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### **Introduction**

Fourteen Days of Glory is a fourteen-day prayer emphasis leading up to the season of Pentecost. Our prayer is that God will pour out His Spirit upon our congregation and community just like He did on the Day of Pentecost. This material is designed to give you a greater understanding of the person and work of the Holy Spirit. Included in each lesson is a Daily Scripture Reading, Information about the Holy Spirit, and a Daily Prayer.

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## **WHO IS THE HOLY SPIRIT?**

### **Day One**

#### **Today's Scripture: John 14:17-18; 26**

The Holy Spirit has been called the most neglected member of the Eternal Godhead. Because there is a lack of knowledge concerning the Holy Spirit and His ministry He has been referred to by scholars as the “unknown Person of the Godhead.”<sup>i</sup> Who is the Holy Spirit? There are numerous names in both the Old and New Testament that reveal His character and give us insight into His personality and nature. These names are as follows:

The Spirit of God – I Corinthians 3:16

The Spirit of Christ – Romans 8:9

The Eternal Spirit – Hebrews 9:14

The Spirit of Truth – John 16:13

The Spirit of Grace – Hebrews 10:29

The Spirit of Glory – I Peter 4:14

The Spirit of Life – Romans 8:2

The Spirit of Promise – Acts 1:4, 5

The Spirit of Wisdom – Ephesians 1:17

The Spirit of Revelation – Ephesians 1:17

The Comforter – John 14:26

The Spirit of Adoption – Romans 8:15

The Spirit of Faith – II Corinthians 4:13

The Spirit of Holiness – Romans 1:41

There are a number of people within the New Testament church who think of the Holy Spirit as only an influence or just an unseen power, but the Bible tells us that He is a Person. He is a member of the Holy Trinity, and if He is a member of the Eternal Godhead then He must be a person. The Bible tells us that each member of the Triune God operates coequally,

coeternally, and coexistently as one unit. As we examine the Word of God we see that each member of the Godhead has a specific function or unit of activity.

One scholar sums it up this way, the Father is the Executive, the Son is the Architect, and the Holy Spirit is the Contractor. Dr. Ray Hughes says, "In the name of the Father we see the parent from whom we have wondered. In the name of Jesus we see the Savior by whom we are reconciled. In the name of the Holy Spirit we see the atmosphere in which our spirits are to live, move, and have their being."<sup>ii</sup>

The Holy Spirit continually supplies our inner man with strength from above. He operates as a definite personality in the New Testament church. He possesses all the characteristics of a person. He possesses attributes of mind. (Romans 8:27) He has a will. (I Corinthians 12:11) He feels. (Ephesians 4:30) He witnesses. (Hebrews 10:25) He teaches. (John 14:26) He intercedes. (Romans 8:26) He speaks. (Revelation 2:7) Hebrews 3:7 tells us that He continues to speak to His children today.

The New Testament also tells us that He can be lied to, grieved, and blasphemed. The Holy Spirit must be honored and acknowledged in our personal prayer life as well as in our corporate worship. He comes to establish a relationship with each of us so that He can lead us and guide us into all truth. Do you have a relationship with Him today? Do you recognize His voice when He speaks to you? He loves you and longs to show His transforming love to you today.

The precious Holy Spirit is omnipotent, omniscient, and He is everywhere, all the time present. He is God and He is available to meet with you so that He may lead you to Jesus Christ. II Corinthians 3 reveals three things about Him: 1) Verse 6 says that He gives life; 2) verse 17 tells us that He liberates, and 3) verse 18 reveals to us that His mission is to make us into the image and likeness of the Lord Jesus Christ. His desire today is to give us a disposition like the mighty Son of God, Jesus Christ. The Holy

Spirit is a divine person and He is the administrator of the affairs of His church. And He longs to establish a relationship with you and me.

**Today's Prayer:** Holy Spirit I want to establish a relationship with You today. I want to hear Your voice, and learn to live in Your eternal purposes. I repent of ignoring You and going my own way and acknowledge my need for Your guidance in my life. Pour out Your Spirit upon my family, my church, my city, and me. I long to strengthen my relationship with You. Come Holy Spirit and lift me above the shadows of despair and sorrow that are a part of my society today.

**Notes:**

## **THE BAPTISM OF THE HOLY SPIRIT**

### **Day Two**

#### **Today's Scripture: Acts 2:1-4**

One of the cardinal doctrines of Scripture is the Baptism of the Holy Spirit. What does it mean to be baptized in the Holy Spirit? It means to be immersed into the Holy Spirit, to be infilled with the power of the Holy Spirit so that we might live an overcoming life. In Matthew 3:11 John the Baptist gave this prophecy, "I indeed baptize you with water unto repentance: but He who is coming after me is mightier than I, whose sandals I am not worthy to carry. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire."

In Acts 1:5 Jesus told us before He ascended into heaven "John truly baptized with water, but you shall be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days from now." One key goal of the Lord Jesus Christ in His mission on earth was to infuse His people with the power of the Holy Spirit. In Luke 24:49 He instructed His disciples to tarry until they were endued with power from on high.

The Bible tells us that the Baptism of the Holy Spirit is a gift that is available to every believer. In Acts 2:1-4 it tells us that the Holy Spirit was poured out upon 120 men and woman as they prayed and earnestly sought what Jesus called the "Promise of the Father." Verse 3 says, "There appeared to them divided tongues, as of fire, and one sat upon each of them. Verse 4 continues, "And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance."

Acts 2:11 says that the 120 were praising and magnifying God in languages that they could neither speak nor understand. Jesus sent the Holy Spirit to empower His servants to become effective witnesses for Him in a world that needs to know His saving grace and power. Jesus

offers this experience to everyone who believes. In Acts 2 Peter made a profound statement in verse 39 – “For this promise is to you and to your children, and to all who are afar off, as many as the Lord our God will call.” God longs to fill every person who hungers and thirsts after Him. Do you long for His presence today? Have you experienced this wonderful gift that is accompanied by speaking with other tongues?

