

THE
BOOK
OF
BALANCE



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God's power and gifts are to profit ALL

One of the greatest joys I've had as a person since I was a teenager is to build up the confidence of those around me. Even before I was born again by the Spirit of God I found myself always looking to bring the brighter side of life to people. When I became a student of the Word of God I found that this passion was God Himself living in the mankind longing to rebuild mankind! I'm sure this is why when I met the Holy Spirit personally in 1978 that the natural desire I had when I was young, now found it's roots in Christ's desire that all man not only know HIM, but come to new heights of understanding so that he could co-labor with God as a repairer of the broken places Isaiah talks about.

As a believer in Jesus as my Lord, I've had many spiritual edifying experiences with our God alone. I have received healing and wholeness from the Lord for my spirit, soul, and body. This is because I have had the foundational TRUTHS of God's Word sown in my heart, line upon line through diligence, discipline and follow through and the Holy Spirit has made them flesh to my being through experiences.

I've also as a minister of the Gospel had the joy of being about my Father's business to help believers and unbelievers come to their own experiential knowledge of the truth laid down in the Holy Word of God. Through preaching the gospel to the lost, teaching God's word to God's people, and praying with people around the world I have watched the Lord heal, comfort and restore minds. Therefore I was prompted by the Holy Spirit to put together a book of what I've found to be so vital when it comes to walking with the Holy Spirit that He left to the Church on the day of Pentecost.

Many experiences I have had with the Lord happened even as early as the late 70's when I was young in the Lord. I learned from the beginning of my life in Christ that this was the abundant life Jesus talked about and have sought wholeheartedly to know all I can about being used by our God. Now, after over 30 years of experience I have learned that the most important TRUTH when it comes to God's power and His Nature has been **BALANCING** the gifts of God and His character in my life to the body of Christ and the lost.

Because of lack of balance, many lost souls are still by the wayside of life and many ministries won't allow God's gifts to freely be expressed for fear of abuse. When God's people are learning to walk in His supernatural power, and their hearts are not pure in His character, they can cause confusion, hurt, and excess to be exhibited from their lives. This is because they don't understand the value of fully allowing the Holy Spirit to fully come in to their lives through daily yielding to HIM. This is the reason God has given the CHURCH Godly leaders. They are to bring preaching, teaching and instruction to God's people just as Jesus did with His 12 disciples. He taught them what God's will was; He showed them how He followed His Father's lead and He sent them out observing them and then brought them into close fellowship to expound and further instruct them.

So because of God's great love from which all that we have from Him comes I trust these words penned from the Heart of God will assist your personal walk with Him and your service to Him for others.

In His love and service,

Lisa

FOUNDATIONS LAID DOWN PREPARE THE BELIEVER FOR POWER

Foundations Of Christ

To grow from babe in Christ to a mature believer in Christ takes knowing these foundations and using them skillfully in the call of God upon our lives as His body.

Hebrews 5:11-14 Of whom we have many things to say, and hard to be uttered, seeing ye are dull of hearing. For when for the time ye ought to be teachers, ye have need that one teach you again which be the first principles of the oracles of God; and are become such as have need of milk, and not of strong meat. For every one that useth milk is unskillful in the word of righteousness: for he is a babe. But strong meat belongeth to them that are of full age, even those who by reason of use have their senses exercised to discern both good and evil.

Hebrews 6:1, 2 Therefore leaving the principles of the doctrine (Greek word logos, meaning the word of the beginning of Christ) of Christ, let us go on unto perfection (the accomplishment of the process of Christ in us living these principles); not laying again the foundation of repentance from dead works, and of faith toward God, of the doctrine of baptisms, and of laying on of hands, and of resurrection of the dead, and of eternal judgment.

RECEIVING CHRIST

1) **Repentance from dead works**- God's grace upon a soul to change their mind from hatred towards God and living a life of works that are separated from God's will and way; then turning from sin, and turning to God, being reconciled to fellowship with Him and now living His way, consecrated to Him and giving Him all the glory

Ex. Luke 15:11-32 Prodigal Son...**And when he came to himself...For this my son was dead and is alive again; he was lost and is found.**

2) **Faith toward God**-The foundation of faith being God and His holy Word now the basis for one's life and reliance upon Christ for salvation (eternal life, healing, deliverance, heavenly calling; all that has been authorized to us in His Name)

Ex. Acts 16:30-34 The keeper of the prison and his family...**Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ and thou shalt be saved, and thy house.**

GROWING IN CHRIST

DOCTRINE OF BAPTISMS consisting of the processes of immersion, submersion, and emergence. (This is something we do as an act of our will. The purpose of a minister present is to oversee this holy event in a new believers life and represent the Body of Christ as supporting their new life and assisting in their growth)

Immersion -to plunge oneself into something suddenly and completely, symbolic of yielding over full control of our lives to Christ

Submersion-to put under water symbolic of being completely under the word of God

Emergence-to develop as something new as a plant emerges out of the soil penetrating it's surface by a newly germinated plant; this is the new life of the believer rising up and living fully the new life of Christ in them

1) **Water baptism**-an outward demonstration of our inner identification with Jesus in death to sin, sin eternally separated from us, and supernaturally risen to a new life with Him. **Colossians 3:1-17**

2) **Baptism with the Holy Spirit**-**Acts 1:5 For John truly baptized with water; but ye shall be baptized with the Holy Ghost not many days hence.** This is subsequent to receiving Christ as Savior. It can follow immediately in a new believers life or may not if the new believer has not heard about the Person of the Holy Spirit's work in their life. Once we are born again from above we take the plunge with the Holy Spirit in full surrender to His work in and through us. Evidence of full surrender is full obedience to the will of God; His power demonstrated in the believer's life and speaking in tongues under the influence of the Holy Spirit's unctioining. Within the initial experience are many fillings of the Holy Spirit meaning many yieldings to Him in thinking, speaking, and acting. The Holy Spirit is within every born again believer, but the believer is not fully possessed by the Holy Spirit till a yielding over to Him has taken place as evidenced in the first church on the day of Pentecost. **Acts 2:1-4...And they were all filled with the Holy Ghost, and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance.**

As in the day of Pentecost God is looking for a Body of believers yielded over to the Holy Spirit's possession in their lives that they may work the great works the early church did.

3) **Baptism of His sufferings**-as we are yielded over to His work we suffer persecution as He did, but also receive deliverance out of them all till our work is complete **Mark 10:38, 39**. Physical suffering of sickness is NOT part of our covenant with God and not the suffering of this baptism. Ridicule, beatings, threats, or martyrdom are part of Christ sufferings and yet a believer is promised full deliverance out of them all till their work is complete on earth. **II Timothy 3:10-12...what persecutions I endured; but out of them all the Lord delivered me.**

4) **Baptism of fire**-of the holiness of God which consumes all that is inconsistent with Him and which makes His saints ministers of fire or firebrands-a poker for turning embers; stirring the hearts of man and woman to God.

