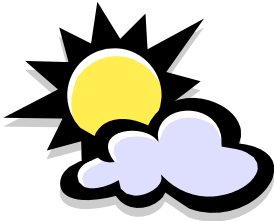


DAILY DEVOTIONS

WEEK 13

DAY 1

Exodus 13:21 And the Lord went before them ... in a pillar of a cloud, to lead them the way.



The above Scripture tells of how God led the people of Israel as they left Egypt for the Promised Land. It was a pillar of cloud by day and light by night. It is a picture of God's Holy Spirit Which leads us today. Each is a gracious gift from God (John 14:6) The pillar of cloud was provided to guide the children of Israel. So, too, the Holy Spirit leads the true Christian. Jesus said, "when He, the Spirit of truth, is come, He will guide you into all truth" (John 16:13). The Lord spoke to the Israelites from the cloud. John, writing in Revelation 2:7, said, "He that has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches." Even as the cloud remained with the nation in the wilderness, so Jesus promised that the Father would send "another Comforter" who would 'abide' with us forever (John 14:6).

As those who know the Lord Jesus Christ as Savior, we are temples of the Holy Spirit. God Himself dwells within. With thankful hearts may we at all times honor the presence of this Divine Guest. "Walk in the Spirit" (Gal 5:16). By so doing, our lives will be characterized by love, joy and peace. We will be effective, radiant and powerful witnesses for Christ as we travel through the wilderness of this world.

Remember, the Holy Spirit in us is the Shekinah of the soul, both leading and illuminating us.

PRAY: Thank God for the gift of the Holy Spirit. Ask Him to guide and speak to you as your travel thru this day. Thank Him that He will always remain with you.

DAY 2

Isa 11:2-3 The Spirit of the LORD will rest on him-- the Spirit of wisdom and of understanding, the Spirit of counsel and of power, the Spirit of knowledge and of the fear of the LORD-- 3 and he will delight in the fear of the LORD.

At the foot of the Rockies on the Pacific Coast are some very rugged and interesting canyons that reach far back into the heart of the country. It is said that geologists from all parts of the world come to see these interesting natural canals. Into these winding fissures in the Rockies the waves of the Pacific roll for many miles toward the interior. If you follow one of these narrow streams in a pleasure cruiser, at times it seems as if great walls of rock suddenly jut out before you to block further progress. The captain, however, never slows the pace of the vessel for he knows the way is clear. At one place especially it looks as if the boat will certainly be shattered on the craggy rocks ahead, but by a slight turn of the wheel, disaster is avoided. Then a great new expanse of water is seen – wide, beautiful, and unobstructed. Fear on the part of the passengers was completely uncalled for. The pilot is never in any anxiety or doubt, because he knows the safety of the course he has charted.

So, too, we often are filled with unnecessary fear concerning the way God is guiding our boat of life. How much better to simply trust the Lord and praise Him for the sure help of His Spirit.

Like Pilgrim in Bunyan's great allegory, however, we fear the lions by the wayside; but once we obey and follow the Lord, and go on disregarding their threatenings, we find them securely chained by the side of the way, so that there is still abundant room for us to pass in safety.

Why should you nervously pace the deck when the Perfect Pilot is at the wheel?

PRAY: What in the future are you fearing? Where are you uncertain about God's leading? Put your trust in Him and rest in His leading and guidance.

DAY 3

Isa 11:2-3 The Spirit of the LORD will rest on him-- the Spirit of wisdom and of understanding, the Spirit of counsel and of power ...

Psalms 71:16 I will go in the strength of the Lord God.

If we go forth to do the Lord's work in our own strength and fight the battles of God against the enemy of our soul with the arm of flesh, we shall fail miserably. Even as Samson, when his power had been shorn from him, was easily taken by the worldly Philistines, so too we must certainly meet defeat in our Christian life unless we go in the "strength of the Lord."



The French painter Emile Ranouf has depicted on one of his canvases an old man dressed in a fisherman's garb, seated in a boat, with a little girl beside him. Both the elderly gentleman and the child, perhaps his grand-daughter, have their hands on a huge oar. He is looking down fondly and admiringly upon her. Apparently he has told her that she may assist him in rowing the boat, and she in her desire to help feels as though she is doing a great share of the task. However, it is easy to see that it is really his strong, muscular arm which is actually propelling the boat through the waves. In this painting, called, "A Helping Hand," one may trace a parable. Christ has granted to us the privilege of sharing His work here below; however we must never forget that we cannot perform our task through our abilities alone, but only as God's Spirit works in and through us. While He directs us to put our hand upon the oar, we must ever be aware of the source of our power. He is the strength of our life!

There is no true progress spiritually without the unction of the Holy Spirit to undergird our life and efforts. Let us recognize our own innate weakness and like the psalmist cry out: "O Lord; O my strength, please help me!" (Psalm 22:19). Then we shall not faint nor fail, for the inward man will be "renewed day by day" (II Cor 4:16).

PRAY: Make sure you do your part in what He has given you to do this day, but also sit back and rest in His strength which is what REALLY makes things happen. Trust Him for that. Thank Him for it.

DAY 4

Isa 11:2-3 The Spirit of the LORD will rest on him-- the Spirit of wisdom and of understanding, the Spirit of counsel and of power, the Spirit of knowledge and of the fear of the LORD-- 3 and he will delight in the fear of the LORD.



Many years ago, the throne of Russia was once occupied by two boy princes. They sat side by side and gave their decisions on the gravest questions; the judgments were so wise and just, that men marveled that princes so young and inexperienced could now so much of statecraft, or speak with such discretion on questions so difficult. But the secret was that close behind the throne where they sat, hidden by a thin veil, was the Princess Sophia. She heard the cases brought to them, and gave the decisions which they pronounced. Those boys referred everything to her, and waited until she whispered to them the wise answer they delivered. So "the word of Christ should dwell" in our heart by the Holy Spirit (Col. 3:16). It is unseen but only a thin veil conceals it.

We are to refer every matter to the Holy Spirit and wait for His decision. Then what He bids us do we are to do. Thus Christ "brings into captivity every thought," every feeling and affection (II Cor 10:5; Gal 5:24). He will settle every point of duty. He will mold our business methods. He will sit as the invisible umpire in all questions of pleasure, of profit, of ambition or leadership. "The Word is nigh thee" (Rom 10:8).

PRAY: Bring your needs and requests to the Lord, then sit quietly listening for His answer.

13. HE GUIDES BELIEVERS

(Isaiah 11)

Isa 11:2-3

2 The Spirit of the LORD will rest on him--

the Spirit of wisdom

and of understanding,

the Spirit of counsel

and of power,

the Spirit of knowledge

and of the fear of the LORD--

3 and he will delight in the fear of the LORD.



CONTEXT:

talking about the Messiah, 'shoot' from stump of Jesse

Assyria destroyed north, threatening south, like gigantic forest

But tiny shoot will spring up, Messiah from it, conquer all other forests forever

Isa 11:1 A shoot will come up from the stump of Jesse;

from his roots a Branch will bear fruit.

2 The SPIRIT OF THE LORD will rest on him--

ruwach (roo'-akh); from OT:7306; wind; by resemblance breath

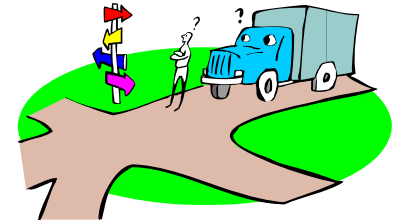
Yehovah (yeh-ho-vaw'); YHWH from OT:1961; (the) self-Existent or Eternal; Jehovah, Jewish national name of God:

Like 7-branched lampstand, middle highest, 3 on each side (3 pairs for 2 each)

This one high center one, other 3 pairs listed below

1 = who He is

2-7 = what He does



I. INTELLECTUAL LIFE

THE SPIRIT OF WISDOM

chokmah (khok-maw'); wisdom (in a good sense): KJV - skilful, wisdom, wisely, wit.

Power of discerning the nature of things

Similar to Greek NT: sophia (sof-ee'-ah); wisdom (higher or lower, worldly or spiritual):

Ability to discern people and motives, look past appearances to what is real

Jesus: knew what was in heart of man

Spiritual gift: Ananias & Sapphira lied to Peter, and Holy Spirit showed Peter they were deceitful

Us: sees right through external, knows thoughts & motives, hidden sin, attitudes

AND OF UNDERSTANDING,

biynah (bee-naw'); understanding: KJV - knowledge, meaning, understanding, wisdom.

Power of discerning the nature of things in their difference

Similar to Greek NT diakrisis (dee-ak'-ree-sis); judicial estimation: KJV - discern (-ing),

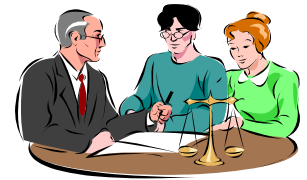
Ability to distinguish authentic from counterfeit

Tell difference between things which are similar, real & counterfeit

Jesus: tell Pharisees from true believers

Spiritual gift: counseling, church leader know who is believer

Us: look into our lives and see true & counterfeit, even when we don't



II. PRACTICAL LIFE

THE SPIRIT OF COUNSEL

`etsah (ay-tsaw'); from OT:3289; advice; by implication, plan; also prudence: KJV – advice, advisement, counsel (I- [or]), purpose.

Gift of forming right conclusions

Ability to make right decisions & adopt right conclusions

Jesus: asked God for direction, guidance often

Spiritual gift: some with sensitive gift in this area

Us: must seek God's guidance in all areas of life

Holy Spirit guides, leads by Word, circumstances, speaking inside

AND OF POWER,

gebuwrah (gheb-oo-law'); feminine passive participle from the same as OT:1368; force (literally or figuratively); by implication, valor, victory: KJV - force, mastery, might, mighty (act, power), power, strength.

Ability to carry out the right conclusions (above)

Ability to carry out His decisions and purposes

NOT dependent on amount of our faith, but on God's power

Not great faith in a little God, but little faith in a great God

Jesus: faith in God to empower Him for miracles, resist temptation, cross, etc

Spiritual gift: some with greater gift of faith

Us: faith in God's power, not in self

III. SPIRITUAL LIFE



THE SPIRIT OF KNOWLEDGE (of the LORD)

da`ath (dah'-ath); knowledge: KJV - cunning

Knowledge founded on the reverence of love

Knowledge about the Godhead, knowing God

Better know God easier to love, obey (WWJD), faithfully serve, trust, etc.

Jesus: knowledge He had of others, etc., came from God

Spiritual gift: gift of knowledge (Word, God, truth, etc) from Holy Spirit

Us: knowing God results in greater spiritual insight in all areas of life (Prov 9:10)

and of THE FEAR OF THE LORD--

yir'ah (yir-aw'); feminine of OT:3373; fear (also used as infinitive); morally, reverence:
KJV - X dreadful, X exceedingly, fear (-fulness).

Fear founded on reverence

OT 'fear of the Lord' = lifestyle of reverential trust in God (Ps 34, 37)

Work in helping people approach God with reverence in prayer & worship

Motivates us to refrain from sinful habits and attitudes that are offensive to God

Jesus: proper respect for God in all things

Spiritual gift: (none)

Us: reverential attitude to God, turning from sin

3 and he will delight in the fear of the LORD.

7 = SACRED PERFECTION

"7 horns and 7 eyes, which are the 7 Spirits of God sent out into all the earth"

Rev 5:6

7 HORNS = strength (animal defend self)

7 EYES = insight, sees & knows all

CANDELABRA Jews used had 7 lights – these are 7 spiritual lights

"7 lamps of fire burning before the throne, which are the 7 Spirits of God" Rev 4:5

used to search for something lost

Holy Spirit shows us guidance, direction, points out sin & counterfeits

SPIRITUAL MARKERS TO INDICATE & CONFIRM GOD'S WILL IN YOUR LIFE



1. DO I HAVE PEACE ABOUT IT?

The absence or presence of peace is often the first indication that the Holy Spirit is up to something.

God is not going to violate our free will and force us to do the right thing. We will never lose our freedom to make mistakes. Therefore, it is that much more important for us to develop moment-by-moment sensitivity to the presence or absence of God's peace in our lives.

2. DOES MY CONSCIENCE CONVICT ME?

Conscience: that inner capacity within each of us to discern right from wrong, wise from unwise.

Conscience functions somewhat like a COMPUTER. Programmed to respond in specific ways to specific incoming info, based on the commands it has been programmed to follow. It responds to certain input the way it has been instructed to respond. This programming takes place every time you read, study or memorize the Bible, listen to a sermon or Bible study, worship or pray.