How do we receive this gift? We give ourselves totally to God and simply ask Him for this wonderful gift. Then, we must believe that it is His will, and then we must simply receive Him. A vital part of faith is simply receiving from God. We must simply receive the gift of the Holy Spirit by faith. Mark 11:24 – “Therefore I say to you, whatever things you ask when you pray, believe that you receive them, and you will have them.”

You have been called by God to carry out His purposes upon the earth today. To do this we must be endued with power from on high. What is the Baptism of the Holy Spirit? It is an infusion of power or a release of the Holy Spirit in your life and it is accompanied by a phenomenon called speaking with other tongues. What does it mean to speak with other tongues? It simply means to speak in a language that we have neither learned or understand. Why does God use the tongue? Because James 3:6 says “And the tongue is a fire, a world of iniquity. The tongue is so set among our members that it defiles the whole body, and sets on fire the course of nature, and is set on fire by hell.”

When we speak with tongues we yield what James 3:8 calls the unruly member that no man can tame. We must be careful that we do not seek for the gift of tongues but for the one Who bestows the gift upon us. God longs to fill you with His Spirit and introduce you to the deeper life that is available when you are baptized with the Holy Spirit.

In Acts 19:2 Paul the Apostle asked the disciples at Ephesus, “Have you received the Holy Spirit since ye believed?” Have you received

the Holy Spirit since you believed? If not, then why not ask our Father to bestow this gift on you today. Acts 2:17 – “And it shall come to pass in the last days, says God, that I will pour out of My Spirit on all flesh.”

This is our day; a day of outpouring. All around the world God is moving by His Spirit. Don't let Him pass you by, but cry out today for His holy presence.

**Today's Prayer:** Father I long to experience the infilling of the precious Holy Spirit today. I hunger and thirst for everything that You have for me today. I empty myself so that You may fill me with your wonderful presence. I yield myself to You and receive what Jesus said was the Promise of the Father. I understand that Peter said, “It is for you and your children, and to all who are afar off.”

**Notes:**

## **A RELATIONSHIP WITH THE HOLY SPIRIT**

### **Day Three**

#### **Today's Scripture: John 14:17; John 16:13-14**

In John 14:17 Jesus makes a profound statement. He tells us that it is possible to have a relationship with the Holy Spirit. In the latter part of this verse He says, "But you know Him, for He dwells with you and will be in you." This verse of Scripture tells us that it is possible to have an intimate knowledge of the Third Person of the Eternal Godhead.

The Holy Spirit longs to reveal Himself to us so that He can continually supply our inner man with strength from above. The Apostle Paul tells us in II Corinthians 4:16 that the "Inner man is being renewed day by day." He seeks out a relationship with us so that He can encourage us and give us guidance in every part of our life.

To have a relationship with the Holy Spirit means that we are able to recognize His voice when He speaks to us. The Word of God tells us that God is speaking to His children today. We are told fifteen times in the New Testament to hear what the Spirit is saying to the church.<sup>iii</sup> The writer of Hebrews tells us that if we fail to hear the voice of the Holy Spirit that we cannot enter into the rest of faith. We must learn to discern the voice of the Spirit when He speaks.

There are many voices that compete for our attention. The enemy speaks trying to counterfeit the voice of God. When God speaks it always produces worship and brings peace. When the enemy speaks He condemns and brings us into bondage. There is also the voice of the flesh that speaks, but this voice only produce pride and seeks to promote self. The Holy Spirit speaks to us to encourage, edify, and comfort us. (I Corinthians 14:3)

The Holy Spirit seeks out a relationship with us so that He may bring us into a greater revelation of the Lord Jesus Christ. In John

15:26 it tells us when the Holy Spirit comes that He will testify of the Lord Jesus Christ. Jesus told us that He does not speak of Himself, but teaches us the truth of the Word. One of the greatest revelations about the Holy Spirit is found in the words of Paul in Ephesians 1:17, “That the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give to you the spirit of wisdom and revelation in the knowledge of Him.”

The Holy Spirit is our divine teacher and He longs to impart revelation to those who hunger and thirst for a greater revelation of the Word of God. Do you long to better understand the Word of God? Do you hunger for a more intimate knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ? Then a relationship with the Holy Spirit is the key to a better understanding of the things of God.

The Apostle Paul tells us in I Corinthians 2:14 that the natural man or the man who is wise in the things of the world cannot receive or understand the things of God. In verse 12 He says, “Now we have received, not the spirit of the world, but the Spirit who is from God, that we might know the things that have been freely given to us by God.” Is He your Teacher of revelation today? Why not seek to establish a more intimate relationship with Him today so that you may have a greater understanding of the things of the Spirit.

**Today’s Prayer:** Holy Spirit I want to know you today. I want to learn to recognize your voice when you speak to me. Forgive me for not listening when You speak to me. Enable me to enter into the rest of faith, and to cease from my labors. Lead me Holy Spirit into a more intimate relationship with the Lord Jesus Christ.

**Notes:**

## **WALK IN THE SPIRIT**

### **Day Four**

#### **Today's Scripture: Galatians 5:16**

In Galatians 5:16 we are told as believers that when we walk in the Spirit that we will not fulfill the lust of the flesh. The Bible teaches us in John 16:8 – that the Holy Spirit convicts us of our sins, and reveals to us the exceeding sinfulness of sin. The Holy Spirit is God's agent to awaken the conscience and give us an awareness of our sin. The Apostle Paul tells us in Galatians 5:25 it reads, "If we live in the Spirit, let us also walk in the Spirit." Why do we need to walk in the Spirit? So that we will not fulfill what the New Testament calls the lust of the flesh.