LAYING ON OF HANDS-the hand is symbolic of God's power and rule. So all laying on of hands is symbolic of the power and rule of God coming upon a person for a specific purpose of God's blessing or His judgment. This practice was also used during the sacrifice of an animal in OT days symbolic of the hand of God's judgment of man's sin coming upon the animal as a substitute offering for man. The same hand of God's judgment for the sin of humanity came upon Jesus through Romans hands during the crucifixion. God's blessing is all His promises released into a believer's life. God's judgment is the removal of God's blessings and therefore everything that is not of His nature as in curses are therefore released into the persons life. Leviticus 4:4 And he shall bring the bullock unto the door of the tabernacle of the congregation before the Lord; and shall lay his hand upon the bullock's head, and kill the bullock before the Lord. This is why the blood of Jesus is for the mind of a believer because this is where assaults of the enemy come.

1) **To impart a gift**- as the gift of the power of the Holy Spirit given at Pentecost these believers had not heard about yet **Acts 19:6** When Paul had laid his hands upon them, the Holy Ghost came on them; and they spake with tongues, and prophesied.

2) **To heal the sick**- **Mark 7:32-34** ...and they bring unto him one that was deaf, and had an impediment in his speech; and they beseech him to put his hand upon him...and straightway his ears were opened, and the string of his tongue was loosed, and he spake plain. **Mark 16:18** ...they shall lay hands on the sick, and they shall recover.

3) To set apart a person for their ministry call- special anointings can be imparted from one leader to another for the purpose of a needed supply of the grace of God as in ordaining a leader for full time service. I Timothy 4:14 Neglect not the gift that is in thee, which was given thee by prophecy, with the laying on of the hands of the presbytery (elders of a body).

4) **To administer a blessing**-as in blessing a young child during a baby dedication for it's life of consecration to God **Mark 10:13-15 And they brought young children to him, that he should touch them... parents to their children to carry on a family call as Jacob blessed his children before his death; a minister to a person that the spirit of that minister would come upon that person as in Elisha desiring a double portion of what Elijah had in God. **II Kings 2:9 Let a double portion of thy spirit be upon me.****

5) To bring God's judgment- the sorcerer who withstood Paul's preaching to the deputy. Acts 13:11 And now, behold, the hand of the Lord is upon thee, and thou shalt be blind, not seeing the sun for a season. And immediately there fell on him a mist and a darkness; and he went about seeking some to lead him by the hand.

RESURRECTION OF DEAD AND ETERNAL JUDGMENT

II Corinthians 2:10 For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ; that every one may receive the things done in his body, according to that he hath done, whether it be good or bad.

1) Resurrection and judgment of believers in Christ-Revelations 20:4 And I saw thrones, and they sat upon them, and judgment was given unto them: and I saw the souls of them that were beheaded for the witness of Jesus, and for the word of God, and which had not worshipped the beast, neither his image, neither had received his mark upon their foreheads, or in their hands; and they lived and reigned with Christ a thousand years.

2) Judgment of Satan- Revelation 20:1-3, 10 And I saw an angel come down from heaven, having the key of the bottomless pit and a great chain in his hand. And he laid hold on the dragon, that old serpent, which is the Devil, and Satan, and bound him a thousand years, and cast him into the bottomless pit, and shut him up, and set a seal upon him, that he should deceive the nations no more, till the thousand years should be fulfilled: and after that he must be loosed a little season.

v. 10 And the devil that deceived them was cast into the lake of fire and brimstone, where the beast and the false prophet are, and shall be tormented day and night forever and ever.

3) Judgment of Sinners-Revelation 20:11, 12-15 And I saw a great white throne, and him that sat on it, from whose face the earth and the heaven fled away; and there was found no place for them. And I saw the dead (spiritually separated from God), small and great, stand before God; and the books were opened: and another book was opened, which is the book of life: and the dead were judged out of those things which were written in the books, according to their works. And the sea gave up the dead which were in it; and death and hell delivered up the dead which were in them: and they were judged every man according to their works. And death and hell were cast into the lake of fire. This is the second death. And whosoever was not found written in the book of life was cast into the lake of fire.

Satan and the fallen angels that followed the rebellion in heaven eternally lost their ability to have eternal life because they had full knowledge of God and chose to betray Him as Almighty. Man did not have the full knowledge, but was deceived by the cunning deception of Satan and his fallen angels as they are superior in their creation to man; therefore redemption was given to man out of the mercy of God.

There are only two reasons a person will be eternally separated from God in hell and then the lake of fire. One is the refusal to receive Christ as Lord and Savior through repentance of sin and faith towards God; the second is the falling away of a believer by denying and betraying Christ.

1) John 3:36 He that believeth on the Son hath everlasting life; and he that believeth not the Son shall not see life; but the wrath of God abideth on him.

**2) Hebrews 6:4-6 For it is impossible for those who were once enlightened, and have tasted of the heavenly gift, and were made partakers of the Holy Ghost, and have tasted the good word of God, and the powers of the world to come, if they shall fall away, to renew them again unto repentance; seeing they crucify to themselves the Son of God afresh, and put him to an open shame.
Matthew 26:46 Rise, let us be going: behold, he is at hand that doth betray me**

POWER OF GOD TO BE A WITNESS

The day of Pentecost was brought for by the Holy Spirit into the world to empower the Body of Christ to Save the world! When Jesus lived amongst the disciples they had Him next to Him, but with Him risen we have Him LIVING INSIDE US! The first comment I received after I was empowered by the Spirit of God was “you act just like Jesus!” That’s the way it was with the believers in the book of Acts and I believe it is the hour the ACTIONS of God’s people be returned to the ACTIONS of the Apostles we read about in the book of Acts. There are only handfuls of believers that are living this life, but many in our generation and in the younger generation have been left out of this powerful, holy encounter with the Spirit of God because they have not even heard about God’s power being available for all man.

Acts 1:8

But ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you: and ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth.

The Baptism of the Holy Spirit mentioned in Acts chapter 1 is a yielding over of our life and our tongue, which steers our life, to the Holy Spirit.

Many people say I know God can do anything, yet many live bankrupt lives when needs arise in their lives and the lives around them. Why is this? They lack the heart understanding and personal experience that God not only is able to do all, but has left His Body the gifts full of His power necessary to break through all resistances that hinder His will coming forth in their lives and those around them. If we look at the life of Jesus he healed all those that came to Him in faith and performed miracles of provision for them as well. He never turned away anyone who came with a heart of faith in Him. He knew more than just the visible part of the situations. He knew the reasons why they lacked and helped them settle these so they were able to receive. In leaving us His gifts of power and character we too can walk in His great works in the world today, but it comes by passionate desire on our part and immediate obedient steps of a heart full of faith.