3. DOES IT LINE UP WITH THE WORD OF GOD?

This is the most objective way the Holy Spirit reveals Himself and therefore the most valuable.

You will never be able to accurately identify the peace of God or the voice of God without some understanding of the Word of God.

4. DO I RELY ON GOD'S WISDOM?

Therefore be careful how you walk, not as unwise men, but as wise, making the most of your time, because the days are evil. So then, do not be foolish, but understand what the will of the Lord is. And do not get drunk with wine, for that is dissipation, but be filled with the Spirit.
Ephesians 5:15-18

If any of you lacks wisdom, let him ask of God, who gives to all men generously and without reproach, and it will be given to him. James 1:5

- a. What is the wise thing to do in light of my past experience?
- b. What is the wise thing to do in light of my present situation?
- c. What is the wise thing to do in light of my future plans and dreams?

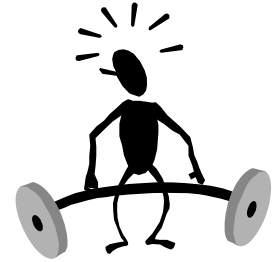
5. DO I HAVE A NEUTRAL HEART?

The HS speaks to **neutral** hearts. He is a wonderful communicator. But He does not speak for the sake of passing along information. He speaks to get a response. He waits for us to become neutral enough to hear and eventually obey.

The neutral heart is the one that is able to keep its own hurts, burdens and requests in proper perspective. It always approaches the throne of grace with its own agenda in the background.

DAILY DEVOTIONS

WEEK 14



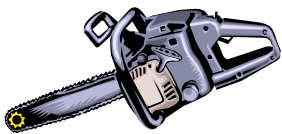
DAY 1

Acts 1:8 But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth."

Power! This is indeed the age of power. A century ago it was horsepower, manpower and waterpower. Then came steam, then electricity and not nuclear power. The oldest power is the power of God, the power that created the universe. All other power sources ultimately draw on this power.

Today we store power in batteries and cells. We can plug in directly to power lines. We need to be connected to the power source, though, for our equipment to work.

The story is told of a woodsman who came into town out of the woods for supplies. He was in need of several items, including a new ax. On the counter of the general store was advertised a new chain saw which was guaranteed to cut down twice as many trees in one day as any previous one. He eagerly purchased the saw. A week later he was back in the store. In rather descriptive terms he demanded his money back. When asked why, he said that before he was chopping down ten trees a day with his axe, but that now with much more effort he was lucky if he could fell one or two. The store owner looked the machine over very carefully. He checked the chain and the spark plug. He could find nothing wrong with it, so he flipped the switch and pulled the cord to start it. As it roared to life, the woodsman jumped back in surprise and exclaimed, "What's that noise?"



Too often we have available to us a tremendous power source but do not appreciate it in our lives. "You will RECEIVE power..." We have no power in ourselves. We must connect with the Divine power source, the Holy Spirit.

PRAY: Think of that sin or situation you are trying to handle without success. Ask God

to pull the cord and fill you with His power in order to handle it. When you face it mentally stop and let His empower you so you can move ahead in His strength.

DAY 2

Luke 1:35 The angel answered, "The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you. So the holy one to be born will be called the Son of God.

Luke 4:14 Jesus returned to Galilee in the power of the Spirit, and news about him spread through the whole countryside.

A. J. Gordon, one of the founders of Gordon Conwell Divinity School, tells of being out walking and looking across a field at a house, and there beside the house was what looked like a man pumping furiously at one of those hand pumps. As Gordon watched, the man continued to pump at a tremendous rate; he seemed absolutely tireless, pumping on and on, up and down without ever slowing in the slightest, much less stopping. Truly it was a remarkable sight, so Gordon started to walk toward it. As he got closer, he could see it was not a man at all, but a wooden figure painted to look like a man. The arm that was pumping so rapidly was hinged at the elbow and the hand was wired to the pump handle. The water was pouring forth, but not because the figure was pumping it. You see, it was an artesian well, and the water was pumping the man!

When you see a man who is at work for God and producing results, recognize it is the Holy Spirit working through him and not his efforts that are giving results. All you have to do is keep your hand on the handle!

PRAY: Think of the good changes that have been taking place in your life and heart in the last year or so. Give credit for all of that to God. Commit to keeping your hand on the handle all day and allow Him to work through



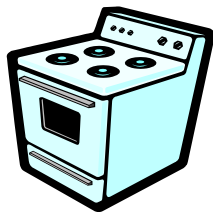
you. Thank Him whenever you sense Him leading, guiding, comforting, encouraging, convicting or empowering you.

DAY 3

Rom 15:13 May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in him, so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.

Rom 15:19 by the power of signs and miracles, through the power of the Spirit. So from Jerusalem all the way around to Illyricum, I have fully proclaimed the gospel of Christ.

The well-known British Bible teacher J. N. Darby said, "The holy Spirit dwells in every Christian. But it is another thing to be so filled with him that He becomes the source of each thought and deed so that what the heart produces is the fruit of His presence." While every child of God has all of the Holy Spirit, the Spirit does not necessarily possess all of him! Paul pleads with believer sin Ephesians 5:18, "And do not be drunk with wine, in which is excess, but be filled with the Spirit." Only by yielding ourselves to His control will we be able to walk in close fellowship with the Savior and be empowered to live a sanctified life (Luke 24:49).



George Duncan once went to visit some friends in the English countryside. For years they had lived in a old-fashioned, rundown building. To Mr. Duncan's surprise, he discovered that the house had been completely remodeled. The people had installed new lights, an electric stove, and many other pieces of modern equipment. But he was even more surprised to see the lady of the house still using a kerosene stove for cooking and oil lamps for lighting. After greeting him, she

said, "George, don't look so confused. We've had a great change here, but we just haven't turned on the power yet."

The application is clear: Every saved sinner has had a great change in his standing before God and has received the indwelling Holy Spirit. Yet many haven't even begun to tap His blessed resources for holy living. Today let God have full control. Be filled with the Spirit - that's the way to turn on the power!

PRAY: Envision your day lived out with you filled by the Spirit in everything, every moment. What would it take on your part for that to happen? Ask God to help you turn and keep His power turned on in your life.

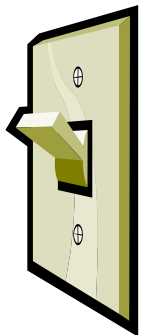
DAY 4

Eph 3:16 I pray that out of his glorious riches he may strengthen you with power through his Spirit in your inner being,

2 Tim 1:7 7 For God did not give us a spirit of timidity, but a spirit of power, of love and of self-discipline.

Every believer is indwelt by the Holy Spirit, who gives the power to live the Christian life and to be an effective witness for the Savior. All it takes is one sin for that power to be disconnected. Quenching or grieving the Spirit will do it (Eph 4:30; 1 Thes 5:19).

Recently I read an article about an entire city that was plunged into darkness. It seems that a little mouse had found its way into a switchbox in the municipal electric plant, short-circuiting the entire system. The town had plenty of power, but the citizens couldn't use it.



PRAY: Ask God to show you any sin that would prevent His power from fully flowing into and through you. Confess it and ask Him to fill and use you.

14. HE ENABLES BELIEVERS



SPIRIT OF POWER

OLD TESTAMENT WORDS FOR POWER



ARM

zeroa` OT:2220, "arm; power; strength; help." Zeroa` means "arm," a part of the body: In some passages, zeroa` refers especially to the forearm: Elsewhere, the word represents the shoulder:

Zeroa` connotes the "seat of strength": God's strength is figured by anthropomorphisms (attributing to Him human bodily parts), such as His "stretched out arm" Deut 4:34 or His "strong arm" Jer 21:5.

HAND

yad OT:3027, "hand; side; border; alongside; hand-measure; portion; arm (rest); monument; manhood (male sex organ); power; rule." Biblical Hebrew attests it about 1,618 times and in every period. The primary sense of this word is "hand



POWER

koach OT:3581, "strength; power; force; ability." This Hebrew word is used in biblical, rabbinic, and modern Hebrew with little change in meaning. The root is uncertain in Hebrew, but the verb is found in Arabic (wakaha, "batter down," and kwch, "defeat"). Koach, which occurs 124 times, is a poetic word as it is used most frequently in the poetic and prophetic literature.

The basic meaning of koach is an ability to do something

- 1) strength, power, might
 - a) human strength
 - b) strength (used of angels)
 - c) power (used of God)
 - d) strength (used of animals)
 - e) strength, produce, wealth (used of soil)



STRENGTH

chayil OT:2458, "strength; power; wealth; property; capable; valiant; army; troops; influential; upper-class people (courtiers)." The cognates of this word have been found in Aramaic, Akkadian, Syriac, Arabic, and Ethiopic. Biblical Hebrew attests it about 245 times and in all periods. First, this word signifies a faculty or "power," the ability to effect or produce something. The word is used of physical "strength" in the sense of power that can be exerted:

TO BE MARVELOUS

A. Verb. pala' OT:6381, "to be marvelous, be extraordinary, be beyond one's power to do, do wonderful acts." As can be seen from the suggested meanings, this verb is not easy to define. As a denominative verb, it is based on the noun for "wonder, marvel," so it expresses the idea of doing or making a wondrous thing. Found in both biblical and modern Hebrew, pala' occurs some 70 times in the Hebrew Old Testament. The verb is found for the first time in Gen 18:14: "Is any thing too hard for the Lord?"

OLD TESTAMENT VERSES ABOUT THE HOLY SPIRIT & POWER

Judg 14:6

6 The Spirit of the LORD came upon him in power so that he tore the lion apart with his bare hands as he might have torn a young goat. But he told neither his father nor his mother what he had done.

Samson's strength came from God's Holy Spirit, not own muscle



Judg 15:14

14 As he approached Lehi, the Philistines came toward him shouting. The Spirit of the LORD came upon him in power. The ropes on his arms became like charred flax, and the bindings dropped from his hands.

Samson's strength came from God's Holy Spirit, not own muscle

1 Sam 10:6, 10

6 The Spirit of the LORD will come upon you in power, and you will prophesy with them; and you will be changed into a different person. ... 10 When they arrived at Gibeah, a procession of prophets met him; the Spirit of God came upon him in power, and he joined in their prophesying.

Saul anointed by Samuel to preach, done by God's Spirit
ALL OT prophets spoke by power of Holy Spirit, not own



1 Sam 11:6

6 When Saul heard their words, the Spirit of God came upon him in power, and he burned with anger.

Ammorites about to humiliate Jews at Jabesh Gilead (make slaves, put out right eye)
Word sent to Saul who got angry (righteous indignation)
Led attack to defeat Ammorites, free Jabesh Gilead

1 Sam 16:13

13 So Samuel took the horn of oil and anointed him in the presence of his brothers, and from that day on the Spirit of the LORD came upon David in power. Samuel then went to Ramah.

David anointed King, Holy Spirit's power on him
-PHYSICAL POWER - kill bear, lion, Goliath (like Samson's power)
-POWER TO LEAD – became leader of men, then whole nation

The Holy Spirit does not fill us to make life ENJOYABLE (although that will happen), but to make us EMPLOYABLE

Isa 11:2 The Spirit of the LORD will rest on him-- the Spirit of wisdom and of understanding, the Spirit of counsel and of power, the Spirit of knowledge and of the fear of the LORD--

ebuwh (gheb-oo-raw'); feminine passive participle from the same as OT:1368; force

Not great faith in a little God, but little faith in a great God



Gal 4:29

29 At that time the son born in the ordinary way persecuted the son born by the power of the Spirit. It is the same now.

Referring to Isaac, persecuted by Ishamel

Isaac born when parents too old, done by power of Holy Spirit

NEW TESTAMENT WORDS FOR POWER



1. **dunamis** NT:1411, for the different meanings of which see ABILITY, MIGHT, is sometimes used, by metonymy, of persons and things
strength power, ability

- a) inherent power, power residing in a thing by virtue of its nature, or which a person or thing exerts and puts forth
- b) power for performing miracles
- c) moral power and excellence of soul
- d) the power and influence which belong to riches and wealth
- e) power and resources arising from numbers
- f) power consisting in or resting upon armies, forces, hosts

2. **exousia (noun)** NT:1849 denotes "freedom of action, right to act"; used of God, it is absolute, unrestricted,

exousiazo (verb) NT:1850, "to exercise authority" (akin to A, No. 2), is used (a) in the active voice, Luke 22:25, RV, "have authority" (KJV, "exercise authority"), of the "power" of rulers;



- 1) power of choice, liberty of doing as one pleases, permission
- 2) physical and mental power, the ability or strength with which one is endued, which he either possesses or exercises
- 3) the power of authority (influence) and of right (privilege)
- 4) the power of rule or government (the power of him whose will and commands must be submitted to by others and obeyed)

In Jesus we have both **power** (δυναμις dunamis - Luke 9:1; 24:49; Acts 1:8; 4:33; 6:8; Ephesians 1:18-23; Hebrews 2:14-15) and **authority** (ἐξουσία exousia - Luke 10:1,17-20; Matthew 10:1,8; Mark 3:15; 6:7; I John 4:4). Power comes from the Holy Spirit within (Acts 1:8), authority comes from our relationship as a child of Jesus (John 1:12).