What is the lust of the flesh? The flesh is the old sinful nature of man. The Full Life Study Bible defines the flesh as "the sinful element in human nature with its corrupt desires. It remains within the Christian after his conversion and is a deadly enemy to him."<sup>iv</sup> The lust of the flesh is simply the corrupt desires that come from the old nature. In Galatians 5:19-21 the Apostle Paul lists seventeen different works or manifestation of the flesh. When these works of the flesh are manifested we know that the individual is not walking in the Spirit. The works of the flesh are:

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| 1) Adultery       | 2) Fornication | 3) Uncleaness |
| 4) Lasciviousness | 5) Idolatry    | 6) Witchcraft |
| 7) Hatred         | 8) Variance    | 9) Emulations |
| 10) Wrath         | 11) Strife     | 12) Seditions |
| 13) Heresies      | 14) Envyings   | 15) Murders   |
| 16) Drunkenness   | 17) Revellings |               |

To walk in the Spirit means to live in total victory over the flesh. Romans 8:37 teaches us that the Holy Spirit empowers us to become more than conquerors. The believer is called to live a life of self-denial. Walking in the Spirit is not something mystical or strange, but it is a normal part of the Christian experience. Many believers can yield to the

Holy Spirit, pray in tongues, operate in the gifts, and still not walk in the Spirit. Walking in the Spirit is simply this: It is allowing the Holy Spirit to do in us what God has sent Him to do. The work and ministry of the Holy Spirit has an eternal purpose in our lives. His eternal purpose is to bring us home to Jesus Christ as His eternal spotless bride.<sup>v</sup>

His mission is to seal, sanctify, empower and prepare us for bridehood. The New Testament tells us in Revelation 21:9 that those who have been born again by the Spirit are a part of the bride of Christ. Jesus Christ is coming back for His bride. The Holy Spirit has been sent to ready the bride for marriage. He has come to introduce us to our heavenly bridegroom. John 16:13 says, “For He shall not speak of Himself: but whatsoever He shall hear, that shall He speak.” In verse 14 it tells us that He glorifies Christ.

The Holy Spirit has not come to thrill us, entertain us, or to just make us feel good. He has come to manifest Jesus and to make us fall in love with Him. David Wilkerson says that the mission and ministry of the Holy Spirit is threefold:

- 1.) To wean us from the world and to create in us a longing for the soon appearing of the Lord Jesus Christ.
- 2.) To convict us of everything that would blemish us. (Ephesians 5:27 – “That He might present to Himself a glorious church, not having spot or wrinkle, or any such thing, that it should be holy and without blemish.”)
- 3.) It is to turn your eyes away from everything but Jesus.<sup>vi</sup>

To walk in the Spirit means that we allow the Holy Spirit to make Jesus real to us. He comes to reveal the loving kindness of our heavenly bridegroom. He gives us a foretaste of the glory of God. He rolls back the heavens so that we can experience a supernatural manifestation of His exceeding greatness. To walk in the Spirit is to keep pace with God. Are you walking with Him? Does He direct your path? The Bible says in

Psalms 37:23 that the steps of a good man are ordered by the Lord. To walk in the Spirit is to allow the Holy Spirit to order our steps and to do in us what God has sent Him to do.

**Today's Prayer:** Father I submit myself to the leadership of the Holy Spirit today. Holy Spirit lead me and guide me into all truth. Show me the love of my Savior and give me a greater hunger for His presence. Order my steps and direct my path.

**Notes:**

## **The Divine Counselor**

### **Day Five**

#### **Today's Scripture: Isaiah 11:2**

The Bible teaches in Isaiah 28:29, "This also cometh from the Lord of Hosts, which is wonderful in counsel, and excellent in working."

Isaiah 9:6 calls the Lord the "Wonderful Counselor." John 3:34 says, that Jesus Christ was anointed with the Holy Spirit without measure. Isaiah 11:2 describes that measureless anointing of the Holy Spirit upon the Messiah. "The Spirit of the Lord shall rest upon Him, the Spirit of Wisdom and understanding, The Spirit of Counsel and Might, The Spirit of Knowledge and of the Fear of the Lord."

This is a description of what John sees in Revelation 5:6. "And I looked, and behold, in the midst of the throne and of the living creatures, and in the midst of the elders, stood a Lamb, as though it had been slain, having seven horns and seven eyes, which are the seven Spirits of God sent out into all the earth."

He is our heavenly Counselor. John 14:16 says, "And I will pray the Father, and He shall give you another comforter, that He may abide with you forever; verse 17 - "Even the Spirit of Truth; whom the world cannot receive, because it seeth Him not, neither knoweth Him: but ye know Him; for He dwelleth with you and shall be in you."

Jesus teaches this truth in John 14:22 - "But the Comforter, which is the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in My Name, He shall teach you all things, and bring all things to your remembrance, whatsoever I have said unto you."

The word comforter is translated from the Greek word "paracletos." It means one called alongside to help. Pentecostal Scholars writing in the Full Life Study Bible say that this is a rich word, meaning "Comforter, Strengtheners, Counselor, Helper, Adviser, Advocate, Ally, and Friend."

As our Counselor He is also our teacher. John 16:13 - "Howbeit when He, the Spirit of Truth is come, He will guide you into all truth: For He shall not speak of Himself; but whatsoever He shall hear, that shall He also speak: and He will show you things to come." The Holy Spirit has been sent by the Father to give us Godly counsel, instructions, and advice.

As our Heavenly Counselor He comes to teach us the Word of God. I John 2:20 - "But ye have an unction from the Holy One, and ye know all things." I John 2:27 - "But the anointing which ye have received of Him abideth in you, and ye need not that any man should teach you: but as the same anointing teacheth you of all things, and is truth, and is no lie, and even as it hath taught you, ye shall abide in Him. The Holy Spirit teaches us how to pray. He enables us to pray in the Spirit. Most believers today have never learned to pray in the Spirit! To pray in the Spirit means to pray in tongues. To pray in a language that is foreign to your own understanding.