Paul inspired by the Spirit of God was determined that the believers in Corinth were not ignorant about where they came from and where God was now taking them spiritually.

I Corinthians 12:1-11

Now concerning spiritual gifts, brethren, I would not have you ignorant. Ye know that ye were Gentiles, carried away unto these dumb idols, even as ye were led. Wherefore I give 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. Now there are diversities of gifts, but the same Spirit. and there are differences of administrations, but the same Lord. And there are diversities of operations, but it is the same God which worketh all in all. But the manifestation of the Spirit is given to ever man to profit withal. For to one is given by the Spirit the word of

wisdom; to another the word of knowledge by the same Spirit; To another faith by the same Spirit; to another the gifts of healing by the same Spirit; To another the working of miracles; to another prophecy; to another discerning of spirits; to another divers kinds of tongues: to another the interpretation of tongues: But all these worketh that one and the selfsame Spirit, dividing to every man severally as he will.

What is the profit Paul is talking about? The profit was that the believers would move forward, advance or benefit from God's gifts given to them supernaturally. Just as life insurance has its benefits, God's life insurance are His gifts. God's gifts assure you 100% what the will of God is and the way He will have your assurance come forth step by step. His gifts are His policy; we are the beneficiaries and deliverers of His policy.

When Paul said be not ignorant, He was giving a command, not a suggestion. The word ignorant means not to know, through lack of information or intelligence; implying to ignore through disinclination which means not to understand. So to know about God's powerful gifts we must search to know and understand each of them. When a person is disinclined they lack desire, they are reluctant, and have an aversion to knowing. As leaders we are to have compassion on the ignorant and those out of the way, by filling them up with what is lacking by bringing them TRUTH from God's word. We are to encourage them to take steps of faith and continue to instruct them all along the way.

Today, the Holy Spirit of God is saying what He said over 2,000 years ago, "I've given you ears to hear and eyes to see spiritually", "let" yourself hear and "let" yourself see what my Spirit is saying so you will not suffer lack any longer. To hear means to obey in this context. In Mark 4 Jesus said, He that hath ears to hear, let him hear. In the original Greek, it says, He that hath ears, let him hear. It's our willingness that gives us a hearing ear. Many really don't want to hear because they are afraid of what they will hear. Years ago a dear sister in Christ was beginning to desire the gifts of God's Spirit, and He revealed an assignment against her family. It scared her so much because she didn't know what to do with the revelation, that she said I don't want to have His gifts in my life anymore, I don't want to know. What a tragedy, when His gifts are given to the church to profit and we allow the devil to steal them from us.

Why do people fear the gifts of God's Spirit? According to God's Word unless you understand the following parable you won't understand anything.

**Parable of sower
Matthew 13:10-23; Mark 4:1-20; Luke 8:9-15**

Having a husband who gardens, and observing him and assisting him at times, I have gained insight from him over the years that those that have not had this natural insight will lack unless explained. For this Parable is a natural explanation of a spiritual truth.

1) Some of the seeds of the word of God fell in hearts that are by the wayside which means the way the person had learned to **think, feel, and decide in their heart** was outside of the way of God thinks, feels, and decides, and therefore the heart cannot take in the word of God because the person does nothing with the seed immediately upon hearing it. In the natural when you plant a seed, the only way it will germinate is if the soil is ready to receive it and the soil is tended to daily through, water, sun and weeding. So if our thoughts, feelings and decisions have not been put in us properly from birth, then when we do come to Christ they must be taken care of the right way from that day forward and kept nourished and protected from intruders with other beliefs about life. Is it hopeless then if we're in our 40's and realize our heart is full of weeds? No, it just means God-the Gardener, just wants you to allow Him to begin tending to your heart day by day.

2) Some had stones in the heart, symbolic of lots of offense to the truth because of past hurts and beliefs. For example if someone hurts me, I hurt them. Basically the only reason many stay in pain is if they face it, they don't know what to do with the pain. Well in the natural when you come across stones when planting a garden

you can actually use them to make a border to the garden. In like manner, we don't have to try to forget what happened to us through denial, but allow God to use what we learn about ourselves and others as a border to our future understanding of relationships. What's the border? We've all sinned and fallen short of God's glory apart from Him. Let those stones in your life remind you of this truth.

3) Some had no root in their heart. When a plant is placed in the ground the first order of business is to help it establish its root system. When it's transplanted it goes through shock because it's in a new place. There is a vitamin that you can feed the newly transplanted plant that helps it deal with the shock. A new believer can be shocked at what it is like to have a new heart if they weren't brought up knowing the LORD and can be amazed that they are a new person. A plant that starts in the ground by seed has an easier time with its root going down, because it's always been there. Unless a plant has a strong root system, the storms and heat will wash it away and wither its roots and the same for a believer without deep understanding of the Word of God in the heart.

4) Some had thorns in their hearts- thorns are the seeds of thorns that lie hidden in the heart; this is symbolic of lies that are thoughts from the devil that we need revealed to us by the Holy Spirit. The final result of these hidden lies are the word of God becomes choked. To choke is to hinder the growth, development, or activity of the seed of God's word that grows when planted, and watered by meditation of His word. One of the greatest thorns is fear. And the reason people fear is there is a hidden area in the heart that does not know experientially that God loves them in that area of their life. In I John 4:16-20 the Holy Spirit reveals that a person fears judgment when they don't know that God loves them at the same intensity that He loved JESUS. And when we are sure we are loved then we are bold here on earth and also when we stand before HIM on the Day of Judgment. A plant with seeds coming up along side it hinder their growth and will eventually take over so they have to be rooted out or cut off.

All of these examples are hearts barren of faith because they don't have the full foundation of TRUTH solid in their hearts and therefore no root system of truth deep down in their hearts to hold them firm when the trials of life come.

The good ground is a person whose heart has learned through diligence, discipline and follow through to think, feel and decide the way God does. When they hear; at that moment they begin to apply God's word with an action immediately. They know if they don't it will be stolen from them immediately. Example: You understand it's God's will that you build yourself up by speaking in tongues...so you speak in tongues. You understand it's God's will to have your needs met and you immediately rejoice the need is met! You understand if you forgive someone their debt, your debts will be forgiven you immediately.

So the LORD says DESIRE with passion His gifts

I Corinthians 14:1 says, Desire spiritual gifts, but rather that ye may prophecy. The word desire means to have zeal for to earnestly desire. It's a verb so we must be active in our pursuit of them.