A policeman has both authority (badge) and power (gun or club). Both come from a source outside himself, as do ours (Colossians 12:9-10).

Satan also has power (Luke 10:19; I Corinthians 15:24; I Peter 3:22) and authority (Luke 4:6; Acts 26:10; I Corinthians 15:24; Ephesians 1:21; 2:2; 3:10; 6:12). Demons have these, also (Revelation 9:3,10,19; Colossians 1:16; 2:10; I Peter 3:22). God's power and authority is superior to that which Satan & the

demons have. Men without Jesus do not have power or authority anywhere near to Satan and his demons, though.

NEW TESTAMENT VERSES ABOUT THE HOLY SPIRIT & POWER

Luke 1:35 The angel answered, "The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you. So the holy one to be born will be called the Son of God.

Mary pregnant without a man done by power of Holy Spirit

Luke 4:14 Jesus returned to Galilee in the power of the Spirit, and news about him spread through the whole countryside.

Jesus filled with Holy Spirit from birth, but special ENABLEMENT upon Him from baptism
Same true of us – always filled, sometimes extra for special need/ministry

Acts 1:8 But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth."

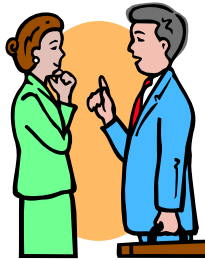
Need God's power to WITNESS to others about Him

MY WITNESS

Job 16:19 Even now my witness is in heaven; my advocate is on high.

Heb 10:15 The Holy Spirit also testifies to us about this. First he says:

Holy Spirit constantly bears witness to the Father and the Son
Bears witness to us that we are God's and have His salvation



1 John 5:6-10 For there are three that testify: 8 the Spirit, the water and the blood; and the three are in agreement. 9 We accept man's testimony, but God's testimony is greater because it is the testimony of God, which he has given about his Son. 10 Anyone who believes in the Son of God has this testimony in his heart. Anyone who does not believe God has made him out to be a liar, because he has not believed the testimony God has given about his Son.



Rom 15:13 May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in him, so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.

Hope (confident assurance of the future) comes from Holy Spirit within

Rom 15:19 by the power of signs and miracles, through the power of the Spirit. So from Jerusalem all the way around to Illyricum, I have fully proclaimed the gospel of Christ.

Paul's preaching and miracle-doing was by power of Holy Spirit



Eph 3:16 I pray that out of his glorious riches he may strengthen you with power through his Spirit in your inner being,

2 Tim 1:7 For God did not give us a spirit of timidity, but a spirit of power, of love and of self-discipline.

DAILY DEVOTIONS

WEEK 15

DAY 1

GROW in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. // Peter 3:18

Many sincere Christians do not have the clear perception of Christ they experienced at salvation. They no longer have a keen desire to serve Him, and their sense of His presence and power has faded. These believers need to realize that the Holy Spirit has been given to keep the reality of Christ in sharp focus.

The 19th century French inventor Louis Daguerre was one of the pioneers of photography. In those early days, he could take a picture by exposing a metal plate to light. When the plate was taken out of the camera, however, the image soon disappeared. Daguerre tried many ways to keep the image from fading, but nothing worked. One day he found a plate that had been left in a closet full of



chemicals, and to his amazement the image was bright and sharp. He took other pictures, put the plates in that closet, and got the same results. He didn't know what was causing the image to remain, so he kept the pictures in the closet and began removing items one at a time. Even after everything else was removed, the images remained on the plates. Finally Daguerre discovered that some mercury had been spilled in the closet. Further experiments proved that mercury vapor was fixing the image on the plate.

The Holy Spirit does in you and me what the mercury vapor did to that photographic plate. He helps us keep Christ in focus. Our part is to be careful not to grieve or quench Him. As we obey the Holy Spirit, He will keep before us a sharp image of Christ. Given a chance, the Spirit will

work in us to develop the clear image of Jesus Christ.

PRAY: Thank God for the work He has been doing to make you more like Jesus now than you were years ago. Ask Him to continue that work as long as you live.

DAY 2

Isa 4:4

4 The Lord will wash away the filth of the women of Zion; he will cleanse the bloodstains from Jerusalem by a spirit of judgment and a spirit of fire.

There is nothing that the lukewarm church needs more today than believers who are so filled with the Holy Spirit that they are truly "on fire" for God!

Concerning the necessity of maintaining this spiritual glow and the zeal of sanctification, Samuel L. Bringle once wrote: "The old Founder called a few of us to him on the train one day and said, 'Young men, take heed to the fire in your own hearts, for *the tendency of fire is to go out.*' I thought about that, and I said to myself, 'Yes, fire will go out unless I do three things: 1) Keep the drafts open; 2) Keep the ashes and the clinkers shaken out; and 3) Put on more fuel. Then I applied it to my own soul. I am not to run around and kindle my fire at the altar of someone else. I have a fire of my own. I am to keep the drafts open – keep testifying, keep the prayer windows open toward heaven. I am to keep the ashes out – I cannot depend upon past experiences; I must seek God afresh. Then I must add fuel – pile on new truth, search the Scriptures, feed my soul. The blasts of Hell will seek to



quench the flame if I don't guard the fire in my own heart."

In a vision John Bunyan saw a man throwing water on a flame, and yet the flame continued to burn. He wondered how it could burn on – until he saw that there was one behind the door pouring oil on the flame. Oil is a picture of the Holy Spirit, and as long as God keeps pouring Him on our souls nothing can put Him out.

What sputtering little sparks we are, when actually as His witnesses, we should be aflame with the love of God!

PRAY: Ask God to set you afire for Him. If you know of anything standing in the way, remove it today.

DAY 3

God makes His ministers a flaming fire. Psalm 104:4

In 1665 London was in the grip of that terrible Plague the horrors of which may still be felt through the pages of Defoe. The disease germs were hiding and breeding and multiplying everywhere. Every corner became of nest of contagion. Nothing could be found to displace it. In the following year the Great Fire broke out, and the plague-smitten city was possessed by the spirit of burning. London was literally baptized with fire, which sought out the most secret haunts of the contagion, and in the fiery baptism the evil genius of corruption gave place to the sweet and friendly genius of health. Fire accomplished quite easily what water would never have attained. And so in a comparison of fire and water as cleansing and redeeming agencies, common experience tells us that fire is the keener, the more searching, the more powerful, the more intense.

PRAY: Ask God to send His Spirit to search out and remove each and every sin in the furthest corners of your heart. Ask Him to purify you from all sin.

DAY 4

Ezek 1:24 When the creatures moved, I heard the sound of their wings, like the roar of rushing waters, like the voice of the Almighty, like the tumult of an army. When they stood still, they lowered their wings.

When men would go into mines, caves or even well shafts, there was always the danger that deadly gasses had accumulated in the lowest parts. These gasses couldn't be noticed by smell. It was only when one passed out that danger was seen and then it was too late. Thus a method was developed to save lives.

The first man into the depths would carry a canary or other bird in a cage along with him. Being smaller and more sensitive, if there was any danger in the air the bird would first sense it and die. Then the handler would be alerted and could leave before he was overcome. By exploding power and burning the fumes out of the air it could be purified. Then work could go on. However it took the sensitive bird to alert the men to danger.

In a wonderful way the believer has One in his heart who bears witness to the presence and power of sin. I refer to the Holy Spirit, the heavenly Dove. As the Holy Spirit He is infinitely conscious of the pollution of sin. That is why we are warned to not quench or grieve Him. We are to listen carefully to His warnings of danger for He will notice the first faint odor of coming sin and warn us so we can flee before being overcome. Are you listening to His voice? Do you know what it sounds like? Can you recognize the first flutterings of His conviction? How dangerous it is to ignore His warning!



PRAY: Quietly listen to the Spirit in your soul. What is He saying to you today? What danger is ahead? Ask Him to speak and warn you of danger you face, then promise to heed His warnings.

15. HE MATURES US

Phil 1:6 being confident of this, that he who began a good work in you will carry it on to completion until the day of Christ Jesus.

Grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. II Pt 3:18

Brothers, I could not address you as spiritual but as worldly -- mere infants in Christ. I gave you milk, not solid food, for you were not yet ready for it. Indeed, you are still not ready. You are still worldly. For since there is jealousy and quarreling among you, are you not worldly? Are you not acting like mere men? I Corinthians 3:1-3

When I was like a child, I thought like a child, I reasoned like a child. When I became a man, I put childish ways behind me. I Cor 13:11

I. HOLY SPIRIT WORKS FROM WITHIN TO MAKE US LIKE JESUS

BREATH OF THE ALMIGHTY

Job 32:8 But it is the spirit in a man, the breath of the Almighty, that gives him understanding.

Job 33:4 The Spirit of God has made me; the breath of the Almighty gives me life.

Like Holy Spirit, proceeds from God but unseen force

Direct emanation, manifestation of God's presence in His invisible, heavenly actions

God's breath put life into the first man, Adam – puts life into us, too

Gives spiritual life to sinners

God breathes, Holy Spirit is the breath He sends to us

HOLY SPIRIT WHO IS IN YOU

1 Cor 6:18-20 Flee from sexual immorality. All other sins a man commits are outside his body, but he who sins sexually sins against his own body. 19 Do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit, who is in you, whom you have received from God? You are not your own; 20 you were bought at a price. Therefore honor God with your body.

HOLY SPIRIT IN US – only way to be like Jesus - If He not in us no chance!

TEMPLE – God not in physical building, but in US!!!

Paul tells Corinthians to take care of temple, don't use it for sin (sexual sin)

NEW WINE

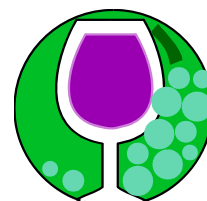
Eph 5:18-20 Do not get drunk on wine, which leads to debauchery. Instead, be filled with the Spirit. 19 Speak to one another with psalms, hymns and spiritual songs. Sing and make music in your heart to the Lord, 20 always giving thanks to God the Father for everything, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.

PENTECOST (Acts 2) – thought disciples drunk when really Holy Spirit

PARALLEL: Wine & Holy Spirit

-changed behavior and speech, courage,

-don't put new wine in old wineskins (Mt 9:16-17) –



Matt 9:16-17 16 "No one sews a patch of unshrunk cloth on an old garment, for the patch will pull away from the garment, making the tear worse. 17 Neither do men pour new wine into old wineskins. If they do, the skins will burst, the wine will run out and the wineskins will be ruined. No, they pour new wine into new wineskins, and both are preserved."

HELPER

John 14:16 And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Counselor to be with you forever-

Greek parakletos: 'helper, comforter, advocate, one called alongside'

John 14:26 But the Counselor, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you all things and will remind you of everything I have said to you

John 15:26 "When the Counselor comes, whom I will send to you from the Father, the Spirit of truth who goes out from the Father, he will testify about me.

John 16:6-7 But I tell you the truth: It is for your good that I am going away. Unless I go away, the Counselor will not come to you; but if I go, I will send him to you.

II. HOLY SPIRIT IS OUR CHANNEL OF COMMUNICATION WITH GOD



VOICE OF ALMIGHTY, VOICE OF THE LORD

Ezek 1:24 When the creatures moved, I heard the sound of their wings, like the roar of rushing waters, like the voice of the Almighty, like the tumult of an army. When they stood still, they lowered their wings.

Ezek 10:5 The sound of the wings of the cherubim could be heard as far away as the outer court, like the voice of God Almighty when he speaks.