The Bible says in I Corinthians 12:3 - "Wherefore I give to you to understand, that no man speaking by the Spirit of God calleth Jesus accursed: and that no man can say that Jesus is the Lord, but by the Holy Ghost." I Corinthians 14:2 - "For He who speaks in a tongue does not speak to men but to God, for no one understands him; however, in the spirit he speaks mysteries." He has come along our side to enable us to pray in the Holy Spirit. Jude 20 - "But you, beloved, building up your most holy faith, praying in the Holy Spirit."

As our Teacher and Counselor He comes along side of us to teach us about eternity and to teach us about the Lord Jesus Christ. A good teacher is one who gets involved with the student in the subject that he is teaching. A true teacher does not talk down to his students, but takes a posture along side of them.

The Holy Spirit will meet with you on your own level. He comes to reveal Jesus so that we can walk in a personal relationship with the

Lord. He gets involved in our lives so that we can learn from Him as He walks beside us in situations and circumstances that arise in our lives.

As our Counselor He gives us inside information. He removes the veil from our eyes that was brought on by the fall and He works to develop the character of the Lord Jesus Christ into our lives.

He has come to be our counselor!

**Today's Prayer:**

Father, my prayer today is that the Holy Spirit will guide me in every decision that I make. He will go before Me and prepare the way. Holy Spirit I ask you to keep me in the center of God's perfect will. Lord, enable me to be led by your Spirit and sensitive to you in every part of my life.

**Notes:**

## **Praying in the Spirit**

### **Day Six**

#### **Today's Scripture – Jude 20, Ephesians 6:18**

One of the most controversial teachings today is the phenomenon defined as “speaking with tongues. In this study there are two purposes for the gift of speaking with tongues.

The first is called, “Sign (Evidence) Tongues.” Evidence tongues are, “A God given sign accompanying the infilling of the Holy Spirit.” The first occurrence is recorded in Acts 2:1-4. “All 120 began to speak with tongues as the Spirit gave them utterance.” In Acts 8:14-19 Luke gives a record of the Samaritan Pentecost. Philip went down to Samaria to preach the Gospel. In verses 14-15 Peter and John laid hands on the people and they received the Holy Spirit. Simon, who had been involved in sorcery witnessed people receiving the Holy Spirit, and tried to buy the gift from the Apostles. What did he see? He witnessed the people speaking with tongues.

In Acts 9:1-19 we have the lesson of the Apostle Paul's Pentecost. God miraculously saved Paul on the road to Damascus. Then He spoke to His servant, Ananias and told him to go and lay hands on Paul that he might be filled with the Holy Spirit. Although there is no mention of tongues in Acts 9 we learn that Paul spoke in tongues in I Corinthians 14:18, where Paul writes, “I speak in tongues more than you all.”

In Acts 10:44-46 Gentile converts are filled with the Holy Spirit at what Scholars have called the “Caesarean Pentecost.” The Apostle Peter was sent by the Lord to the house of Cornelius, who is an Italian. While Peter preaches verse 46 records the following words: “For they heard them speak with tongues, and magnify God....”

In Acts 19:1-6 we learn about the Ephesians' Pentecost. Paul travels to Ephesus some 25 years after Pentecost. He finds converts of John and instructs them in the things of God. He then asks the question, “Have you received the Holy Spirit since you believed?” In verse 6 we

learn that they received the Holy Spirit, spoke with tongues and prophesied.

The second function of speaking with tongues is called “Devotional Tongues.” Devotional tongues are given to aid the believer in his worship and devotional life. This involves four different things in our devotional life:

#### 1. Praying in the Spirit

Ephesians 6:18 – “Praying always with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit...”

I Corinthians 14:2 – “For he that speaks in a tongue does not speak to men but to God, for no one understands him; however, in the Spirit he speaks mysteries.”

Jude 20 – “But you, beloved, building yourselves up on your most holy faith, praying in the Holy Spirit.”

#### 2. Praise

I Corinthians 14:16-17 – “If you bless with the Spirit...”

Verse 17 refers to giving thanks.

Acts 2:11 says that the 120 in the Upper Room were praising and declaring the wonderful works of God.

#### 3. Singing

I Corinthians 14:15 – “What is it then? I will pray with the spirit, and I will pray with the understanding also: I will sing with the spirit, and I will sing with the understanding also.”

Ephesians 5:18-19 – “And be not drunk with wine, wherein is excess; but be filled with the Spirit;” “Speaking to yourselves in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody in your heart to the Lord.

#### 4. Intercession

Romans 8:26-27 - “Likewise the Spirit also helps our weaknesses. For we do not know what we should pray for as

we ought, but the Spirit Himself makes intercession for us as with groanings which cannot be uttered.” “Now He who searches the hearts knows what the mind of the Spirit is, because He makes intercession for the saints according to the will of God.”

**Today’s Prayer:**

Father, my desire today is to pray in the Spirit. I want to build up my most holy faith by praying in the Holy Spirit. Give me a prayer language so that I can partner with the Holy Spirit who knows the will of God.

**Notes:**

## **The Fivefold Work and Ministry of the Holy Spirit**

### **Day Seven**

#### **Today's Scripture: Acts 13:1-3**

The book of Acts should be called the "Acts of the Holy Spirit," because Luke, the author of Acts, gives a record of His ministry and activities in the early church. In Acts 13:1-13 there is a five-fold picture of His work and ministry in the church at Antioch. This should serve as an example for the New Testament Church of today.