When we are baptized in the Holy Spirit our whole spirit man is awakened to the realm of the Spirit so we may function in the highest realm there is God's realm. Our spirit man has eyes, ears, nose, and everything that our natural man has. So I'm going to go through each gift of the Holy Spirit and describe its purpose and use in a believer's life. The more experience you have in their use the more they will develop and be used with excellence. As with all God's power, we must have the balance of His way of using His gifts and that's the purpose of this book, to keep the body of Christ balanced so as to be effective without hurting others. Just as the Apostle Paul said...speaking the truth in love. **Truth is His power, love is His way of using His power!!!**

So let's begin to explore the gifts of God's Spirit.

In **I Corinthians 12:7** the Lord says, But the manifestation of the Spirit is given to every man to profit withal.

What is the every man he's talking about? Every spiritual man who desires and understands His realm. The word manifestation means an exhibition, fig. expression and it comes from a word which means to make visible, clear, known, to uncover, lay bare, reveal. So we see God truly desires us to see what He sees and experience His power as He reveals Himself to us.

word of wisdom- word= logos, discourse, speech, of instruction. the personal manifestation, not of a part of the divine nature, but of the whole deity. This wisdom is what God would have someone do and understand to fulfill God's plan. Ex. Joseph's dream to move Jesus to a certain location and why, because of Herod. This gift will reveal your call to you and the specific steps necessary to fulfill them. For example I received a dream two years before I began to fully walk in my destiny and with that dream received specific instructions as to what I needed to do to bring it forth.

word of knowledge= the act of knowing and it pertains to knowledge past, or present

This knowledge is supernaturally revealed to the believer to bring to light something in a person's life or a situation we need to know. This is so we can pray, counsel, and respond from God's leading for their life. Ex. Once I had a dream of a family about to deliver a baby and I was in the delivery room. The baby was born stillborn and I woke from the dream asking the Lord "what was this about?" The Lord through this gift showed me an assignment on this child's life and then instructed me what to pray and how to proceed with the family. Praise the Lord the baby lived!!! This gift can reveal good or evil about something or someone. An example in the scripture is when Jesus met the woman at the well. He knew she had been married before 7 times and that revelation opened her eyes to who He was.

faith= supernatural impartation of confidence in God; creative power

This gift is needed to believe God for impossible situations whether it is the salvation of someone or the need to create a new body part for one that has stopped functioning or raising the dead, or for a miraculous need in provisions for our lives. Ex. Many have heard of my shoulder injury and that the doctor told me there was nothing they could do, I would have to live with it. Our God through this incredible gift gave me a new shoulder and I am eternally grateful for Him. This was an impartation of supernatural belief followed by steps of ACTION that brought it forth.

gifts of healing= the endowment of a deliverance from danger, a miraculous quality to bring forth a cure

This great gift is always needed when people don't know the truth of God's word that we can live in health. The reason it's plural is because there are different diseases that need to be cured and God has the anointing for all of them. This gift is different than believing the Word of God through meditating upon His word about health. This is a move of God's power to heal specific diseases. Some ministries are known for certain diseases that are healed through their ministries. Just like some doctors specialize in certain fields because they are good at performing the procedures, some ministers have greater faith for certain diseases than others.

working of miracles= to be active, operative and powerful in regards to God's energieo; power, inherent ability, is used of works of a supernatural origin and character, such as could not be produced by natural agents and means

This gift is not just for healing, but any provision needed by man. Elijah was fed by ravens. Moses parted the red sea. Jesus took a coin out of fish to pay His bills. And Jesus raised Lazarus from the dead. And this gift by desire is available for all people. The reason it's called working of miracles, is that it takes obedient effort led by the Holy Spirit on the part of the person who needs the miracle. The effort is not supernatural, but the effort brings forth the miracle hand of God to supply the need. Jesus told those at the wedding to pour water in all the pots and then he turned the water to wine. Can you imagine what must have been going through the people's minds since they knew you don't put new wine in an old wine skin. It went against their natural inclination. But Mary the mother of Jesus exhorted them, "do what he says". Do we really want a miracle? Then we must be open for the God thoughts that lead us to the miracle.

prophecy= speaking forth the mind and counsel of God; it edifies, exhorts, and brings comfort to mankind

This gift can operate when a minister preaches the word of God inspired by Him. It can also be an inspired word given to anyone but it is always God's mind on the matter, not man's opinion.

Ex. All Jesus words recorded were prophetic words from God. All Paul's words recorded were prophetic words from God and we too can flow in these words as we desire to and allow the Spirit to use us. A prophetic word will either build a person and move them forward spiritually through insight about their future with God, or exhort them by calling them back to a relationship with God, or comfort their heart. On the other hand there is the office of the Prophet that can foretell future events. All man can prophecy, but not all man are called to the office of a Prophet. It is an inner making of God's Spirit in a chosen vessel.

kinds of tongues=kin, born, country, kindred, nation; the supernatural gift of speaking in another language without it being learnt inspired by the Holy Spirit

This gift is for personal edification, intercession and to edify the body of Christ in a public meeting when it is interpreted. In our personal prayer time this gift is vital in steering our life with God. It assists us when we do not know what to pray about something or someone and always gives us insight into what is going on from the Holy Spirit's revealed interpretation. This gift helps a believer to become SO sensitive to the presence of God within moment by moment and helps to build confidence because each word spoken is supernaturally inspired and said without the mind knowing. One important thing to understand though is that all the gifts of the Spirit can function on their own except this one. It must have the interpretation of tongues revealed to benefit the one speaking or the one the tongue is speaking to in a public meeting or setting.

When I initially received the power of the Holy Spirit I was awakened in my sleep and singing in tongues. Even though I was saying words I had never learned I immediately knew I was singing "Praise YOU" to our God. It was so satisfying at a depth I had never been able to reach in my known tongue from that day in 1978 until even today. I have yielded to the Holy Spirit in this gift personally to build myself daily and publically with interpretation to build the Body of Christ. I have also led by the Holy Spirit's inner leading hundreds of believers into this new relationship with the Holy Spirit.

What is the BHS? In the Tanakh the Holy Spirit came upon man, but did not dwell within and recreate the person's spirit and therefore the Priest had to sacrifice for the people. **Isaiah 28:9-13** In the new dispensation of the Holy Spirit was a recreation of man's spirit. The main work of Holy Spirit is cleansing and delivering the believer.

Ex. When I was initially baptized in the Holy Spirit my reading and comprehension ability improved, I was delivered from bondage to fear, and continued to come to the place of wholeness as a person.

Was it a suggestion or a command to be Baptized in the Holy Spirit?

A command Acts 1:1-4

Purpose of BHS- yielding, cleansing, guiding...Comforter John 14 (helper, standby, intercessor, teacher, comforter, strengthener, advocate-counsel for the defense. The tongue no man can tame so the Holy Spirit needs to have our tongue to guide us now in our lives. James 3 all

What does it mean to be a witness? Acts 1:8 We are to be a witness that preaches the gospel.