Psalms 29:1-30:1 Ascribe to the LORD, O mighty ones, ascribe to the LORD glory and strength. 2 Ascribe to the LORD the glory due his name; worship the LORD in the splendor of his holiness. 3 The voice of the LORD is over the waters; the God of glory thunders, the LORD thunders over the mighty waters. 4 The voice of the LORD is powerful; the voice of the LORD is majestic. 5 The voice of the LORD breaks the cedars; the LORD breaks in pieces the cedars of Lebanon. 6 He makes Lebanon skip like a calf, Sirion like a young wild ox. 7 The voice of the LORD strikes with flashes of lightning. 8 The voice of the LORD shakes the desert; the LORD shakes the Desert of Kadesh. 9 The voice of the LORD twists the oaks and strips the forests bare. And in his temple all cry,



"Glory!" 10 The LORD sits enthroned over the flood; the LORD is enthroned as King forever. 11 The LORD gives strength to his people; the LORD blesses his people with peace.

HOLY SPIRIT the person of the Trinity who communicates from God to Man I Pt 1:11 II Pt 1:21
Often God's voice associated with THUNDER (esp in Revelation)

Other times God's voice is STILL & SMALL I Kings 19:12

'Voice from Heaven' when Jesus baptized

HOLY SPIRIT communicates God to us so we can live for Him and be like Him



PRAYER, SUPPLICATION

The principal work of the Spirit is faith ... the principal exercise of faith is prayer.

Rom 8:26-27 *In the same way, the Spirit helps us in our weakness. We do not know what we ought to pray for, but the Spirit himself intercedes for us with groans that words cannot express. 27 And he who searches our hearts knows the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints in accordance with God's will.*

Zech 12:10 *"And I will pour out on the house of David and the inhabitants of Jerusalem a spirit of grace and supplication. They will look on me, the one they have pierced, and they will mourn for him as one mourns for an only child, and grieve bitterly for him as one grieves for a firstborn son.*

III. HOLY SPIRIT HELPS US KEEP GOING BY CLEANSING & REFRESHING US

SPIRIT OF FIRE

Isa 4:4 *The Lord will wash away the filth of the women of Zion; he will cleanse the bloodstains from Jerusalem by a spirit of judgment and a spirit of fire.*

FIRE in our bones comes from Holy Spirit - Jeremiah 5:14; 20:9

PENTECOST Holy Spirit came as fire Acts 2:3

FIRE: cleanses, shines, motivates us to move ahead

Spirit of FIRE MOTIVATES us to be more like Jesus



WATER

Zech 14:8 *On that day living water will flow out from Jerusalem, half to the eastern sea and half to the western sea, in summer and in winter.*

'Living Water' will flow from Jerusalem, picture of JESUS HIMSELF flowing out everywhere

John 4:10 *Jesus answered her, "If you knew the gift of God and who it is that asks you for a drink, you would have asked him and he would have given you living water."*

Jesus said this was a picture of HIM

Eph 5:26 *to make her holy, cleansing her by the washing with water through the word,*

WATER USED FOR REFRESHING – good cold drink invigorates
Holy Spirit refreshes, encourages, invigorates
WATER USED FOR CLEANSING – wash when dirty
Holy Spirit cleanses us from sin



STREAMS ON THE DRY GROUND

Isa 44:3 For I will pour water on the thirsty land, and streams on the dry ground; I will pour out my Spirit on your offspring, and my blessing on your descendants.

Isaiah 44 about distant future (to Isaiah) – when Messiah on earth
Israel like parched desert when Christ returns
Spirit flow so freely will seem like cold mountain stream covering hot sand
JEWS are the parched ground, dry and lifeless, thirsty for so long forgotten anything else

STREAMS OF LIVING WATER

John 7:37-39 On the last and greatest day of the Feast, Jesus stood and said in a loud voice, "If anyone is thirsty, let him come to me and drink. 38 Whoever believes in me, as the Scripture has said, streams of living water will flow from within him." 39 By this he meant the Spirit, whom those who believed in him were later to receive. Up to that time the Spirit had not been given, since Jesus had not yet been glorified.

REFRESHING comes from Holy Spirit within!
Takes up residence in our inner being
Flows with an inexhaustible supply
Brings the life of God to the soul
Satisfies the deep thirst inside every heart (ONLY way to have it met)
Flows out to refresh others (share Jesus with everyone we meet)



IV. HOLY SPIRIT GIVES US REST DURING THE PROCESS OF BECOMING LIKE JESUS

SPIRIT OF REST

Isa 63:14 14 like cattle that go down to the plain, they were given rest by the Spirit of the LORD. This is how you guided your people to make for yourself a glorious name.

Referring to entering the land of Canaan under JOSHUA
God in His grace gave them REST
Many years of battles before this, but rest during and after the battles

A CONFIDENTIAL SPIRITUAL-LIFE CHECKUP

As your pastor I am responsible to God for your spiritual health in much the same way your doctor is responsible for your physical health. Both of us must be allowed the privilege of helping you. Often, unless a problem so overcomes you that you must seek help from your doctor or pastor, you don't take time for a regular check-up. This can correct small problems before they grow. You probably have a periodical check-up with your doctor, why not with your pastor? I'd like to sit down with you for about an hour and check your spiritual health. Perhaps together we can help improve your spiritual diet and life.

Since pastors (or doctors) can only help to the extent you allow them, this is entirely voluntary. Before your doctor can evaluate your physical health he does blood work on you. Before getting together with me (or even if you don't), do some spiritual blood work on yourself. Answer the questions on this paper. Put your answers on another paper. Please get this to me several days before we get together so I can prayerfully consider how we can best spend our hour together. Pray about this, and for God to use this in your life.

I. BLOOD TYPE: (Basic grouping of all mankind.)

1. Are you a Christian?

2. How do you know if you are a Christian or not?

II. RED BLOOD CELLS (They provide strength and health for your whole body.)

3. How meaningful is your private worship and devotions?

4. In what ways are you becoming better acquainted with God?

5. In what areas is your Bible knowledge growing most?

6. In what areas of Bible knowledge do you feel you are too weak?

III. WHITE BLOOD CELLS (They fight disease and bring cleansing.)

7. In what ways are you becoming a more accepting, loving person?

8. Is there anyone who has a hard time forgiving?

9. How are you growing stronger in your ability to resist temptation?

10. How healthy and balanced is your self-esteem?

11. What kinds of sin seem to defeat you most often and why?

IV. PLATELETS (These are blood clotters which stop wounds from bleeding.)

12. Who do you go to when you need someone to help bear the burdens of life?
13. With whom do you feel most comfortable sharing your inner joys and hurts?
14. How do you handle it when someone criticizes or tears you down?
15. How do you usually handle failure?

V. BLOOD PRESSURE (Shows hypertension, stress and stamina.)

16. How preoccupied are you with your finances?
17. How distracted are you by the desire for things?
18. How satisfied are you with your vocation and present position?
19. What could you do to better exercise your spiritual gifts within the Body of Christ?
20. What problems do you encounter in telling others about your faith?
21. How do you usually deal with pressure?

VI. TIRED BLOOD (Results from imbalanced spiritual diet.)

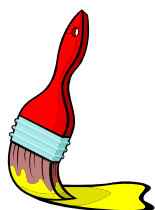
22. How would you evaluate the balance in your life (time for self, family, God, career; exercise, rest, fun, personal growth, etc.)?
23. Evaluate your balance of Bible study, worship, fellowship and outreach to unbelievers?
24. What is the biggest problem you face in being all God wants you to be?
25. What do you think God wants you to do about it?
26. Is there anything specific you would like me to do to help you during our time together?

DAILY DEVOTIONS

WEEK 16

DAY 1

Ps 119:18 Open my eyes that I may see wonderful things in your law.



It is astounding to know what biblical insight a humble, unschooled child of God can have through the illumination of the Holy Spirit. He can perceive and enjoy Bible truths that even the most brilliant and educated men and women of the world cannot begin to appreciate. Unbelievers are spiritually blind (I Cor 2:9-10). Spiritual things seem dull and foolish to him.

When a person is born again, the indwelling Holy Spirit gives him special understanding. He can apprehend the truths of the Word of God and appreciate its beauty and revelation in a meaningful and blessed way. He will see wonderful things in Scripture that are completely unnoticed by those who are spiritually blind.

Charles Spurgeon often told this story: "A lady once said to Turner while he was painting, 'Why do you put such extravagant colors into your pictures? I never see anything like them in nature.' 'Don't you wish you did, madam?' he said. It was a sufficient answer. He saw them, even if she did not. Likewise, believers can perceive many divine wonders which unbelievers cannot."

As you read your Bible rely upon the Holy Spirit. Be thankful that with His help you can understand what you are reading. Scriptural insight is available only to those with spiritual eyesight. Remember, the Spirit of God enables the man of God to understand the Word of God.

PRAY: Thank God for His Word, and the Spirit that helps you understand it. Read a portion for the next few minutes, allowing His Spirit to speak through it to you.

DAY 2

John 10:3 to his own sheep the porter opens the door of the sheepfold.



This brief sentence in Jesus' well-known discourse on the "Good Shepherd" is often overlooked by the casual reader. Everyone knows that the "sheep" refer to the elect ones, and that the "Door" of the fold is Christ, but who is the "porter"? Some think that God the Father is here indicated. While this is possible, most students of the Word believe it refers to the Holy Spirit for it would appear from the Scripture that the third Person of the Trinity is ever closely associated with the opening and closing of spiritual doors of blessing and opportunity (Acts 16:6-7, 14; 14:27; 10:44-45; I Cor 16:9; II Cor 2:12).

J. L. Spencer, in commenting on this passage, speaks of the Holy Spirit as a Porter in even a broader sense. He says, "We may read out Bibles, but unless the Porter opens, the voice of the evangelist and the apostles are but a pleasant tale. And then there is that other book – the book of nature – which lies open before us. We hear no sound in the noisy brook, we see nothing in the opening bud and flowers of early summer; but once the Porter opens the door, then suddenly – 'earth's crammed with Heaven, and every common bush afire with the thought of God.' Of if we look upon the pages of history. To the natural man they contain only a record of battles, kings and dynasties; but when the Porter opens wide the door, then we seem to read between the lines. We see how evil haunts the wicked person to destroy him and his seed forever. We see men sowing the wind, and in after years ... reaping the whirlwind! ... So the manifold workings of the Holy Spirit in every successive generation can only be seen when the Porter has opened the door and

enlightened our understanding, and given us a right judgment in all things.

The Father draws with cords of love, the Porter (Holy Spirit) opens the door of the year, and the Good Shepherd (Jesus) enters the fold with His new sheep.

PRAY: Ask God to open your heart to all His truth: in the Bible, in nature (science), in history. Ask Him to show you His hand today in all these areas.

DAY 3

1 Cor 2:12 We have not received the spirit of the world but the Spirit who is from God, that we may understand what God has freely given us.

Celluloid. What transforms it, wound on a reel and shelved in a can, into a consuming cinematic experience such as “The Hiding Place” or “Chariots of Fire”? What can turn mere plastic into pathos, poetry and praise, evoking emotions of grief, gratitude and gladness, all in living color? Three factors: light, focus and motion. Light communicates the image imbedded on the celluloid. That image must be focused on a reflective surface. Motion permits the focused image to impart its message and to have its impact. Light, focus and motion allow us to experience God’s Word, not as a collection of old writings but as new reality. God’s Spirit transmits to us the image of Jesus Christ burned into every page of Scripture. Our hearts, our souls, our lives, provide the surface upon which his image is focused and from which He is reflected to the viewing public. Motion – obedience to his commands – transports us into the adventure land of knowing Him.

PRAY: Pray for those you know whose lives God shine through by His Spirit. Thank God for their example. Ask Him to shine through you for His honor and glory.



DAY 4

Every way of a man is right in his own eyes. Proverbs 21:2

Years ago an experiment was made in which people were fitted with special prismatic glasses. These devices caused things to appear upside down. Vision was greatly distorted so that straight lines appeared to be curved, and sharp outlines seemed fringed with color. Within just a few days, however, the unnatural shapes, tinted edges, and inverted landscapes gradually disappeared, and the world began to appear normal again, even though they still wore their optical fittings. The brain was finally able to overcome the false data that came in through the prismatic lenses. This adaptability in the physical realm is indeed a blessing.



Our Scripture lesson, however, suggests that in the area of the spiritual, the human mind does not function very well. In fact, man is a sinner whose deepest imaginations are evil, and his thought-life produces a world of illusions. He thinks of himself as pure when in reality he is guilty before God. That is why, for example, many people today have shifted the responsibility for their behavior to environmental factors of to the faulty upbringing they have received from their parents. They fail to see their own rebellion and selfishness. Instead, they imagine themselves to be the helpless, innocent victims of circumstance. This is how they justify thoughts, feelings and actions that are obviously sinful. Their way is right in their own eyes.