The first work and activity of the Holy Spirit is to initiate or form the church. Verse 1 reads, "The church at Antioch..." Acts 15:14-15 teaches that the Holy Spirit initiates or forms the church. In Acts 11:19-21 the Scriptures reveal that the church at Antioch began when the Word of God was preached with the power of the Spirit, that the people responded, and the church was born. Rev. Francis Dixon writes, "Whether in Antioch or anywhere else, the initiation of the church or a church is not the work of man, but of the Holy Spirit."<sup>vii</sup>

The second work and activity of the Holy Spirit is to give gifts to the church. In the first verse of chapter 13 there are both prophets and teachers. The Bible tells us in Ephesians 4 that these offices are gifts from God. In the Spirit led church there will be many gifts in operation. God will set aside different individuals for the positions of oversight and service to the Body of Christ. Every believer is gifted by God and the Holy Spirit longs to use them to strengthen and bless the New Testament Church.

The third activity of the Holy Spirit is to unite believers together in one living fellowship. Only the Holy Spirit can accomplish this task. He takes men and women of different backgrounds, temperaments, social positions, ethnicity, and makes them all one in Christ. Galatians 3:28 reads, "There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither slave nor free, there is neither male nor female; for you are all one in Christ Jesus."

The fourth work and activity of the Holy Spirit is to call His chosen instruments for special service. In verse 2 the Holy Spirit spoke to the seeking church at Antioch and said, “Now separate to Me Barnabas and Saul for the work to which I have called them.” The Holy Spirit was active in the work of missions and evangelism. He still calls men and women to the ministry in the same way that He did in the church at Antioch.

The fifth work of the Holy Spirit is to enable the church to accomplish its mission of winning the lost. In verse 12 the writer of Acts records the conversion of an official on the Island of Cyprus. Verse 12 reads, “Then the deputy, when he saw what was done, believed, being astonished at the doctrine of the Lord.” Salvation and deliverance takes place when the Holy Spirit works through His chosen vessels to accomplish the will of God.<sup>viii</sup>

**Today’s Prayer:**

Dear Father, we have witnessed the work and ministry of the Holy Spirit in Acts 13:1-13. Like the church at Antioch we long to have you choose out from among us those who you desire to send forth to preach the Gospel and win the lost. My prayer today is that I will place myself at your disposal that I may allow you to work through me to accomplish Your purposes.

**Notes:**

## **Living in the Power of the Spirit**

### **Day Eight**

#### **Today's Scripture: Galatians 5:24-26**

The Bible exhorts the believer to live in the power of the Spirit. The Apostle Paul told the church at Corinth, "When I came to you, I did not come with excellence of speech or of wisdom declaring to you the testimony of God. And my speech and my preaching *were* not with persuasive words of human wisdom, but in demonstration of the Spirit and of power."

The world we live in today is harsh, difficult, and cold. The powers of hell will assail you in order to break you down and to keep you from living an overcoming life. The Holy Spirit enables the believer to live an overcoming life.

Romans chapter eight has been called the chapter of the Holy Spirit. Romans 8:37-39 –reads, "Yet in all these things we are more than conquerors through Him who loved us. For I am persuaded that neither death nor life, nor angels nor principalities nor powers, nor things present nor things to come, nor height nor depth, nor any other created thing, shall be able to separate us from the love of God which is in Christ Jesus our Lord."

To be more than a conqueror means to live and walk in total victory. The believer that lives in the Spirit will have the enabling power of the Holy Spirit in the following areas of their lives:

1. He enables us to overcome sin. Romans 6:14 offers one of the greatest promises in the Word of God. "For sin shall not have dominion over you."
2. He enables us to overcome fear. 2 Timothy 1:7 – "For God has not given us a spirit of fear, but of power and of love and of a sound mind." The Apostle John wrote these words concerning fear in 1 John 4:18 – "There is no fear in love; but perfect love casts out

fear, because fear involves torment.” The Holy Spirit enables the believer to overcome the torments that the enemy brings against the mind through fear.

3. He enables us to witness with boldness and effectiveness. Acts 1:8 reads, “But you shall receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be witnesses to Me in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth.” The power of the Holy Spirit will birth a passion in the heart of the believer to reach those who are lost and unsaved.
4. He enables those of us who believe to have our minds renewed – Ephesians 4:23 instructs the believer to be renewed in the spirit of your mind.”

The Holy Spirit aids the believer in every facet of his/her life. He is the Divine Enabler. The term enable is defined as “To supply with the means, knowledge, or opportunity; make able.”<sup>ix</sup>

The Holy Spirit provides the means, knowledge and the opportunities for the believer to live in victory and to overcome in every area of their lives.

**Today’s Prayer:**

Father, may I know the enabling power of the Holy Spirit in my life like I have never known it before. I resist the spirit of fear and ask you to enable me to walk in power, love, and a sound mind. Holy Spirit renew my mind that I might be transformed by your power.

Precious Holy Spirit enable me to walk in total victory. Make me more than a conqueror today. Give me victory over sin, and allow me to declare with great confidence, sin you shall not have dominion over me.

**Notes:**

## Day Nine

### THE GIFTS OF THE SPIRIT – PART ONE

#### Today's Scripture: I Corinthians 12:1-31

The Apostle Paul wrote the Epistle of First Corinthians to a confused Charismatic/Pentecostal church. This letter was sent to correct carnality, abuses, immorality among the leadership, division, and to bring understanding to a congregation that was confused about the manifestations of the Holy Spirit. In I Corinthians 12:1 – Paul says, “Concerning spiritual gifts, brethren, I would not have you ignorant.”(KJV) God’s desire for every believer is that we will have an understanding of the gifts of the Holy Spirit. In I Corinthians 12-14 Paul instructs the church concerning what scholars call the manifestation gifts of the Spirit.