Dream: Many years ago I had a dream. It was during the time when beepers became so well known and used. In this dream I walked into a barracks where soldiers lay on bunks sleeping. Suddenly they arose from their sleep and were on an open field running into battle. When I awoke I asked the Lord what this meant. He began to show me the value of His Holy Spirit. I began to realize these soldiers had something like a beeper that alerted them to get up, and that beeper was the Holy Spirit.

I also experienced this as I was preparing to return to California from out of state years ago. I had been up till 11pm and needed to be up by 3:30am to leave for the airport, but my friend had accidentally forgotten to set the alarm. We were both alerted by the Holy Spirit to get up around 3:15am. What a great friend we have in the Holy Spirit.

As our spirit man is built up it brings us to new levels of sensitivity to God's voice. Many people are aware of the enemy's voice and the voice of human carnal thinking, but few are aware of God's voice.

How many were BHS? Initially 120 including all the Apostles, Mary the Mother of Jesus and His brethren

How do we begin? Acts 2:4 they began (it is an act of our will not a force of the Holy Spirit, but a yielding on our part. The Holy Spirit will move in your spirit and it will be like a stirring inside, but the mind may be totally unaware)

When the believers began to speak, the word began is a military term that means to move forward, advance. The day of Pentecost moved the church forward in the call of God for the world. Filled=to saturate, to influence. Being filled with the Holy Spirit is not like filling a cup of water, but to have God's power and character so influencing our lives that we say what He says, believe what He believes, and do what He does. We are more conscious of God in us than any ache, pain or circumstance. Acts chapters 8, 9, 10, 19 are other recorded instances of more people filled with the Holy Spirit and speaking in tongues.

Do believers have to tarry for the Holy Spirit? No, the believers in Acts were only to wait for the day of Pentecost because that was the day JESUS said the Holy Spirit would enter the earth and live in believers hearts Acts 2:1 (read Jewish history of Pentecost)

Purpose of Holy Spirit coming: teach, intercede, comfort, advocate, strengthen, standby, help.

What happens when someone is BHS? Acts 2:4; 14-17 more power to forgive self, and others, more power to overcome, tongues and boldness to preach (drunken-means under the influence of wine and another spirit; filled with Holy Spirit is under the influence of God's Spirit) We need to remember we're speaking languages we've never learned before that have been given to us to talk to God with. We are talking to God according to I Corinthians 14:2

He that speaketh in an unknown tongue speaketh not unto men but unto God, for no man understandeth him, howbeit in the Spirit he speaketh mysteries.

The mysteries are not to God but to men that might hear the tongue unless it's interpreted. When we speak a language we've learned don't we emphasize certain consonants when speaking? Well we need to remember when we're speaking in tongues to speak like it's a monotone sound is to forget what we're doing. Just allow the Holy Spirit to help you speak and listen to Him as He interprets what you are saying to your understanding.

I Corinthians 14:13

Wherefore let him that speaketh in an unknown tongue pray that he may interpret.

When we're built up in the Spirit we're happy, strong, alert to God's will, and impact our surrounding with God's plan. We stay God focused and not soul focused or body focused or circumstance focused.

Remember don't ramble, just as the unction comes from the Holy Spirit in your spirit release the language.

The gift of tongues and the interpretation of tongues is like someone speaking and translating EXCEPT that the one interpreting doesn't know the language either, they just have received revelation from the Holy Spirit what the tongue is wanting to say to the those present.

Acts 2:7,12

And they were all amazed and marveled, saying one to another. Behold are not all these which speak Galileans? And they were all amazed, and were in doubt, saying one to another, What meaneth this?

When people speak in tongues by the Spirit of God two things can happen; one to them, and one to anyone who might be around them

Amazement= stand out from; it was said of any displacement and especially with reference to the mind, of that alteration of the normal condition by which the person is thrown into a state of surprise or fear, or both; or again in which a person is so transported out of his natural state that he falls into a trance like Peter did when sitting on his roof. He was in prayer and probably praying in tongues...

So we can be blessed and others can become fearful just like in the beginning of God's outpouring of the Holy Spirit. Some people are really afraid of the power of God. Many times it's because they don't want to relinquish control of their lives to God, and they're afraid if they do they will become a bizarre person that's not a blessing. But what they don't realize is when the Holy Spirit is building us up it's His character that's being built into us; the fruit of God's spirit, love, joy, peace, longsuffering with joy, gentleness, faithfulness, meekness, temperance, goodness. If this is not happening, then we are not in the Spirit but in the flesh.

In verse 11 of Acts 2...Cretes and Arabians, we do hear them speak in our tongues the wonderful works of God.

Those in the upper room who were speaking in tongues were speaking the wonderful works of God. And unbelievers heard them but were surprised at being able to hear these people who had never known their language. They wanted to know **in verse 12** What does this will to be? What's the purpose of this?

Peter received boldness after the Holy Spirit empowered him

In Acts 2:14-21 Peter stands up and calls them to hearken (a military term calling them to attention in their spirit to listen to God's purpose) that this moment in history was a fulfillment of a prophecy given to Joel

One way to begin our training of our spirit man is to hear the Word of God and understand it, then begin to speak in tongues. Prayer is speaking to God! A good practice is to pray in tongues for an hour. Keep the Word of God a piece of paper and a pen near by, as the Holy Spirit will begin to speak to our spirit and reveal to our understanding what's on God's heart. Don't look at this as a ritual, religious practice, keep your heart and mind in an attitude of I'm being built up into God's will for my life, His character is working in my life, and enjoy God's Spirit bringing you to new levels of His marvelous grace!!!

Remember, speaking in tongues brings us into God's realm of the Spirit so anytime we don't know what to pray, or what to do we can allow our spirit man to pray in the spirit to get God's mind on the matter. We might think we know what to do, but God says only His Spirit does, so we need to know by His Spirit helping us.

Romans 8:26,27

Likewise the Spirit also helpeth our infirmities; for we know not what we should pray for as we ought; but the Spirit itself (Himself, He's God) maketh intercession for us (we must open our mouths), He gives us the words) with groanings which can not be uttered (this means in our own speech we've learned growing up). And he that searcheth the hearts knoweth what is the mind of the Spirit, because he maketh intercession for the saints according to the will of God.

The Holy Spirit will always pray the will of God on any matter and will correct us inside if we have begun to pray out of the will of God and He does it by unctions, proddings inside, don't ever disregard them!!!

Is tongues the Holy Spirit speaking? No, it is your spirit speaking by the leading of the Holy Spirit.

Can someone be BHS and not know it? There can be an openness in the heart for all God has for a person and they can be in a meeting where the power of God is present and yield to the Spirit, but to gain the greatest benefit of the gift, they must have the foundation of the truth put in their heart.