Even as Christians, we must be aware of the deceptive nature of our hearts. Allow God’s Spirit to correct your vision through a knowledge of God’s Word.

PRAY: Thank God that He keeps you from seeing good as evil and evil as good. Ask Him to point out any area of life where you may be deceiving yourself so you can confess and cleanse it.

16. HE TEACHES BELIEVERS

I. TEACHING NAMES OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

Ps 119:18 Open my eyes that I may see wonderful things in your law.

TEACHER

John 14:26 But the Counselor, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you all things and will remind you of everything I have said to you.

John 16:13 But when he, the Spirit of truth, comes, he will guide you into all truth. He will not speak on his own; he will speak only what he hears, and he will tell you what is yet to come.

Ever have a verse leap off the page when reading it
HOLY SPIRIT does that with verse – highlights it in your heart
Listening to song, sermon, radio, tape
Something really hit you hard that hadn't before
HOLY SPIRIT doing that

1 Cor 2:13 This is what we speak, not in words taught us by human wisdom but in words taught by the Spirit, expressing spiritual truths in spiritual words.

Holy Spirit GIFTS some in body to be able to TEACH
Gives us/them the words to speak
Then works in hearts of listener to apply what is said
JESUS ON EARTH a great teacher, now Holy Spirit does that
even better because within

ANOINTING

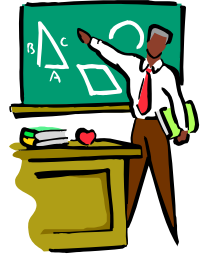
1 John 2:20, 27 But you have an anointing from the Holy One, and all of you know the truth. ... As for you, the anointing you received from him remains in you, and you do not need anyone to teach you. But as his anointing teaches you about all things and as that anointing is real, not counterfeit-just as it has taught you, remain in him.

ANOINTING: at moment of salvation full anointing of Holy Spirit
subsequent anointings during times of special need or personal revival

HUMAN TEACHERS fine, special gift of God to Body
But we aren't dependent on them, I can study on own, so can you

TO KEEP FROM ERROR - I JOHN – warning new believers being deceived
TO TEACH NEW TRUTH

Unbelievers spiritually blinded (2 Cor 4:4)
Before salvation Bible confusing, dull reading
After salvation comes alive, understandable, appetite for it



SPIRIT OF REVELATION

Eph 1:17 I keep asking that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the glorious Father, may give you the Spirit of wisdom and revelation, so that you may know him better.

Paul praying for Ephesian believers to understand better how wonderful Jesus is
Also shows how Bible truths fit together, apply to life, etc.
Teach God's World View to replace unbelievers world view



THE FULLNESS OF GOD

Eph 3:19 and to know this love that surpasses knowledge-that you may be filled to the measure of all the fullness of God.

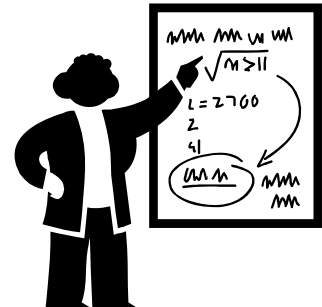


By good Bible study methods can draw out truths and learn facts about God
Takes Holy Spirit to understand Bible at the experiential level
Holy Spirit makes Bible alive in our lives
It is this, not former, that changes lives

SPIRIT OF TRUTH

John 14:17 the Spirit of truth. The world cannot accept him, because it neither sees him nor knows him. But you know him, for he lives with you and will be in you.

All He says is accurate, trustworthy
Nothing shady, deceitful, inaccurate about it
Human teachers all make mistakes, Holy Spirit never does

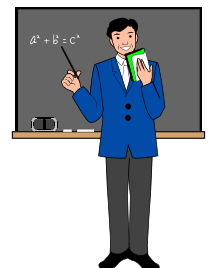


II. LEARNING NAMES OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

SPIRIT OF KNOWLEDGE

***Isa 11:2 The Spirit of the LORD will rest on him--
the Spirit of wisdom and of understanding,
the Spirit of counsel and of power,
the Spirit of knowledge and of the fear of the LORD--***

Enables us to understand about God and His word
First step – enhance our knowledge bank about God
Ask Holy Spirit to teach you before each sermon, time of devotions, etc
DOESN'T REVEAL things unknown but applies and brings to memory what we know
Therefore important to really study, know Bible – make effort to learn it
Then Holy Spirit can apply it, remind of it, etc



ILLUMINATION

1 Cor 2:12 *We have not received the spirit of the world but the Spirit who is from God, that we may understand what God has freely given us.*

Illuminate = turn on light so can see

Unbeliever spiritually BLIND

“the god of this age has blinded the eyes of those who do not believe” II Cor 4:4



SPIRIT OF A SOUND MIND

2 Tim 1:7 *7 For God did not give us a spirit of timidity, but a spirit of power, of love and of self-discipline (sound mind).*

TIMOTHY timid, fearful – Paul says this isn't from Holy Spirit

Power, love, self-discipline are from God

Soundness, self-discipline is how Holy Spirit works

We think it means out of control (slain in the spirit, dancing in isles)

Bible says all things are to be done decently and in order



SPIRIT OF UNDERSTANDING

Isa 11:2 *The Spirit of the LORD will rest on him--
the Spirit of wisdom and of understanding,
the Spirit of counsel and of power,
the Spirit of knowledge and of the fear of the LORD--*

WISDOM = practical insight for living, application of God's Word principles

Proverbs focuses on these

Christian World View = God's wisdom (I Corinthians 1 – 3)

UNDERSTANDING = idea of keen judgment, ability to make good decisions

Ability to have insight between two options, opinions, etc

Can't always tell by outside info – decision to make, new teaching to accept, etc

Holy Spirit knows more than we do, shares that with us.

Necessary in making many decisions



Eph 1:17 *I keep asking that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the glorious Father, may give you the Spirit of wisdom and revelation, so that you may know him better.*

Paul praying for Ephesians to have insight into God and how He works, which comes from HS

ALL believers have Holy Spirit

NOT all believers experience full effect of His ministry

Paul wants his Ephesians friends (there very long, very close to them) to have all

Holy Spirit reveals God and the things of God to us

Ps 103:7 He made known his ways to Moses, his deeds to the people of Israel:

Moses had a deeper knowledge of God than the average Israelite

ALL crossed Red Sea, but only MOSES ascended Mt Sinai to speak with God

‘know’ - Paul wants them to KNOW God, not just know ABOUT God

Know who He is, how He works, what His purpose is for world and them

Greek – not intellectual knowledge only, but mainly deep, personal, practical knowledge of God

world view: “know yourself” to find self and meaning/purpose

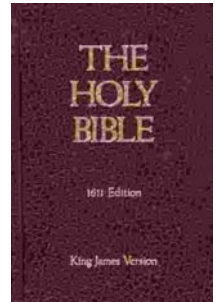
Christian world view: “know God” to know self and find meaning/purpose

Luke 24:32 They asked each other, "Were not our hearts burning within us while he talked with us on the road and opened the Scriptures to us?"

Taught their minds first of all

Luke 24:45 Then he opened their minds so they could understand the Scriptures.

Then applied those facts to their hearts



SPIRIT OF WISDOM

Ex 28:3 Tell all the skilled men to whom I have given wisdom in such matters that they are to make garments for Aaron, for his consecration, so he may serve me as priest.

Wisdom – viewing life from God’s perspective (world view)

Ability to correctly apply all the facts or knowledge have learned

Knowledge – teaches facts

Wisdom – applies those facts



III. HOW THE HOLY SPIRIT TEACHES

PRINCIPLE OF READINESS

Teach truths as people are ready for them (or develop desire in them to learn)

God teaches us when we are ready for it

PRINCIPLE OF VARIETY

I use variety: words, PP, objects, poster, handouts, discussion, etc.

PRINCIPLE OF LIFE RESPONSE

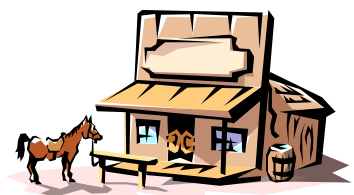
I don’t teach just to expand your knowledge but to have you apply that to changed lives

PRINCIPLE OF NEW FRONTIERS

Never know everything, always something new to teach

Holy Spirit never stops, lifetime of learning, applying

Always pushing our frontiers back



DAILY DEVOTIONS

WEEK 17

DAY 1

I discipline myself to always have a clear conscience void of offense toward God and men. Acts 24:16

An Indian was asked by a missionary to define the word “conscience.” After thinking a moment, the man pointed a finger at his breast and said, “It is a little three-cornered thing in here. When I do evil, it turns around and hurts very much, but if I keep on doing wrong, its sharp edges wear off until it doesn’t bother me anymore.” Though crudely stated, his definition was both wise and accurate, for one’s conscience can be impaired if he disregards its warning and continues in his sinful practices. If abused, it becomes “seared” and useless (1 Timothy 4:2). Therefore a person must never callously allow himself to mute its pleadings.



Valuable as this “internal monitor” may be, however, we must admit that it has become impaired by man’s fall into sin. No longer can it be an infallible guide to right conduct unless it is first enlightened and sensitized by the Scriptures! Only then can we safely follow its leading.

When a Christian finds this inner voice accusing him of having injured his neighbor, he should ask forgiveness and make the necessary restitution to the one he has offended. At other times he may be troubled in his heart because in some hidden way he has displeased the Savior; he must then confess his sin if he would have “a conscience void of offence toward God and men.”

PRAY: Ask God to activate your conscience so it is sensitive to God’s Spirit and an accurate instrument in His hands.

Pray this would happen to your children as well.

DAY 2

John 15:2 He cuts off every branch in me that bears no fruit, while every branch that does bear fruit he prunes so that it will be even more fruitful.

Dr. Paul Brand was speaking to a medical college in India on “Let your light so shine before men that they may behold your good works and glorify your Father.” In front of the lectern was an oil lamp, with its cotton wick burning from the shallow dish of oil. As he preached, the lamp ran out of oil, the wick burned dry, and the smoke made him cough. He immediately used the opportunity.

“Some of us here are like this wick,” he said. “We’re trying to shine for the glory of God, but we stink. That’s what happens when we use ourselves as the fuel of our witness rather than the Holy Spirit. Wicks can last indefinitely, burning brightly and without irritating smoke, if the fuel, the Holy Spirit, is in constant supply.”



PRAY: If there is smoke coming out of your thoughts or actions, ask God to cleanse you and fill you with His Spirit so He burns brightly in and through you. Thank Him for doing this. Ask Him to show you every time you need to do it again.

DAY 3

John 15: 4-5 Remain in me, and I will remain in you. No branch can bear fruit by itself; it must remain in the vine. Neither can you bear fruit unless

you remain in me. "I am the vine; you are the branches. If a man remains in me and I in him, he will bear much fruit; apart from me you can do nothing.



If you submerge a bottle in water, what happens? Some will say, "The air bubbles out and the water flows in." But I have seen a bottle submerged in water and no air came out nor did any water flow in. There was a cork in the bottle, which must be pulled out if the bottle is to be submerged.

God is like that with us. He has the purpose and the power, but He will not ravish our beings. Love can never be commanded, and He wants us to love Him, so He woos us by creating all the qualities which go with emptiness and frustration. But when we tell Him to go ahead and do His work, out come the obstacles which keep Him from filling our beings, and in comes the power of the Holy Spirit, so that life at once takes on abounding quality. There is no abounding without the pressure of His power behind it.

DAY 4

2 Tim 1:7 For God did not give us a spirit of timidity, but a spirit of power, of love and of self-discipline.

Dr. Fisher once wrote to his friend Lord Eldon, asking him for a special favor. Lord Eldon answered: "Dear Fisher, I cannot today give you what you ask for. I remain your sincere friend, Eldon. Turn over." Then on the other side he wrote, "I gave it to you yesterday."

Our heavenly Father similarly answers His children when we ask for things which His Spirit has already provided. If we ask for victory over fear, or if we ask for love, or power, or self-discipline, He will rightly tell us that we already have those in

the Person of the Holy Spirit Who indwells us. We need only to allow His Spirit to fill us and do His work through us.

PRAY: Allow God to give you love, power, self-discipline and victory over fear today by consciously allowing His Spirit to fill and work through you instead of trying to do these things in your own strength.