The gifts of the Spirit have been called the tools of the New Testament Church. I Corinthians 14:3 gives us three reasons that the Holy Spirit gives these gifts to the Body of Christ. They are for the purpose of exhortation, edification, and comfort. I Corinthians 12:7 – says “But the manifestation of the Spirit is given to every man to profit withal.”(KJV) The Holy Spirit gives these gifts to build us up in the faith, and to strengthen us as we endeavor to live by faith. They are given to lift us up and to equip us for ministry.

In I Corinthians 12:8-10 tells us that there are nine different manifestation gifts. To better understand them let’s divide them into three groups of three: 1) Revelation Gifts, 2) Vocal Gifts, and 3) Power Gifts. In this lesson we will focus on the first group of three, the Revelation Gifts.

These three gifts are the Word of Wisdom, the Word of Knowledge, and Discerning of Spirits. The Revelation gifts are gifts where the Holy Spirit imparts supernatural knowledge or wisdom. These three gifts are

the gifts that have to do with knowledge. They are the gifts that know. The Word of Wisdom is a “wise utterance spoken through the operation of the Holy Spirit.”<sup>x</sup> It is supernatural wisdom directly from the Holy Spirit. It is wisdom beyond the wisdom of man. It is supernatural perspective to ascertain the divine means for accomplishing God’s will in given situations. This gift will enable us to grow into maturity, and to apply our hearts to wisdom.

These three gifts are extremely important. The Word of Knowledge is an “utterance inspired by the Holy Spirit that reveals knowledge about people, circumstances, or Biblical truth.”<sup>xi</sup> Donald Gee describes the Word of Knowledge as flashes of insight into truth that penetrate beyond the operation of our own intellect. The Word of Knowledge is a sharing of God’s secrets. Dr. Paul Walker defines the Word of Knowledge as supernatural revelation of the divine will and plan of God.<sup>xii</sup>

The Old and New Testaments are filled with examples of this beautiful gift of the Spirit. Throughout the Testaments God revealed droughts, rain, enemy’s plans, and even the secret sins of kings and servants. In Matthew 26:34 Jesus had a Word of Knowledge when He told Peter that before the cock crows, that he would deny Him three times. In Acts 5:1-11 Peter knew by Word of Knowledge that Ananias and Saphira had lied to the Holy Spirit.

The third gift is Discerning of Spirits. This gift is the special ability “given by the Holy Spirit to properly discern and judge prophecies and to distinguish whether an utterance is from the Holy Spirit or not.”<sup>xiii</sup> This gift gives us the ability to discern the motives of those who claim to speak for God. An example of this gift can be found in Matthew 16:21-23 – when Jesus turned and rebuked Peter saying, “Get behind Me, Satan! You are an offense to Me, for you are not mindful of things of God, but the things of men.”

The Full Life Study Bible says, “Towards the end of the age when false teachers and distortion of Biblical Christianity will greatly increase this gift will be extremely important for the church.”<sup>xiv</sup> The emphasis of this revelatory gift is on protecting us from the attacks of Satan and evil spirits. I John 4:1, “Beloved believe not every spirit but try the spirits.” The Holy Spirit will impart supernatural knowledge through this gift and serve to make us wise as serpents and harmless as doves.

**Today’s Prayer:** Father our prayer today is that you give us a hunger and expectancy for the Gifts of the Spirit. Please give us supernatural knowledge so that we can live an overcoming life and enjoy the blessings of God.

**Notes:**

## **THE GIFTS OF THE SPIRIT – PART TWO**

### **Day Ten**

#### **Today's Scripture: I Corinthians 13-14**

The Gifts of the Spirit are the tools of the New Testament Church. They have been given to encourage us as we live for Christ in a world that is hostile to Christianity. I Corinthians chapters 12-14 introduces us to the nine manifestation gifts of the Holy Spirit. To better understand these gifts we have divided them into three groups of three. In Part One we studied the Revelation Gifts, in this study we are going to study what scholars have called the Vocal Gifts.

The Vocal Gifts are found in I Corinthians 12:10 – “...to another prophecy, to another divers kinds of tongues; to another the interpretation of tongues.” The first of the Vocal Gifts is the Gift of Prophecy. “Prophecy is a supernatural manifestation that enables a believer to bring a word or revelation directly from God under the impulse of the Holy Spirit.”<sup>xv</sup> Prophecy will exhort God’s people to righteousness, holiness, faithfulness, endurance, comfort, and sometimes a warning.

Dr. Paul Walker says, “Prophecy is a divinely inspired and anointed utterance. It is supernatural proclamation in a known language.”<sup>xvi</sup> Prophecy may even reveal what is in the hearts of people and bring them under conviction. I Corinthians 14:25 gives the results of a Prophetic word. “And thus the secrets of his heart are revealed; and so, falling down on his face, he will worship God and report that God is truly among you.” The Apostle Paul tells us that all Prophecy must be judged or weighed. We measure it by the Word of God. We must ask the question, does the utterance agree with the written Word.

The second Vocal Gift is Different Kinds of Tongues. Different Kinds of Tongues are speaking in languages unknown to the one who does the speaking. He is speaking directly to God. “These tongues may

be in existence in the world, revived from some past culture or people group, or unknown in the sense that they are a means of communication inspired by the Holy Spirit.”<sup>xvii</sup> In I Corinthians 14:5 – Paul says, “I would that ye all spake with tongues....”(KJV)

The third Vocal Gift is the Interpretation of Tongues. “This is the ability given by the Holy Spirit to understand and make known the meaning of an utterance given in tongues.”<sup>xviii</sup> Dr. Paul Walker says that it is supernatural power to understanding the meaning of the utterance given in tongues in public worship.<sup>xix</sup> I Corinthians 14:13 – “Wherefore let him that speaks in an unknown tongue pray that he may interpret.” When we speak in tongues we find liberation to exalt the goodness of God and we build up our most holy faith.