Do the gifts of the Holy Spirit mentioned in I Cor 12 flow automatically once you are initially BHS? Only as you have understanding and desire to know

interpretation of tongues= explaining the meaning of message in an unknown tongue

Many believers speak in tongues, but many don't know what they are saying. Therefore they are not truly benefiting from this gift. Unless we know what we are saying or praying about through the Holy Spirit's revealing to us there is no profit. So again desire is imperative for this gift to operate fully and steps of faith. This gift is used in a public setting as well so that those present benefit from the tongue that goes forth. There have been times that a believer has been present and an unbeliever has heard the tongue in their own language just as in the book of Acts chapter two.

We are told to earnestly covet the best gifts in **I Corinthians 12:31**. This means to desire earnestly the greater gift, not in quality, but in importance and value as to the need you have at the moment. If you needed wisdom about your future call you don't need the gifts of healing, so desire the gift that is important and valuable for the need.

The gifts of God's Holy Spirit are wonderful deposits of His grace He's donated to us as believers. We should excel in the desire of them, the use of them and the demonstration of them by the character of our God. They are His gifts, and when our life comes to an end on this earth, we will be accountable as to what we did with His free grace through His gifts and the way in which we used them. Make it your quest to have your spirit man fully awakened by the Spirit of God through learning more about the greatness of our God and His desire to touch humanity.

We need to remember that these gifts are given to us by God in part. This means we are given a share or portion of what is needed for others. Only God knows all and holds all power, but He will give us the part we need to fulfill our call in life; but they will only come as we passionately desire all He has for us and walk in steps of faith to use them.

We must remember our heavenly Father is a good God and gives only the perfect gifts. He is good to the saved and the lost and His goodness was always intended to cause humanity to turn in repentance to Him. So as you allow the Lord to prepare you to go before man allow Him to fill you afresh with a gift from heaven and you'll taste and see that the Lord is good.

discerning of spirits=a clear discrimination; judging by evidence whether a spirit is of God or evil

This gift when in operation reveals to our spirit whether our spirit is right before God, someone else's spirit is right before God; the presence of God's Spirit is operating in our midst, the presence of angels are here or the presence of an evil spirit is in operation.

Ex. When Paul had the girl possessed with a spirit of divination following him, it wasn't until the Holy Spirit revealed it to him days later that her spirit was being influenced by an evil spirit. When ministering to people I must have this gift in operation to know what is behind their problems. I also need to have this gift to know who I should trust in ministry, and that the angels assigned to this ministry are here to watch over and fight on my behalf against the forces of evil. I've seen the angels assigned to me with swords drawn at my meetings. I've seen JESUS appear to me in heavenly armor when called into the ministry. I've seen evil spirits lying to people, hang on their bodies with sickness so I can by faith pull them down in JESUS NAME! This gift is balanced by revealing good and evil.

DISCERNING OF SPIRITS...I Corinthians 12:10

discern= a clear discrimination; judging by evidence whether a spirit is evil or of God

Hebrews 5:14 But strong meat belongeth to them that are of full age, even those who by reason of use have their senses exercised to discern both good and evil

Luke 9:1 Then he called his twelve disciples together, and gave them power and authority over all devils and to cure diseases. And he sent them to preach the kingdom of God, and to heal the sick

When the gifts of the Holy Spirit are in operation in the area of discerning the Holy Spirit will reveal to our spirit whether our spirit is right before God; someone else's spirit is right before God; the presence of God's Spirit is operating in our midst or the presence of another spirit is in operation.

Listed below we will see the difference between God's Spirit and evil spirits:

Spirit of Praise-Isaiah 61:3 tehillah, laudation, spec a hymn, to sing a song of praise to God. His heart praises inspired by the Holy Spirit will always bring His presence of celebration, joy, peace, love...It is a garment that must be put on!

spirit of heaviness- excessive mourning, sorrow, grief, insomnia, self-pity, suicidal tendencies, depression, inner hurts

Spirit of love- II Timothy 1:7, I John 4:18, agape, supernatural, non human love, it's not dependent on human understanding, human desires, human emotions, people's responses, or circumstances; this love is known only by the actions it prompts; it's committed, it's freeing to others to receive it or not, it's initiating, but does not have to be returned to stay alive; it keeps giving, believes the best of others, suffers, but remains kind, gives to others freely, rejoices in truth, thinks of others needs first, bears anything that comes its way, never loses its effectiveness, speaks truth without an arrogant attitude or demeanor; it has two sides, it tells the truth all the time, yet doesn't demand the truth be received.

spirit of fear- phobias, torment, heart attacks, fear of death, nightmares, anxiety-stress, untrusting, doubt, fear of man, controlling

spirit of jealousy-Numbers 5:14 murder, revenge, anger-rage, hate, causes divisions, extreme competitiveness, strife, contentions, cruelty

Spirit of truth- John 16:13 not merely ethical truth, but truth in all its fullness and scope, as embodied in Jesus; the reality lying at the basis of an appearance; the manifested, veritable essence of a matter

lying spirit- John 8:44 strong deceptions, flattery, superstitions, false prophecy, slander; gossip, lies, false teachers, religious bondages, accusations

seducing spirits-I Timothy 4:1 hypocritical lies, seared conscience, attractions-fascination by false prophets, false signs and wonders, deceived, wander from truth

spirit of error- I John 4:6 unsubmitive, false doctrines, unteachable, defensive-argumentative, contentious, New Age Movement, servant of corruption

Spirit of Jesus Christ- Luke 9:20 Jesus is the Christ of God

spirit of antichrist- I John 4:3 denies deity of Christ, denies atonement, against Christ and His teaching, humanism, worldly speech and actions, teachers of heresies, lawlessness, deceiver, against Christians

Excellent Spirit- Daniel 6:3 preeminent= excelling others especially in a particular quality, rank or achievement

perverse spirit- Isaiah 19:14 wounded spirit, atheist, foolish, abortion, filthy minded, chronic worrier, sex perversions, pornography, child abuse, incest, twisting the Word

Spirit of humility/meekness- Galatians 6:1 humility- lowered in rank, position to an authority, absence of pride or self assertion, having or showing a consciousness of one's defects or shortcomings, deeply respectful to all people as valuable. The fruit of a humble heart is meekness which means- evenness of mind and temper or disposition that is not easily disturbed, composure; it is neither elated nor cast down, simply because it is not occupied with self at all; it does not fight against God; it accepts God's dealings with us as good and therefore without disputing or resisting; it is an inwrought grace of the soul

spirit of haughtiness/pride- Proverbs 16:18 obstinate, arrogant, rebellious, scornful, self-righteousness, self deception, idleness, contentious

Spirit of liberty- II Corinthians 3:17 freedom (legitimate or licentious, chiefly mor. or cer.) from unrestrained (to go at pleasure), ie. as a citizen not a slave

spirit of bondage- Romans 8:15 fears, addictions, fear of death, captivity to satan, bondage to sin, compulsive sin, servant of corruption

