service of the Body.

### ***Characteristics:***

- ▶ Gifted at understanding how things fit together and at breaking a big project into manageable steps
- ▶ Able to hold a large number of details in their heads and manage their execution
- ▶ Tend to be well organized and excellent at creating and maintaining effective system.
- ▶ Good at delegation and at placing people in positions that maximize their gifts
- ▶ Enjoys shouldering responsibility and helping a group of people reach their goal

### ***For further study:***

I Cor 12:28, Dan 5:30-6:5, Gen 39:3-6, 39:22-23, 41:39-49

## **12. Service - Acts 6:1-6, Romans 12, Phil 2**

**Definition:** Someone who is particularly sensitive to the needs of people around them and effective at doing “behind the scenes” types of things to minister to them.

### ***Characteristics:***

- ▶ Usually enjoys working with their hands
- ▶ Doesn't aspire to great recognition or roles with great prestige or importance - is motivated by filling the holes and plugging the gaps
- ▶ Is able to do the mundane, repetitive, or behind-the-scenes tasks with joy and to the glory of God
- ▶ Takes initiative to do the little things that mean a lot to other people
- ▶ These people are often the ones without which an organization or church would grind to a halt, yet their work is not obvious to all

### ***For further study:***

Matt 20:28, Rom 12:7, Gal 5:13, Eph 6:7-8, I Cor 16:15, Phil 2, Acts 6:1-6



## 13. Giving - Romans 12

Contributing to the needs of others - should do it generously

**Definition:** Someone who is in tune and motivated by the needs of others and has great joy in meeting them.

### **Characteristics:**

- ▶ God often entrusts them with resources
- ▶ Often will live way below their means so they can give
- ▶ Love to meet other's needs - usually in a quiet way
- ▶ Has a clear vision for how the Lord uses concrete resources such as finances or material goods to accomplish spiritual things
- ▶ Are sensitive to the material needs of others

### **For further study:**

Matt 6:1-4, Luke 3:11, Rom 12:8, 2 Cor 8:1-21, Phil 4:15-19

## 14. Exhortation - Romans 12

To come alongside and call - “parakaleo.”  
Sometimes translated “encourage.”

**Definition:** Someone who is particularly effective at joining a person where they are at and then helping them move forward.

### **Characteristics:**

- ▶ Great problem-solving ability
- ▶ Gifted at motivating people
- ▶ Drawn to join people in their problems because they can picture a way out
- ▶ You leave a conversation with this person motivated and with a clearer perspective on the future
- ▶ Able to apply God’s truth to specific life situations
- ▶ Always practical
- ▶ Good at getting people turned around and moving again

### **For further study:**

Acts 2:40, 11:23, 24:22, 15:32, 16:40, 20:2, Ro 12:1, 12:8, 15:30, 2 Cor 1:4-7, 2:7-8, 6:1, 7:6-7, 7:13, 10:1, Eph 4:1, 6:22, Col 2:2, 4:8, 1 Th 3:2, 4:1, 4:10, 4:18, 5:11, 5:14, 1 Tim 5:1, 4:2, Titus 1:9, 2:6, 2:15, Heb 3:13, 10:25, 1 Pet 2:11, 1 Pet 5:12, Jude 1:3

## 15. Mercy - Romans 12:8

The outward manifestation of pity. Recognizes a need and assumes that resources adequate to meet that need are available.

**Definition:** Someone who is able in a special way to feel deeply with other people by joining them in their pain and deeply encouraging or ministering to them.

### **Characteristics:**

- ▶ Has a very soft heart
- ▶ Is quick to read what is going on below the surface in another person and is motivated to enter into those emotions with them
- ▶ Easily moved to tears
- ▶ Drawn to the downcast, rejected, broken, hungry
- ▶ Especially effective at communicating sympathy to another person
- ▶ Is commanded in Romans to show their mercy cheerfully - probably because of a tendency to become burdened with the needs of others

### **For further study:**

Neh 9:31, Psa 6:2, Psa 31:9-10, 16-20, Matt 5:7, 20:30-34, Luke 6:35, Rom 12:8, Phil 2:27, I Tim 1:16, James 2:12-13, Jude 1:22-23

## 16. Hospitality - 1 Peter 4

Literally the “love of strangers”

**Definition:** One who is particularly effective at ministering to others through the use of their home and family or by using the tools of the home.

### **Characteristics:**

- ▶ Able to make people feel at home, part of the family, and welcomed
- ▶ Enjoys having people around and providing for their basic needs (i.e. food, shelter)
- ▶ Is particularly sensitive to people who are alone or missing family (i.e. on holidays) or lonely
- ▶ Loves things like bringing food to someone who is ill or having a new family in the church over for dinner
- ▶ Is willing to sacrifice to provide for the needs of others
- ▶ Is commanded to offer hospitality “without grumbling” (1 Pet 4:9)

### **For further study:**

Rom 12:13, 16:23, 1 Tim 5:10, 1 Pet 4:9, 3 John 1:5, 7-8, Heb 13:2

## 17. Discernment - 1 Cor. 12

To separate, disseminate, then learn by discriminating. To determine, decide, “discerning the sky” (this was used to describe someone who could look at the sky and determine the weather), “discerning” one’s heart.