When there is a message in tongues and an interpretation follows it will evoke worship and produce praise in the congregation. Tongues and interpretation are to comfort, edify, and to encourage the congregation in their walk of faith. God gives these surprises of the Spirit to strengthen us and lift us up.

These gifts of the Spirit are never to be used to be judgmental, harsh, or to tear us down. They are designed by God only to lift us up. All the Gifts of the Spirit are redemptive in their purpose. God desires to give us His best and to bless us with everything that we need. The Apostle Paul encourages us in I Corinthians 12:31 to “covet earnestly the best gifts.”

The Vocal gifts are the gifts that speak. We must be open to the Holy Spirit and allow Him to have His way in our lives.

**Today’s Prayer:** Father, we open our hearts and invite the Holy Spirit to speak to us and through us. Give us a greater awareness of His presence and teach us to listen more carefully to His voice.

**Notes:**

## **THE GIFT OF THE SPIRIT – PART THREE**

### **Day Eleven**

#### **Today's Scripture: I Corinthians 14; Ephesians 4:9-16**

The last three of the nine gifts of the Spirit are called the Power Gifts. These three gifts are the Gift of Faith, the Working of Miracles, and Gifts of Healing. The Vocal Gifts are the Gifts that speak, the Knowledge Gifts are the gifts that know, and the Power Gifts are the gifts that do. These are supernatural actions that come directly from the Holy Spirit.

I Corinthians 12:9 tells us that the Holy Spirit gives a gift of faith. The gift of Faith is a “supernatural faith imparted by the Holy Spirit that enables the believer to believe for the impossible, the extraordinary, and the miraculous. It is a faith that moves mountains and is found many times in combination with other manifestations such as healing and miracles.”<sup>xx</sup>

This faith is different than the faith that we exercised at salvation and comes as a result of hearing the Word of God. It is a supernatural faith that comes when we are faced with a difficulty or we need a special miracle. It can be described as a faith that is beyond our natural understanding or comprehension.

I Corinthians 12:9 says that the Holy Spirit gives us gifts of healing. You will note that the word gift is in the plural form. This means that He gives many gifts of healing. This means that there is healing available for many different illnesses or for individuals who have more than one disease, or who encounter a known disease more than

once. Healing is a wonderful gift from God. It can be gradual over time or instantaneous. We believe that all healing is from God and if you are sick in body or suffer from infirmities, that you should seek diligently for a gift of healing in your life.

The Third Gift is found in I Corinthians 12:10 where it tells us that the Holy Spirit gives the working of miracles. “Miracles are deeds of supernatural power, which alter the course of nature. They are divine acts against Satan and evil spirits.”<sup>xxi</sup> They have to do with God’s provision of protection, financial provision, casting out devils, altering circumstances in the lives of believers and unbelievers, or passing judgment. They are sent to encourage believers and to strengthen them in their walk of faith.

The Old Testament is filled with examples of this gift in operation. The following examples are found in the pages of the Old Testament:

1. The opening of the Red Sea in the wilderness.
2. The opening of the Jordan River.
3. The supernatural supply of manna for the children of Israel in the wilderness.
4. Aaron’s rod that budded.
5. The miracles of Elijah and Elisha.

Throughout the Old and New Testament’s God has given us a display of His miracle working power. He is a God of miracles and longs to give us a display of His power today. Do you need a miracle? Do you

long for the intervention of a miracle working God in your personal life and circumstances? Then why not invite the precious Holy Spirit to invade your life today?

**Today's Prayer:** Father I ask you to invade my family and my congregation with gifts of power. I need faith. I need healing. And I need to experience miracle-working power in my life. Please invade my life today so that I might be forever changed into your image and likeness.

**Notes:**

## **THE FRUIT OF THE SPIRIT**

### **Day Twelve**

#### **Today's Scripture: Galatians 5:22-26**

In the Fifth Chapter of Galatians the Apostle Paul distinguishes between the works of the flesh and the fruit of the Spirit. In verses 19-21 Paul defines and lists 17 different works or deeds of the flesh. In verses 22-23 we learn about the Fruit of the Spirit. Works are produced by human energy. Fruit grows on a vine. Jesus said in John 15:5 – “I am the vine, ye are the branches: He that abideth in Me, and I in him, the same bringeth forth much fruit: for without me ye can do nothing.”

In Galatians 5:22 we learn that the word fruit is singular and not plural. The works of the flesh are plural, but the fruit of the Spirit is one and indivisible. When our lives are totally and completely surrendered to the Holy Spirit we will produce all nine of the graces that are a part of the fruit of the Spirit. These nine graces can be defined as Christlikeness. Dr. C. I. Scofield has pointed out that every one of these nine graces is “foreign to the soil of the human heart.”

To better understand these nine different graces we can divide them into three different groups of three. The first three deal with our attitude toward God. Galatians 5:22a says, “The fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, and peace.” Love is the first of the nine graces and can be defined as a “caring and seeking for the highest good of another person without motive for personal gain.”<sup>xxii</sup>

Love is what God is and what we ought to be. Love is defined and described in I Corinthians Chapter 13. This chapter has been defined as the love chapter and gives us 9 different ingredients of divine love:

- 1) Patience
- 2) Kindness
- 3) Generosity
- 4) Humility
- 5) Courtesy
- 6) Unselfishness
- 7) Good Temper
- 8) Righteousness
- 9) Sincerity

The second grace listed in verse 22 is joy. Joy is the “feeling of gladness based on the love, grace, blessings, promises, and nearness of God that belongs to those who believe in Christ.”<sup>xxiii</sup> Joy is contentment and satisfaction with God and His dealings.

Jesus demonstrated that kind of joy in John 4:34 – “Jesus said unto them, ‘My food is to do the will of Him who sent Me, and to finish His work.’” In Psalms 16:11 the Psalmist teaches that in the presence of God there is fullness of joy.