Spirit of Resurrection Life- John 11:25 resurrection= a raising up or rising; up and to cause to stand; life= life as God has it, that which the Father has in Himself, and which He gave to the Incarnate Son to have in Himself, and to which those who receive into their heart the Lord Jesus Christ will have this life eternally

spirit of death- I Corinthians 15:26 the separation of the soul and spirit from the body, the latter ceasing to function and turning to dust; or the separation of man from God. death is the opposite of life and it never denotes nonexistence

spirit of infirmity- Luke 13:11-16 bent body-spine, impotent-frail-lame, asthma-hay fever-allergies, arthritis, lingering disorders, weakness, cancer, oppression (the gifts of healing and working of miracles, and gift of faith will need to operate as well)

dumb and deaf spirit-Mark 9:1--29 dumbness, mental illness, tearing, foaming at the mouth, seizures/epilepsy, suicidal, gnashing teeth, pining away, blindness, prostitution, ear problems

Holy Spirit Gifts- I Corinthians 12 all –the first three gifts reveal something; the second three gifts do something and the last three gifts say something...word of knowledge-the act of knowing something present or past about a situation, word of wisdom-the wisdom of God about a matter...the what and why, discerning of spirits, gifts (the endowment of a deliverance from danger, a miraculous quality) of healing-a cure, the effect, working -(to be active, operative and powerful in regards to God's energy) of miracles-power, inherent ability, is used of works of a supernatural origin and character, such as could not be produced by natural agents and means, faith-supernatural impartation of confidence in God, kinds-kin, born, country, kindred, nation, of tongues-the supernatural gift of speaking in another

language without it being learnt, interpretation-(explaining the meaning of words in a different language) of tongues, prophecy-speaking forth the mind and counsel of God

familiar spirit- I Samuel 28:8 is applied to that which is known through constant association, and, with reference to persons, suggests informality, or even presumption, such as might prevail among members of a family; through the idea of prattling (to babble childishly) a fathers name; necromancer, medium, clairvoyant, spiritist, yoga, passive mind- dreamers, peeping and muter, false prophecy; all these spirits operating behind this are believed to be sent to the living from spirits of the dead

spirit of divination- Acts 16:16 fortuneteller, soothsayer, sorcerer, stargazer, horoscopes, rebellion, hypnotist, drugs, water-witching, magic

spirit of witchcraft- II Chronicles 33:6 to whisper a spell= a word, formula, or form of words supposed to have some magic power, enchant or practice magic; witchcraft is the use of evil spirits to cause another persons will to be controlled or to bring forth evil upon another persons life

spirit of whoredoms- Hosea 4:12 unfaithfulness-adultery, spirit, soul or body prostitution, love of money, chronic dissatisfaction, fornication, idolatry, worldliness, inordinate love of food

religious spirits- Acts 17:22 superstitious=reverent to the deity (to fear a demon or pagan god) religious spirits outwardly look spiritual, yet are always prompting people to do religious rituals for fear based reasons. They are only concerned with getting people to act reverent, yet the heart of the person and the reason for the person's actions are not inspired by the Holy Spirit, but laws handed down from demons to man. Ex. "You are sick or poor or failed because you didn't do or didReligious spirits are extremely legalistic and never operate in the mercy and grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, they also never sound like the character of God...love, joy, peace, longsuffering, gentle, goodness, temperance, meekness, faithfulness, they are only condemning meaning they always cast judgment and punishment for wrong doing, forgiveness must be earned through some sort of penance. The punishment is an infliction of some penalty on a wrongdoer and generally connotes retribution rather than correction. "You deserve....."

As we see wherever the Lord is in full authority the evil one is not manifesting his power. The battle of the ages is always between THE GOD ALMIGHTY and the gods.

GOD'S WAY IS AN EXCELLENT WAY

Matthew 7:17, 20 Even so every good tree bringeth forth good fruit; but a corrupt tree bringeth forth evil fruit... Wherefore by their fruits ye shall know them.

The word know is epiginosko= to know upon some mark, recognized, to become fully acquainted with. This passage is talking about knowing the fruit of God's Spirit in a believer's life. Fruits bring forth intimacy with God and man and gifts bring forth God's power and ability. Fruits are God's way of using His gifts. God even says they'll know us by the love we have one to another, not our gifts.

Galatians 5:22, 23

But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy peace, longsuffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, meekness, temperance: against such there is no law.

We all have these fruit in our spirit in seed form in our hearts, but it has to be tended to , through the meditation of God's word and exercise of our faith before it will grow. Yes fruit, God fruit comes from allowing the Gardner access to the soil of our hearts to pull out weeds (wrong attitudes), fertilize us (with His dunimus power) and bring forth increase of fruit production.

To be balanced in the use of God's powerful gifts is to be a person of Godly character. When god created man He said be fruitful and multiply and replenish the earth. What does it mean to be fruitful? Let's look at Galatians 5:22, 23. But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, meekness, temperance: against such there is no law. So to be fruitful is to have a life that produces the same fruit God's nature produces.

The fruit of the Spirit in a believer's life is the character of God in the believer's spirit worked into their soul by the rhema Word of God and the power of the Holy Spirit. The fruit is seen by others by our behavior, and by God in our motives. Fruitfulness is the nature of Christ formed in us so others can benefit from Christ in us. The purpose of our need for God's character is #1 so we can know Christ, #2 so others can know Christ in us. The good news is when we cooperate with God working His character in us more and more all things we go through will cause more fruit to come forth because God works all things together for good. He doesn't bring the trials, but has the supernatural ability to make fruit out of them. Praise His Name!!!

What is CHARACTER?

an engraving instrument, a distinctive mark, the pattern of behavior or personality found in an individual or group, self discipline, characteristic which is the indication of a quality that is peculiar to, and helps identify something or someone

Let's Explore The Righteous Fruit Of God Almighty in a believers life

The first fruit mentioned is love. Many who don't study different languages fail to understand where words come from. The Greeks had four words they used for love, wherein in the English language we have only one. So for the sake of clarity I will amplify all the words love to better express God's love.

The word love (agape in Greek) was not introduced until Jesus Christ came to earth and therefore not a part of Greek literature until Jesus came.

LOVE=agape; supernatural, non human love, it's not dependent on human understanding, human desires, human emotions, peoples responses, or circumstances; this love is known only by the actions it prompts; it's committed, unconditional and it loves no matter what. It's freeing to others to receive it or not, it's initiating, but does not have to be returned to stay alive, its keeps giving, believes the best of others, suffers but remains kind, gives to others freely with no demand for return, rejoices in truth, thinks of others needs first, bears anything that comes its way, never loses it's effectiveness, speaks truth without an arrogant attitude or demeanor; it has two sides, it tells the truth all the time, yet doesn't demand the truth be received.