DAY 5

John 14:17 the Spirit of truth. The world cannot accept him, because it neither sees him nor knows him. But you know him, for he lives with you and will be in you.

When I was young I was always fascinated by invisible ink. I'd try each new formula looking for the perfect one. Of course there was always a way of having the ink appear. Sometimes it was by applying heat, other times by applying certain chemicals. When this was done the words, which were invisible before, now were clearly seen.

God's Spirit of Truth works that same way. Often we can't see what is really going on around us. We can be blinded by the evil powers behind the sin that attracts us. We can be misled by the world's seeming 'wisdom' in making decisions. We can be swayed by ungodly values, priorities and goals. We often don't even know what is happening. That is, we don't know until the Holy Spirit reveals to our hearts what is really going on: the sin, the evil, the deception, the self-centeredness that has been trying to take us captive. When He reveals that to our hearts it is up to us to 'read the writing' and act appropriately.

PRAY: Ask Him to clearly reveal to you and sin, deception or self-centeredness that is going on in your life. Pray for your family and those around you as well. Thank Him for being the only one who knows the formula to expose the works of sin and Satan today.

17. HE PRODUCES IN BELIEVERS

Eph 5:8-10 *For you were once darkness, but now you are light in the Lord. Live as children of light 9(for the fruit of the light consists in all goodness, righteousness and truth)*

Gal 5:22-23 *But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, 23 gentleness and self-control. Against such things there is no law.*

Gal 5:22-23 *But the fruit of the Spirit is*
love, SPIRIT OF LOVE
joy, SPIRIT OF PRAISE
peace, SPIRIT OF REST
patience, STEADFAST SPIRIT
kindness, YOUR GENEROUS SPIRIT
goodness, - YOUR GOOD SPIRIT
faithfulness, 23 SERVANT
gentleness and SPIRIT OF GRACE
self-control. SPIRIT OF POWER
Against such things there is no law.

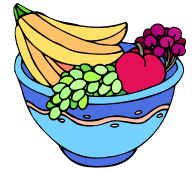
Eph 5:8-10 *For you were once darkness, but now you are light in the Lord. Live as children of light 9(for the fruit of the light consists in all goodness, YOUR GOOD SPIRIT righteousness and THE HOLY SPIRIT truth) THE SPIRIT OF TRUTH, SPIRIT OF WISDOM & UNDERSTANDING*

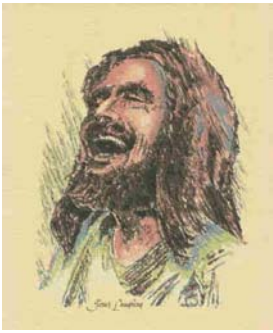
I. IDENTIFYING THE FRUIT OF THE SPIRIT

SPIRIT OF LOVE (LOVE)

2 Tim 1:6-7 *For God did not give us a spirit of timidity, but a spirit of power, of love and of self-discipline.*

II Timothy Paul's last letter, shortly before death, to one like a son to him (closest person to him)
In dungeon in Mamartine Prison awaiting death
Still no fear for Paul – Holy Spirit produced power, love, self-control in him
No bitterness, anger, revenge – just LOVE (fruit of Holy Spirit)
Only way we can love others (as commanded) is by Holy Spirit (Colossians 1:8)
Encouragement to Timothy, too, to live in love for others
Tim susceptible to fear, worry, stomach pain from stress, etc





SPIRIT OF PRAISE (JOY)

1 Cor 14:15 So what shall I do? I will pray with my spirit, but I will also pray with my mind; I will sing with my spirit, but I will also sing with my mind.

sing with my spirit – no ‘my’ – lit “sing with the Spirit”

Holy Spirit sings praises to Jesus

Holy Spirit puts songs in our hearts, motivates us to sing, directs praise

SPIRIT OF REST (PEACE)

Isa 63:14 14 like cattle that go down to the plain, they were given rest by the Spirit of the LORD. This is how you guided your people to make for yourself a glorious name.

STEADFAST SPIRIT (PATIENCE)

Ps 51:10 Create in me a pure heart, O God, and renew a steadfast spirit within me.

Steadfast = dependable, faithful, consistent

Work of Holy Spirit within to make us that way

FAITHFULNESS = fruit of Holy Spirit

YOUR GENEROUS SPIRIT (KINDNESS)

Ps 51:12 Restore to me the joy of your salvation and grant me a willing spirit, to sustain me.

Lit ‘GENEROUS’ – liberal in giving or sharing

God “freely gives us all things”

Sign of being like Jesus is also being generous with our time, talents and treasures

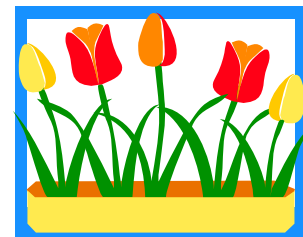


YOUR GOOD SPIRIT (GOODNESS)

Neh 9:20 You gave your good Spirit to instruct them. You did not withhold your manna from their mouths, and you gave them water for their thirst.

Refers to God’s GOODNESS

Holy Spirit committed to producing goodness in our lives



SERVANT (FAITHFULNESS)

Gen 24:34 So he said, "I am Abraham's servant."

Abraham sent servant to get bride for his son, Isaac

TYPE OF GOD, sending HOLY SPIRIT to get bride (church) for His Son, JESUS

Servant brings bride to groom (Isaac), like Spirit brings us closer to Jesus (cleanse)

THE SPIRIT OF GRACE (GENTLENESS)

Zech 12:10 "And I will pour out on the house of David and the inhabitants of Jerusalem a spirit of grace and supplication. They will look on me, the one they have pierced, and they will mourn for him as one mourns for an only child, and grieve bitterly for him as one grieves for a firstborn son.

Graciousness – unmerited favor

God gracious to us, To be like HIM we must be gracious to others, too

SPIRIT OF POWER (SELF-CONTROL)

Acts 1:8 But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth."

Eph 3:16 I pray that out of his glorious riches he may strengthen you with power through his Spirit in your inner being,

Paul prayed for all of his people to be filled with power by Holy Spirit

Good for us to pray for selves, others

2 Tim 1:7 For God did not give us a spirit of timidity, but a spirit of power, of love and of self-discipline.

Fear (timidity) opposite of power

THE HOLY SPIRIT (RIGHTEOUSNESS)

Rom 1:4 and who through the Spirit of holiness was declared with power to be the Son of God by his resurrection from the dead: Jesus Christ our Lord.

Most common name of Holy Spirit – 94 times in Bible

HOLY – 'separate' 'cut off'

Holiness = separation FROM sin

Separation TO God

THE SPIRIT OF TRUTH (TRUTH)

John 14:17 the Spirit of truth. The world cannot accept him, because it neither sees him nor knows him. But you know him, for he lives with you and will be in you.

Truth, integrity – developed in our lives by Holy Spirit

To be like Jesus = 100% INTEGRITY

SPIRIT OF WISDOM & UNDERSTANDING (TRUTH)

Isa 11:2 The Spirit of the LORD will rest on him-- the Spirit of wisdom and of understanding, the Spirit of counsel and of power, the Spirit of knowledge and of the fear of the LORD--

WISDOM = seeing things from God's point of view (Christian world view)

UNDERSTANDING = insight, perspective to make right decisions

Holy Spirit gives us the wisdom, insight, ideas, perspective

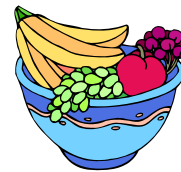


II. BEARING THE FRUIT OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

John 15:1-17

1 "I am the true vine, and my Father is the gardener. 2 He cuts off every branch in me that bears no fruit, while every branch that does bear fruit he prunes so that it will be even more fruitful. 3 You are already clean because of the word I have spoken to you. 4 Remain in me, and I will remain in you. No branch can bear fruit by itself; it must remain in the vine. Neither can you bear fruit unless you remain in me. 5 "I am the vine; you are the branches. If a man remains in me and I in him, he will bear much fruit; apart from me you can do nothing. 6 If anyone does not remain in me, he is like a branch that is thrown away and withers; such branches are picked up, thrown into the fire and burned. 7 If you remain in me and my words remain in you, ask whatever you wish, and it will be given you. 8 This is to my Father's glory, that you bear much fruit, showing yourselves to be my disciples. 9 "As the Father has loved me, so have I loved you. Now remain in my love. 10 If you obey my commands, you will remain in my love, just as I have obeyed my Father's commands and remain in his love. 11 I have told you this so that my joy may be in you and that your joy may be complete. 12 My command is this: Love each other as I have loved you. 13 Greater love has no one than this, that he lay down his life for his friends. 14 You are my friends if you do what I command. 15 I no longer call you servants, because a servant does not know his master's business. Instead, I have called you friends, for everything that I learned from my Father I have made known to you. 16

You did not choose me, but I chose you and appointed you to go and bear fruit-- fruit that will last. Then the Father will give you whatever you ask in my name. 17 This is my command: Love each other.



I. THE PRODUCER: GARDNER & VINE

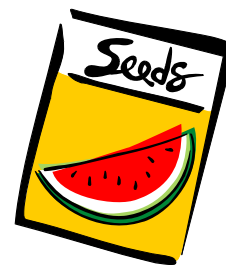
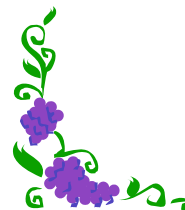
A. THE TRUE VINE 1

1 "I am the true vine, and my Father is the gardener.

True = genuine, real

Israel pictured as vine, God as owner/gardner

"The vine lives to give its lifeblood to the branch."



B. THE UNFRUITFUL BRANCHES 2-3

2 He cuts off every branch in me that bears no fruit, while every branch that does bear fruit he prunes so that it will be even more fruitful.

The whole purpose of the branch is to BEAR FRUIT

Wood no good for building, furniture, anything

C. THE FRUITFUL BRANCHES 4-6

4 Remain in me, and I will remain in you. No branch can bear fruit by itself; it must remain in the vine. Neither can you bear fruit unless you remain in me.

5 "I am the vine; you are the branches. If a man remains in me and I in him, he will bear much fruit; apart from me you can do nothing.

6 If anyone does not remain in me, he is like a branch that is thrown away and withers; such branches are picked up, thrown into the fire and burned.

Remain, abide, continue, cling to

Analogy: branch to vine, us to Christ

Same SAP shared between vine & branch (Jesus & us)

Sap =HOLY SPIRIT

II. THE PROCESS: ABIDE & OBEY (THE CONDITIONS)

A. ABIDE 7a, 9b

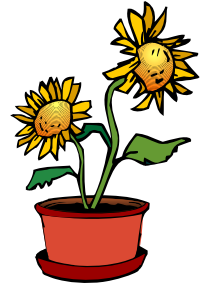
7a If you remain in me

9b Now remain in my love.

B. OBEY 7b, 10a

7b and my words remain in you

10a If you obey my commands



III. THE PRODUCT: FRUIT OF LOVE (THE RESULTS)

Fruit 8b, 16a

8b bear much fruit, showing yourselves to be my disciples.

16a I chose you and appointed you to go and bear fruit



II. INCREASING THE FRUIT OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

1. THE PRINCIPLE OF LIKE PRODUCES LIKE

God made everything to produce "after its own kind" (Gen 1:12, 24)

Holy Spirit the seed, produces fruit in us in keeping with what He is like

Let Holy Spirit have control in heart, know will produce fruit like Him

See Christ-likeness in believer, know it is the Holy Spirit within causing it

Rom 6:16 Don't you know that when you offer yourselves to someone to obey him as slaves, you are slaves to the one whom you obey-whether you are slaves to sin, which leads to death, or to obedience, which leads to righteousness?

2. PRINCIPLE OF SOIL COMPOSITION

Parable of sower and seed show relationship between fruit bearing of the seed sown and the soil in which the seed was planted

Different plants grow better in different kinds of soils

Plant draws from soil, so fruit is product of soil, influenced by soil it is in

Christians draw from soil we are planted in, too

-abide in Spirit (John 15:5-7)

-walk in the spirit (Gal 5:16)

Holy Spirit is the soil we are planted in

When we don't abide/remain/walk in Him like uprooted plant

Can't grow spiritually, shrivel and fade spiritually

Transplant self into world, self – fruit shows it!

Must be planted in the Spirit to produce fruit of the Spirit!



3. PRINCIPLE OF THE EARLY AND LATTER RAIN

Fruit is produced throughout a growing season that includes times of rain and sunshine.