**Definition:** Someone who has a special ability to look below the surface in people and situations and perceive hidden things as well as their true nature. Special insight into good and bad, as well as motives and directions.

### **Characteristics:**

- ▶ Intuitive
- ▶ Able to discriminate and judge well
- ▶ Has a sense for things unsaid or unseen
- ▶ Can judge well the spirit of a person, place, or thing
- ▶ Can discern what is behind something, if it is from the spirit of God, an evil spirit, or has its source in selfish ambition

### **For further study:**

Gen 41:33, 41:39, 1 Kings 3:9-11, Psa 119:125, Prov 3:21-26, Prov 14:6, 15:14, 17:10, 17:24, 18:15, 19:25, 28:11, 1 Cor 2:14, 2:15, 2:16, Phil 1:9-10, Rom 12:2, 1 Th 5:21, 1 John 4:1, Heb 5:14

## 18. Miracles - 1 Cor 12:10, 28

**Definition:** Someone who has a special ability to be a channel of God's power in seeing the miraculous happen.

### **Characteristics:**

- ▶ Usually used to validate God's power, to counter spiritual opposition, or open new areas to the Gospel
- ▶ If authentic, it focuses attention on the person and work of Christ rather than the one with the gift
- ▶ The miracles that are done are clearly supernatural, openly demonstrating the power of God

### **For further study:**

Mat 11:20-23, 13:68, 24:24, Acts 3:4-10, Rom 15:17-20, 1 Cor 12:28-29, Gal 3:5, 2 Th 2:9, Heb 2:4

## **19. Healing - I Cor 12:9, 28, Acts 2:38, Acts 28:8-9**

**Definition:** Someone who has a supernatural ability to instantly restore health to someone's mind or body through the power of God.

### ***Characteristics:***

- ▶ Often used to validate God's power, to counter spiritual opposition, or open new areas to the Gospel
- ▶ It focuses attention on the person and work of Christ rather than the one with the gift
- ▶ Just because a person has this gift does not mean they will heal everyone. (See 2 Tim 4:20 where Paul left Trophimus sick in Miletus.) It is under the control of the Holy Spirit and is used according to his will in situations where it will further the cause of the gospel.
- ▶ The Biblical examples of this gift show an immediate healing that is obviously supernatural in character

### ***For further study:***

Matt 10:1, 10:8, 13:15, 17:16-20, Luke 5:17, 8:47-48, 9:42, Acts 3:16, 4:9-22, 4:31, 5:16, 8:7, 9:34, 14:9-10, 28:8-9, I Cor 12:9, James 5:1

## 20. Tongues - I Cor 12, 14

**Definition:** Someone who has the ability to speak in other tongues without learning them for the edification of the body.

### **Characteristics:**

- ▶ Can be used to validate God's presence and power or as a sign to unbelievers (I Cor 14:22, Acts 10:44-47)
- ▶ Is not just babbling, but a language with real meaning (I Cor 14:6-12)
- ▶ Can be used in prayer (I Cor 14:13-16)
- ▶ Should be used in a fitting and orderly way (I Cor 14:40)
- ▶ In the church, "two or at the most three should speak, one at a time, and someone must interpret. If there is no interpreter, the speaker should keep quiet and speak to himself and God" (I Cor 14:27-28)

### **For further study:**

Acts 2:4-11, 10:46, 19:6, I Cor 12-13



## **21. Interpretation - I Cor 12:10, I Cor 14**

**Definition:** Someone who has the ability to translate when another believer is speaking in tongues, without having learned the language so that the Church may be edified.

### ***Characteristics:***

- ▶ Is used in conjunction with the gift of tongues to allow the church to be built up by what is being said in tongues
- ▶ The one who has the gift of tongues is encouraged to pray for this gift as well (I Cor 14:13)

### ***For further study:***

I Cor 12-14

## 22. Celibacy - 1 Cor. 7:7

**Definition:** One who has the ability to remain single so as to devote his full attention to the work of Christ.

### **Characteristics:**

- ▶ Can remain single and still stay in control of their passions, continuing to live in sexual purity
- ▶ Are able to build relationships with the rest of the body of Christ that are fulfilling and rich, taking the place of the companionship of a mate
- ▶ Sense a special calling from God to a kind of work that demands all their energies. They desire to focus fully on the work without the distraction of a wife and children.
- ▶ Experience contentment in this state

### **For further study:**

1 Cor 7

## **23. Prayer - James 5:16-18**

**Definition:** One who is especially effective at going to God on behalf of others - literally “intercessor”.

### ***Characteristics:***

- ▶ Motivated to pray and will often sense leading from the Lord to pray for particular circumstances or people
- ▶ is convinced prayer is a vital ministry and deeply enjoys talking to God
- ▶ Their prayers are unusually effective
- ▶ Usually spends a major portion of their prayer time praying for other people
- ▶ Ministers to the body by taking others' concerns and needs before god
- ▶ Is often reminding other people to pray, or frustrated that the body of believers is not spending more time in prayer

### ***For further study:***

Col 4:12-13, James 5:15-16, I Pet 3:12, Rom 8:26-27, Eph 1:18, 6:18-20, 2 Th 3:1-2, I Pet 4:7, Jude 1:20

## **24. Suffering - Acts 7:55-60**

**Definition:** One who has an unusual ability to glorify God by either suffering deeply or losing his life for the sake of the gospel.