In I Peter 1:8 we are promised a joy that is unspeakable and full of glory. The third grace is peace. Peace can be defined as the “quietness of heart and mind based on the knowledge that all is well between the believer and his or her heavenly Father.”<sup>xxiv</sup>

Peace is desired and sought for by all of humanity, but it is only to be found in the life of a believer who is totally surrendered to the Holy Spirit. Do you long to experience that peace that surpasses human

understanding? Then you must be willing to yield yourself totally to God.

**Today's Prayer:** Father, help me to abide continually in you that I will manifest the fruit of the Spirit in my life. I want to find that place of abiding in you so that my life will bring forth much fruit.

**Notes:**

## **THE FRUIT OF THE SPIRIT – PART TWO**

### **Day Thirteen**

#### **Today's Scripture: Galatians 5, John 15**

One scholar has wisely stated that the Fruit of the Spirit in the life of the believer is more powerful than the operation of the Gifts of the Spirit. The Fruit of the Spirit is the expression of Christ in the life of the believer. In Part One we learned about the first triad of graces that make up the fruit of the Spirit. In this lesson we will learn about the second triad of graces that are listed in Galatians 5:22. This triad has to do with social relationships.<sup>xxv</sup>

Verse 22 defines them as longsuffering, gentleness, and goodness. Longsuffering is defined as endurance, patience, being slow to anger or despair.<sup>xxvi</sup> One of the greatest traits of Christian personality is longsuffering. Ephesians 4:2 says, “With all lowliness and gentleness with longsuffering, bearing with one another in love.” In II Timothy 3:10 The Apostle Paul encourages Timothy “to follow my doctrine, manner of life, purpose, faith, longsuffering, love, perseverance.”

Longsuffering can be translated as patience. Patience comes when the Holy Spirit indwells us. The Christian life is a life of endurance. Matthew 10:22 reveals, “He who endures to the end shall be saved.” When you live by faith you run with patience the race that is set before you.

The second grace is gentleness. It can be defined as not wanting to hurt someone or give him or her pain.<sup>xxvii</sup> The Lord Jesus Christ was gentle, kind, and compassionate. He was known to take children up on His knees and hold them in His lap.

The Holy Spirit is symbolized as a dove in the New Testament. The dove is known to be a very gentle bird. Our God deals with people gently. He speaks to our hearts and leads us gently with compassion. James 3:17 says, “But the wisdom that is from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, and willing to yield, full of mercy and good fruits, without partiality and without hypocrisy.”

To be gentle means we are even tempered, kind, soft spoken, cultured, and refined in character and conduct. Our society has a great need for people who are kind and gentle in a harsh cold profane world. Ephesians 4:32 tells us to “be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, even as God in Christ forgave you.”

The third grace in this triad is goodness. Goodness is defined as the “state of being good, kind, virtuous, benevolent, and generous and God like in life and conduct.”<sup>xxviii</sup> It can also be defined as a zeal for truth and righteousness, and a hatred for evil. Ephesians 5:9 tells us “For the fruit of the Spirit is in all goodness and righteousness and truth.”

One of the greatest characteristics of the Spirit filled believer will be goodness. God’s people are good, holy, and righteous. A true believer will have a love for the things that are good and a hatred for the things

that are bad. A believer will be good because we have been forgiven, cleansed, and washed in the precious blood of the Lamb.

**Today's Prayer:** Father please cultivate the fruit of the Spirit in my life. May I be known as a person who is longsuffering, kind, and good. Help me to endure in this race of faith.

**Notes:**

## **THE FRUIT OF THE SPIRIT**

### **Day Fourteen**

#### **Today's Scripture: Ephesians 5:9, I Timothy 6:12**

The third triad of graces of the Fruit of the Spirit deals with principles that guide a Christian's conduct. Galatians 5:22-23 lists them as faith, meekness, and self control. Faith is the first and can also be translated as faithfulness.<sup>xxix</sup> Faith is the living, divinely implanted and created principle of inward and wholehearted confidence, assurance, trust, and reliance in God and all that He says.<sup>xxx</sup>

A Spirit filled believer is characterized as a man or woman of faith. He or she is known as one who has confidence in God and His eternal Word. In I Timothy 6:12 the Apostle Paul instructs us to "fight the good fight of faith, lay hold on eternal life." A person of faith will be faithful. They will be faithful to God, His Word, and to His church. Are you known as a faithful believer? One of the most neglected and needed graces in our society today is faithfulness.

The second grace is meekness. Meekness is described as "restraint coupled with strength and courage. It describes a person who can be angry when anger is needed and humbly submissive when submission is needed."<sup>xxxi</sup> Jesus was meek. He was known as the meek and lowly Savior.

Meekness is not weakness, but power under control. We must submit to one another as the Bible commands and make a stand against

evil. Matthew 5:5 says, “Blessed are the meek for they shall inherit the earth.”

The third grace dealing with our Christian conduct is temperance. Temperance is “having control or mastery over one’s own desires and passions. This includes faithfulness to one’s marriage vows, purity and chastity.”<sup>xxxii</sup> Matthew 5:8 – “Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God.”

We live in a society that has cast off all the restraints. Self-control is a wonderful characteristic and it should be a character trait of every believer. The Bible tells that when we come to Christ that we are not our own, because we have been bought with a price. We are called to be temperate and self-controlled. I Corinthians 9:25 tell us “And everyone who competes for the prize is temperate in all things.”

Galatians 5:24 instructs us on how we can have these wonderful graces in our lives. “And those who are Christ’s have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires. Verse 25 reads, “If we live in the Spirit, let us also walk in the Spirit.”

**Today’s Prayer:** Father I want to live in the Spirit and walk in the Spirit. Will you help me to crucify my old sinful nature with its passions and desires? I desire with all of my heart to become faithful, self-controlled, and gentle.

**Notes:**

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