Rain all the time – seeds drown, plants rot

Sunshine all the time – drought, death

Takes BALANCE of the two for mature crop



James 5:7 Be patient, then, brothers, until the Lord's coming. See how the farmer waits for the land to yield its valuable crop and how patient he is for the autumn and spring rains.

God uses various seasons in our lives to mature us

Some apparently good, others apparently bad (all things work for good –Rom 8:28)

4. THE PRINCIPLE OF WEEDING

Jesus, about parable of sower and seed, some seeds not mature because choked by weeds

Matt 13:7 Other seed fell among thorns, which grew up and choked the plants.

Constant weeding necessary throughout growing season in order for full harvest

When weeds dominate, no fruit

The more the weeds, the less the fruit

Same true spiritually

WEEDS: Jesus said they were “cares of this world and the deceitfulness of riches” Mt 13:22

Tares sown by the enemy (Mt 13:24-30, 36-43)

Always take time to weed your life – CONFESS AND REMOVE SIN IN LIFE

I John 1:9 - confess



5. THE PRINCIPLE OF PRUNING

Pruning – cutting away parts of the plant that do not produce fruit, so remaining plant will produce more fruit or stronger fruit.

God works in many ways to produce fruit in us

Pruning areas not needed or good for us Holy Spirit job

-sinful areas to be removed

-not sinful, but still not best use of our time or resource



DAILY DEVOTIONS

WEEK 18

DAY 1

Philippians 4:13 I can do all things through Christ Who strengthens me.

A small boy was taken to the barbershop for a haircut. The room was filled with cigar smoke. The lad pinched his nose and exclaimed, "Who's been smoking in here!" the barber sheepishly confessed, "I have, son." The tyke responded, "Don't you know it isn't good for you?" "I know," the barber replied. "I've tried to quit a thousand times, but I just can't." The boy thought for a moment and then commented, "I understand, sir. I've tried to stop sucking my thumb, but I can't either!"

Those two remind me of the way believers sometimes feel about their struggle with the sins of the flesh. Paul summed it up well in Romans 7:12-25. "Oh wretched man that I am! Who shall deliver me from the body of this death?" (Rom 7:24). Earlier in Romans 7 he described the conflict he experienced within himself. His spiritual warfare might have left him in despair if he had not found the solution. Following this agonizing question, he declared with triumph, "I thank God through Jesus Christ, our Lord."

Are you struggling to break some stubborn habit or sin? Like Paul, we can be an overcomer. We don't have to say with that barber and little boy, "I've tried to quit a thousand times, but I just can't." If you know the Lord Jesus as your Savior, victory is possible through the power of the indwelling Holy Spirit. Confidently affirm with the apostle, "I can do all things through Christ, who strengthens me." Just think less of the power of things over you and more of the power of Christ in you.



PRAY: Ask God to give you victory over that nagging habit or sin. Thank Him for caring enough to even help with this.

DAY 2

Gal 2:20 I have been crucified with Christ and I no longer live, but Christ lives in me. The life I live in the body, I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me.

A young Italian boy knocked at the door of an artist's studio in Rome. When it was opened, he exclaimed, "Please, madam, will you give me the master's brush?" The painter had died, and the boy, inflamed with the longing to be an artist, wished for the great man's touch. The lady placed the requested item in the youth's hand, saying, "This is his brush; try it, my boy." With a flush of earnestness on his face, he made a supreme effort but soon found he could paint no better with it than with his own. The lady then said, "Remember, my child, you cannot imitate the great master unless you have his spirit." So, too, men who have never been born again are doomed to disappointment and failure when they attempt to wield the brush of faith and good works without the indwelling Spirit of Christ.

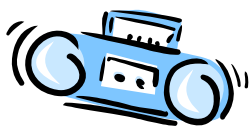
Is there something you are trying on your own and failing at? Ask God to equip you with His Spirit. Ask Him to show you areas where He has already gifted and equipped you, so you can use these areas in His service.

DAY 3

Rom 12:6-8 We have different gifts, according to the grace given us. If a man's gift is prophesying, let him use

it in proportion to his faith. 7 If it is serving, let him serve; if it is teaching, let him teach; 8 if it is encouraging, let him encourage; if it is contributing to the needs of others, let him give generously; if it is leadership, let him govern diligently; if it is showing mercy, let him do it cheerfully.

People can ask, "how do I know the Holy Spirit is living in me?" We can know in the same way that we know there is music on a cassette tape, even though we can't see the music on the tape. We can know in one of two ways. We can believe the label which says there is music on it, or we can play the tape and hear the music for ourselves.



Similarly we know the Holy Spirit indwells us by believing God and His Word which tells us that He does. Or we can look at the results in our lives since we have been living for Him.

How has your life changed since you put Him first and committed to living for Him? Can you take the credit for that yourself? If not, who gets the credit?

What talents, skills and spiritual gifts has He given you to use in His ministry? Can you take credit for these yourself? If you decide to be a worship leader, or pianist, or teacher – can you do these things just because you decide to do them? It is only as the Spirit enables that we are able to do anything for Jesus.

PRAY: Thank God for the way He is visibly seen in changing your life in the past. Thank Him for the talents and spiritual gifts He has given you to use in His service. Ask Him to help you continue to faithfully use them for Him each day.

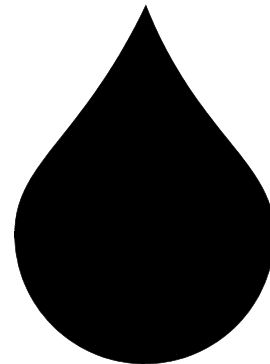
DAY 4

John 4:10 Jesus answered her, "If you knew the gift of God and who it is that asks you for a drink, you would

have asked him and he would have given you living water."

Those who grew up on the Canadian prairies knew what it was like to live in a land where water was scarce. Water was stored in cisterns. When the cistern got low, a wagon carrying a water tank was brought in.

It took a lot of hard tedious dripping with a pail on the end of a ten foot pole to fill the tank and get the water into the cistern. Water was also directed into the cistern from the rain gutters on the roof.



Every spring the cistern had to be cleaned out because the water would become stagnant. That, too, was hard work. How much better it was if someone could build on land by a spring, or was able to dig a well. Going right to the source of the fresh, clean water was much better than hauling and cleaning and drinking somewhat stagnant water all the time.

PRAY: Thank God for a fresh source of spiritual water in you – the Holy Spirit. Ask Him to make sure that never a day goes by that you don't thank Him for His precious gift of His Spirit.

DAY 5

Now that this series is almost over, think back over what you have learned. Write down below some of the things that stand out most to you, things about the Holy Spirit you want to remember and apply for the rest of your life.

18. HE GIFTS BELIEVERS

SPIRITUAL GIFTS are by Holy Spirit working in us,
EACH SPIRITUAL GIFT is also a NAME OF THE HOLY SPIRIT for He produces them in us

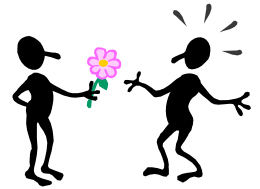


Apostleship – WITNESS, SPIRIT OF WISDOM

Prophecy – SPIRIT OF PROPHECY

Discerning Of Spirits - SPIRIT OF WISDOM

Teaching – COUNSELOR, TEACHER



Word Of Knowledge – SPIRIT OF KNOWLEDGE

Word Of Wisdom - SPIRIT OF WISDOM

Tongues – VOICE OF THE LORD

Interpretation Of Tongues – SPIRIT OF UNDERSTANDING

Miracles – POWER, HIM WHO RAISED JESUS FROM THE GRAVE, OMNIPOTENT

Healing - POWER

Ruling (Leadership) – SPIRIT THAT WAS UPON MOSES



Helps (Mercy, Hospitality, Etc) - COMFORTER, HELPER

CHARISMA

Rom 12:6-8 We have different gifts, according to the grace given us. If a man's gift is prophesying, let him use it in proportion to his faith. 7 If it is serving, let him serve; if it is teaching, let him teach; 8 if it is encouraging, let him encourage; if it is contributing to the needs of others, let him give generously; if it is leadership, let him govern diligently; if it is showing mercy, let him do it cheerfully.

1 Cor 12:4-11 *There are different kinds of gifts, but the same Spirit. 5 There are different kinds of service, but the same Lord. 6 There are different kinds of working, but the same God works all of them in all men.*

7 *Now to each one the manifestation of the Spirit is given for the common good. 8 To one there is given through the Spirit the message of wisdom, to another the message of knowledge by means of the same Spirit, 9 to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healing by that one Spirit, 10 to another miraculous powers, to another prophecy, to another distinguishing between spirits, to another speaking in different kinds of tongues, and to still another the interpretation of tongues. 11 All these are the work of one and the same Spirit, and he gives them to each one, just as he determines.*

1 Cor 12:28-30 *And in the church God has appointed first of all apostles, second prophets, third teachers, then workers of miracles, also those having gifts of healing, those able to help others, those with gifts of administration, and those speaking in different kinds of tongues. 29 Are all apostles? Are all prophets? Are all teachers? Do all work miracles? 30 Do all have gifts of healing? Do all speak in tongues? Do all interpret?*

Eph 4:10-13 *It was he who gave some to be apostles, some to be prophets, some to be evangelists, and some to be pastors and teachers, 12 to prepare God's people for works of service, so that the body of Christ may be built up 13 until we all reach unity in the faith and in the knowledge of the Son of God and become mature, attaining to the whole measure of the fullness of Christ.*



The word charisma, with a single exception (1 Peter 4:10), occurs in the New Testament only in the Pauline Epistles, and in the plural form is employed in a technical sense to denote extraordinary gifts of the Spirit bestowed upon Christians to equip them for the service of the church. Various lists of the charismata are given (Rom 12:6-8; 1 Cor 12:4-11,28-30; compare Eph 4:7-12), none of which, it is evident, are exhaustive.

Apostleship (1 Cor 12:28 f; compare Eph 4:11).-The name "apostle" is used in the New Testament in a narrower and a wider sense. It was the peculiar title and privilege of the Twelve (Matt 10:2; Luke 6:13; Acts 1:25 f), but was claimed by Paul on special grounds (Rom 1:1; 1 Cor 9:1, etc.); it was probably conceded to James the Lord's brother (1 Cor 15:7; Gal 1:19), and in a freer use of the term is applied to Barnabas (Acts 14:4,14; compare 1 Cor 9:5-6), Andronicus and Junias (Rom 16:7).



Prophecy (Rom 12:6; 1 Cor 12:10,28-29), under which may be included exhortation (Rom 12:8; compare 1 Cor 14:3). The gift of prophecy was more forthtelling (preaching) than predicting future events. Occasionally the prophet was empowered to make an authoritative announcement of the divine will in a particular case (Acts 13:1 ff). In rare instances we find him uttering a prediction of a future event (Acts 11:28; 21:10 f).

With prophecy must be associated the **discernings of spirits** (1 Cor 12:10; 14:29; 1 Thess 5:20 f; compare 1 John 4:1). This gift was the 'watchdog' of the early church, showing who was acting in the flesh or Satan's power instead of the Spirit.

Teaching (Rom 12:7; 1 Cor 12:28 f).-As distinguished from the prophet, who had the gift of uttering fresh truths that came to him by way of vision and revelation, the teacher was one who explained and applied established Christian doctrine-the rudiments and first principles of the oracles of God (Heb 5:12). Possibly the **word of knowledge** (gnosis) and the **word of wisdom** (sophia) (1 Cor 12:8) are to be distinguished, the first as the utterance of a prophetic and ecstatic intuition, the second as the product of study and reflective thought; and so are to be related respectively to the functions of the prophet and the teacher.

Kinds of **tongues** (1 Cor 12:10,28,30).-What Paul means by this he explains fully in chapter 14. The gift was a faculty of speaking in unknown foreign languages



Parallel to this gift was that of the **interpretation of tongues** (1 Cor 12:10,30). If the gift of tongues had been a power of speaking unknown foreign languages, the interpretation of tongues would necessarily have meant the faculty of interpreting a language unknown to the interpreter.

The word used for **miracles** in this chapter (dunameis, literally, "powers") is employed in Acts (Acts 8:7,13; 19:11-12) so as to cover those cases of exorcism and the cure of disease which in Paul's list are placed under the separate category of "gifts of healing." As distinguished from the ordinary healing gift, which might be possessed by persons not otherwise remarkable, the "powers" point to a higher faculty more properly to be described as miraculous, and bestowed only upon certain leading men in the church.