### ***Characteristics:***

- ▶ Not afraid of death
- ▶ Feels that it would be a privilege to lay down his life for the sake of the gospel
- ▶ Has an unusual ability to suffer in a godly way, trusting the sovereignty of the Lord and forgiving those who hurt them.

### ***For further study:***

Acts 5:41, Acts 7:55-60, Rom 5:3-5



# **APPENDIX III**

## **Spiritual Gift Summary**

Please fill this out after you have taken the spiritual gifts test to help you evaluate the results.

1. What three gifts have the highest scores?

a. ....

b. ....

c. ....

2. If the gifts with lower scores, which ones have had little chance of expression up till now? (Such untried areas should still be considered as potential gifts. Often, it is wise to seek an opportunity to serve in one of these areas on a trial basis)

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3. Of the gifts in which you scored relatively high, which ones have been confirmed by feedback from other believers?

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4. What activities have you done in the last year that have given you the greatest sense of satisfaction and seemed to bring the greatest results?

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5. If you could wish for other spiritual gifts, which ones would you choose? These could become a focus of prayer.

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6. In what areas are you serving outside of your spiritual gifting?

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# **APPENDIX IV**

## **All Bible Verses on the Filling of the Spirit**



Exodus 31:1-4 - The LORD said to Moses, “See, I have called by name Bezalel the son of Uri, son of Hur, of the tribe of Judah, and I have **filled him with the Spirit of God**, with ability and intelligence, with knowledge and all craftsmanship, to devise artistic designs, to work in gold, silver, and bronze...

Exodus 35:30-32 - Then Moses said to the people of Israel, “See, the LORD has called by name Bezalel the son of Uri, son of Hur, of the tribe of Judah; and he has **filled him with the Spirit of God**, with skill, with intelligence, with knowledge, and with all craftsmanship, to devise artistic designs, to work in gold and silver and bronze...

Micah 3:8 - But as for me, **I am filled with power, with the Spirit of the LORD**, and with justice and might, to declare to Jacob his transgression and to Israel his sin.

Luke 1:14-15 - And you will have joy and gladness, and many will rejoice at his birth, for he will be great before the Lord. And he must not drink wine or strong drink, and he will be **filled with the Holy Spirit**, even from his mother’s womb.

Luke 1:41 - And when Elizabeth heard the greeting of Mary, the baby leaped in her womb. And Elizabeth was **filled with the Holy Spirit**...

Luke 1:67 - And his father Zechariah was **filled with the Holy Spirit** and prophesied, saying...

Luke 4:1 - And Jesus, **full of the Holy Spirit**, returned from the Jordan and was led by the Spirit in the wilderness...

Acts 2:4 - And they were all **filled with the Holy Spirit** and began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit gave them utterance.

Act 4:8 - Then Peter, **filled with the Holy Spirit**, said to them, "Rulers of the people and elders...

Act 4:31 - And when they had prayed, the place in which they were gathered together was shaken, and they were all **filled with the Holy Spirit** and continued to speak the word of God with boldness.

Act 6:3 - Therefore, brothers, pick out from among you seven men of good repute, **full of the Spirit** and of wisdom, whom we will appoint to this duty.

Act 6:5 ESV - And what they said pleased the whole gathering, and they chose Stephen, a man **full of faith and of the Holy Spirit**, and Philip, and Prochorus, and Nicanor, and Timon, and Parmenas, and Nicolaus, a proselyte of Antioch.

Act 7:55 ESV - But he, **full of the Holy Spirit**, gazed into heaven and saw the glory of God, and Jesus standing at the right hand of God.

Act 9:17 - So Ananias departed and entered the house. And laying his hands on him, he said, “Brother Saul, the Lord Jesus who appeared to you on the road by which you came has sent me so that you may regain your sight and be **filled with the Holy Spirit.**”

Act 11:24 - for he was a good man, **full of the Holy Spirit** and of faith. And a great many people were added to the Lord.

Act 13:9 - But Saul, who was also called Paul, **filled with the Holy Spirit**, looked intently at him...

Act 13:52 - And the disciples were **filled** with joy and **with the Holy Spirit.**

Eph 5:18-20 - And do not get drunk with wine, for that is debauchery, but be **filled with the Spirit**, speaking to one another with psalms, hymns, and songs from the Spirit. Sing and make music from your heart to the Lord, always giving thanks to God the Father for everything, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.

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