Gifts of healings (1 Cor 12:9,28,30) Special enabling by the Holy Spirit whereby miraculous 'signs' were done to show God's power was on a certain individual. This would authenticate the words of his message, which was the real ministry. The body would die again, but the soul would live forever. If a body could be healed, so could a soul.

Ruling (Rom 12:8), **governments** (1 Cor 12:28).-These were gifts of wise counsel and direction in the practical affairs of the church, such as by and by came to be formally entrusted to presbyters or bishops.

Helps (1 Cor 12:28).- **mercy, hospitality**, etc. These were the many and varied ways believers minister to each other physically, emotionally or even spiritually. Helping, assisting or encouraging another in any way is very important for the health of the body.

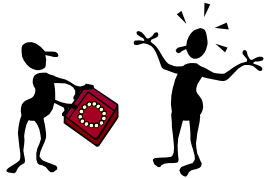
HOW TO DISCOVER YOUR GIFTS



God is a God of variety, in the world and in His church. Each Christian has been given several gifts of the Spirit which are meant to build up other believers in the Body of Christ. As each believer employs his gifts, the church is edified. Although you may believe that you have been given one or more gifts, actually knowing what it is - and using it - may be harder. How to go about discovering your spiritual capacities:

* **List the gifts.** Become informed about the many gifts in order to recognize your own. You likely have more than one gift. Don't overrate the nature of gifts by thinking of them as something impressive when they may be quite ordinary. Instead of flamboyant, grandstand abilities, they may be silent, steady workings of the Holy Spirit.

* **Go to work.** The Holy Spirit grants gifts to every child of God. The extent to which the divine design is fulfilled depends on your faithfulness. Therefore, you should go to work immediately. Expose yourself to various kinds of Christian service, perhaps first in the area of natural abilities. Don't give up if you have some early failures. Be willing to try something new, that you previously thought you couldn't do.



* **Note your inclinations.** If you are drawn toward a certain area of service, your desire may point to the existence of that gift. To a degree, gifts shape your future. With God, your desire, gift, and calling are related.

A gift usually will be preceded by desire and followed by opportunity to use it. Caution: the desire for a gift does not guarantee it. Final assignment belongs to God.

* **Commit.** If you have progressed to this point, it may be time to dedicate yourself and these potential gifts to the Lord. Consciously place your gifts in the Lord's service, expressing willingness to obey Him with your spiritual capacities.

* **Develop your gifts.** The existence of a gift is a call to exercise it. Gifts have been likened to seeds which start small and bloom with proper care. Cultivation of a gift may mean formal training, or being mentored by another person accomplished in the gift.

* **Delight.** When you find your gift(s), there will be joy. This is what I'd rather be doing for the Lord than anything else in the world. This is my thing. This turns me on. Your joy is subconsciously communicated to the recipients of your ministry.

* **Let others discern.** Because delight has subjective elements, submit your "eureka" feeling to the scrutiny of loving and discerning brethren. The confirmation that you do possess a gift is recognition of this gift by others.

* Gifts of the Spirit include: Speaking gifts: Apostolic gift, prophecy, evangelism, shepherding, teaching, exhortation, knowledge, and wisdom; Serving gifts: helps, hospitality, giving, government, showing mercy, faith, and discernment; Signifying gifts: miracles, healing, tongues, and interpretation. There will always be debate on the actual number of gifts. There are several lists in the Bible, and each differ somewhat.

SPIRITUAL GIFTS TEST

INSTRUCTIONS: After each statement write the appropriate number which comes closest to your normal tendency. Or, you can go ahead and write the number in the grid at the end.

USUALLY (5) SOMETIMES (3) SELDOM (1) ALMOST NEVER (0)



1. People think I speak with authority.
2. I delight in deep study and research of the Bible.
3. People come to me for advice about their personal problems.
4. I enjoy placing people in the proper positions and ministries.
5. I am more interested in doing practical things that need to be done than why they should be done.
6. I would rather support a project with my money than my labor.
7. Visiting the sick is enjoyable to me.
8. When I sense a situation is not right, I feel a deep desire to speak up to bring correction.
9. I enjoy spending time searching out the answers to the issues and questions.
10. I find it enjoyable to talk personally with people about their problems.
11. I find it important to set up objectives and goals for my ministry.
12. No task is too small for me: I must enjoy doing things that need to be done.
13. When I hear of someone in need, my first response is to give them financial aid.
14. I look for ways to cheer up people who are down and depressed.
15. I have the desire to speak up rather than remain silent when I am in a group where key issues are being discussed.
16. I am anxious to do my own research when questions arise.
17. There is joy when I can encourage people who are going through personal problems and trials.
18. I enjoy stimulating people to be more effective in their work.
19. I experience fulfillment when I carry out a task and it is appreciated by others.
20. I like to sense where financial help is needed, rather than being trapped by appeals.
21. I feel drawn to those who are suffering with emotional problems.
22. People often experience feelings of conviction when with me if they are not right with God.
23. I have an ability to explain difficult problems and give the reasons for what I believe.
24. I find joy in showing what can be accomplished as trials are turned into new areas of growth.
25. I am interested in training and disciplining other believers to become leaders.
26. I find it hard to believe that others don't see tasks that need to be done.
27. I find myself living frugally to have money ready for God's projects.
28. I enter into the sufferings of others as if they were my own.
29. When I share God's work I expect to see it bring conviction and repentance.
30. People appreciate my explanations of the scriptures.
31. I find compassion and love welling up for people I counsel.
32. I find joy directing people in reaching their goals and objectives in their lives.
33. I would rather do a job myself than work with a group to accomplish it.
34. I can enjoy giving whether or not it is acknowledged.
35. I find myself concerned and praying for those in emotional distress.
36. Others have shared that I am an effective communicator of God's Word.
37. People often come to me seeking specific answers to their Biblical questions.
38. I would rather listen to the problems of others than share my own.
39. I prefer to take leadership over a group when I have been asked.
40. When I am made aware of a job that needs to be done, I am anxious to do it myself.
41. My fulfillment comes in knowing that my giving was in answer to God's prompting rather than man's pleading.
42. I would enjoy a regular ministry to those who are suffering physically.
43. I seem to have a persuasiveness about my speech.
44. I find myself explaining the meanings of specific words rather than reciting a verse to people.
45. When a fellow believer comes to me who is entangled in sin, my greatest desire is to set him free.
46. When I am placed in a leadership position, I feel challenges.
47. I enjoy doing things that need to be done without being asked to do them.

48. I enjoy being appreciated for my giving, but not notoriety.
49. I seem to notice when others are hurting.
50. I find myself speaking God's word to others rather than taking the time to explain every detail.
51. I systematically organize my studies of the Word with notebooks and research books on the Bible.
52. I dislike "pity-parties" and refuse to participate in them.
53. I easily fit people into the jobs for which they are equipped.
54. I can do a task without thinking through the many details of it.
55. It thrills me when I find my giving is an answer to prayer.
56. It gives me great joy to minister to those wounded emotionally.
57. I find I would refer ministering to others through the Scriptures rather than from personal experience.
58. I have noticed that people appreciate the things I have shared from my research of the Word.
59. I write letters from time to time to friends which proved to be very encouraging to them.
60. I presently serve in a leadership position in my church.
61. I prefer to do the work by myself rather than delegate it.
62. I believe I am called of God to place my money in His projects.
63. I am willing and eager to spend time and energy with those who are suffering.
64. I would be willing to correct another believer by showing him his error and giving him a Scriptural principle to help him, with the result that the correction was applied to his life.
65. I would like to teach regularly.
66. I have found it in my experience that I am easy to talk to and often have people share with my heart to heart.
67. I have served in several positions requiring my organizational ability.
68. I am very skillful with my hands and enjoy doing maintenance jobs on church property.
69. I consider it a great honor and privilege to give to a worthwhile Christian projects.
70. I would like to help down-and outers through some church-related program.
71. I know for certain that a number of things have happened in an individual's life and in my church situation in general, because I have given a Scriptural admonition which was needed.
72. I believe if I taught, lives could be changed.
73. People often look to me to encourage someone who is facing a hard time.
74. I have overseen the church property in some supervisory responsibility.
75. I can fix almost anything and have gladly use my skill to help church members who need my help.
76. I have been able to do without things (to me they are luxuries anyway) that others consider necessary in order to give more to God's work.
77. I like to cheer up physically handicapped people.
78. I would like to be asked to speak on moral issues.
79. People apply the things I have taught them to their lives
80. I find that I am sensitive to people and can recognize that they are hurting.
81. I have been chosen on several committees which were formed to solve some administrative problems in conjunction with our church programs.
82. I have helped a number of people in my church with practical things, even though it meant I put off something I need to do for myself.
83. God somehow seems to bring to my attention financial needs of people in my church.
84. I would like to help in an educational program to help underprivileged children and adults.
85. When I speak I usually get people's attention.
86. I have read the Bible through a number of times.
87. I try to go out of my way to give a cheerful word to people around me and find that I usually encourage people in a general way.
88. I often am asked to arrange for details of meetings, making sure everything is ready.
89. I have often been one of the first to volunteer for something the pastor felt was needed concerning physical labor around the church.
90. I have consistently give more than 1/10 of my income to God's work.
91. I would like to help take food baskets to poor people.
92. People either strongly agree or strongly disagree with my statements.
93. If I were to teach, I would use the lecture method.

94. I often counsel with people.
95. I have been placed in charge of several programs which required organizational ability.
96. I don't mind unexpected guests in the home if I know we are healing them.
97. I am certain that God has given me special abilities to make money. I know that this is because He expects to use me as a channel to give large amounts to his projects.
98. I would like to distribute clothing to needy people.
99. I find myself taking a definite stand on issues.
100. I believe I could hold people's attentions well enough to teach 50 minutes or more.
101. I am a good listener.
102. I enjoy doing long-term projects.
103. I wouldn't mind if the pastor or someone else in the church asked me to help accommodate guests in my home
104. I would enjoy contributing financially to programs helping orphans or other underprivileged.
105. I would enjoy working with orphans
106. When I speak out on an issue, sometimes my voice takes on deep emotions tones which God can use to break hearts so that there is hearing to my message.
107. I would like to lead a discussion group to help people discover truth for themselves and apply it to their lives.
108. I enjoy counseling an individual to give him steps of action.
109. When I am in charge of a project, I desire harmony among the workers so that all may run smoothly.
110. I find real satisfaction in doing practical things that will help others and try to seek opportunities to do so joyfully.
111. I like to give to a person who is involved in a specific ministry to others.
112. I could become empathetically involved with alcoholics if I worked with them.
113. People come and tell me I have spoken directly into their lives after I have spoken.
114. If I were to teach, I would plan my teaching to accomplish measure objectives and would check periodically for effectiveness.
115. If a person was having trouble with his job, I would try and change the attitude of the person.
116. If a person was having trouble with his job, I would change his responsibilities.
117. I prefer to accomplish sort-term projects and goals.
118. I find myself viewing ministries from a financial perspective.
119. I believe I could have a cheerful influence on people in a prison rehabilitation program.
120. I am more interested clearing up error than in keeping harmony.
121. I have been called by other churches to teach various subjects to them.
122. I like to use personal interaction to encourage spiritual growth.
123. When I am asked to organize an activity, I delegate many of the responsibilities to others.
124. When I am asked to perform a job, I do most of it myself.
125. There have been times when I sensed some special financial need but did not have the finances to meet it. Money than came in through an unexpected source. I know that God wanted me to meet the need. So I gave.
126. I could get empathetically involved in helping drug addicts.
127. After I have spoken I like to see an immediate response of greater commitment.
128. Sometimes I would rather do research for a lesson than teach the lesson.
129. I would rather talk to an individual than a group.
130. I like to take a project, break it down into various parts, and systematically organize a plan to accomplish the final goal.
131. I would rather meet people's personal needs than counsel them.
132. When I feel led by the Lord to give, I like to give generously, without thinking of the sacrifice this may involve.
133. In small groups with which I have been associated, it is not uncommon for someone to tell me that something I said has been a real comfort to them.
134. People seem to want to confess their sins to me.
135. When I am helping people find solutions to their problems, I start with Scripture and relate it to their experience.
136. When I am helping people find solutions to their problems, I start with human experience and relate it to scriptures.

137. I am able with discipline to work under pressure and accomplish things, as long as I know my goals and objectives.
138. I find it difficult to say "no" when I see something practical which can be done to help someone in need.
139. I think it is sinful if a person fails to manage his/her financial assets well.
140. I am more interested in the atmosphere of a worship service than the structure of the service.

Key to Survey-List number value of your answer in appropriate column

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