John 3:16 For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten son, that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish but have everlasting life.

Hebrews12: 6-11 For whom the Lord loveth he chasteneth, and scourgeth every son whom he receiveth. 7 If ye endure chastening, God dealeth with you as with sons; for what son is he whom the father chasteneth not? 8 But if ye be without chastisement, whereof all are partakers, then are ye bastards, and not sons. 9 Furthermore we have had fathers of our flesh which corrected us, and we gave them reverence: shall we not much rather be in subjection unto the Father of spirits, and live? 10 For they verily for a few days chastened us after their own

pleasure; but he for our profit, that we might be partakers of his holiness. 11 Now no chastening for the present seemeth to be joyous, but grievous: nevertheless afterward it yieldeth the peaceable fruit of righteousness unto them which are exercised thereby.

Here we see God gave to all, yet only those who receive His love are able to know it and partake of it, therefore just like all the fruit of god's Spirit, to know them they must be received. These fruit were given for sinners and saints to partake of in their time of need from God, and we're the trees of righteousness they pull from...How's your fruit tree producing?

Phileo love- to be fond of, befriend, to treat affectionately. This love is one sided and at times both people mutually love each other. But this love is based on feelings that are fond of because of something the other person has that one likes. It differs from God's agape love that is free to give even if the person receiving it is unlikeable in nature.

Storge love- is the love of a father for his family, the mother for her children or the love of ice cream. It is a selfish love when not accompanied by God's love because storge love must be returned to stay alive. This love also without agape love can result in jealousy and in extreme cases family suicides. For it demands the human love be returned.

Eros love- is the passionate sensual affections a husband and wife share or a lover shares with his or her partner and many times even in a marriage is outside the boundaries of agape love. This love is intoxicating and it lifts a person out of a logical thinking process at moments and in cases of two people who are not married it can cause them to engage in fornication or adultery as it did with David and Bathsheba.

God's agape love is the boundary needed for all the human loves to function properly in humanity. We can have friendships, love ice cream, and have a wonderful sexual relationship with our spouses, if we first have the God of love fully living in and through our lives.

JOY= cheerfulness, encouragement, a glad excited shout used to urge on, welcome, approve others or self; calm delight, gladness X greatly X be exceeding, to be merry, full of fun and laughter; blithe- showing a gay, cheerful disposition; care free; mirth- gaiety or merriment, esp. when characterized by laughter; joy comes when we know we're free to enjoy a relationship with Christ and all that He is, joy comes when we know we're free to never sin again, and be in bondage, joy comes when we know we're free to never have to be sick, and sad and that out of all trials we will be delivered; joy knows we'll never be separated from God and all He is and that every prayer the Holy Spirit gives to us will come to pass. Joy comes when we rejoice like Christ did at the lives that can and will be saved through us as we lay down our lives for others, just like Christ laid down His life for us. Joy always sees God's end result, **VICTORY!**

John 15:11 These things have I spoken unto you, that my joy might remain in you, and that your joy might be full.

PEACE= to join; peace by impl. means prosperity, one, quietness, rest + set at one again; harmonious relationships, freedom from molestation which means to annoy, interfere with or meddle with so as to trouble or harm, to make improper advances, esp. of a sexual nature; same as Hebrew shalom which means to be safe, well, welfare, good health; from shalom which means to be safe in mid, body, estate, recompense, restitution, repay, restore

John 14:27 Peace I leave with you, my peace I give unto you; not as the world giveth, give I unto you. Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid.

Isaiah 55:12 For ye shall go out with joy, and be led forth with peace: the mountains and the hills shall break forth before you into singing, and all the trees of the field shall clap their hands.

All the steps of a Christian's life is to be in peace. Not that circumstances outwardly are peaceful, but that the heart and soul of the believer are settled in His peace, so that they carry His peace into all the circumstances of life changing the very atmosphere of others troubled lives.

LONGSUFFERING= forbearance-to keep oneself in check, to refrain from; avoid or cease doing or saying something when it's not profitable for others; bearing injuries, insults, trouble for a long time, etc. patiently; patience- bearing or enduring pain, trouble etc. without complaining or losing self control, calmly tolerating delay, confusion, inefficiency in others, long + temper, patience with regard to antagonistic persons; longsuffering is that quality of self restraint in the face of provocation which does not hastily retaliate, or promptly punish. It is the opposite of anger and associated with hope; longsuffering with joy is remembering Jesus stayed joyful during all His sufferings because He knew God would raise Him from the dead, and save lost humanity, you, me and others.

Colossians 1:10,11 That you might walk worthy of the Lord unto all pleasing, being fruitful in every good work, and increasing in the knowledge of God; strengthened with all might, according to his glorious power, unto all patience and longsuffering with joyfulness...

Romans 8:18 For I reckon that the sufferings of this present time are not worthy to be compared with the glory which shall be revealed in us.

GENTLENESS= kindness, goodness of heart, usefulness in manners or morals, moral excellence in character or demeanor, easily handled, polite, courteous, calming or soothing as by stroking from prim. verb. to furnish what is needed. It's a kindly disposition towards others; it was the gentleness of God that led us to repentance...He could have let us die forever, but He didn't.

II Timothy 2:24 And the servant of the Lord must not strive; but be gentle unto all men, apt to teach, patient...

GOODNESS= signifies that moral quality which is described by the adjective agathos which means that which being good in its character or constitution is beneficial in its effect.

Governmental authorities are ministers of good according to Romans 12:21 and goodness here includes the sterner qualities by which doing good to others isn't necessarily by gentle means; it is kindly activity on their behalf. Ex. Going to jail is to protect them and others till they regain self-control; therefore it's good for them.

Romans 13:a, 14a For rulers are not a terror to good works but to evil. For he is the minister of God to thee for good.

FAITH= pistis, firm persuasion, a conviction based upon hearing God's rhema word and understanding the message meant by God; a settled knowing that what God has promised will come to pass. In the life of the believer this fruit is seen in our confidence in prayer for one another and in our personal commitments to one another, that we keep our words to others just as God keeps His word to us; we are someone others can trust.

James 5:15a, 16b And the prayer of faith shall save the sick...The effectual fervent prayer of a righteous man availeth much.

I Corinthians 4:2 Moreover it is required in stewards, that a man be found faithful.

MEEKNESS= this is the fruit of God's power in us under the control of the Holy Spirit in our spirit, a condition of mind, and heart, and inwrought grace of the soul; it does not fight against God, it is that temper of spirit in which we accept His dealings with us as good and therefore without disputing or resisting; It is the opposite of self assertiveness and self interest; it's the quality of remaining calm and undisturbed, composed

and disciplined in our emotions in a trying situation or habitual self possession in the face of excitement. It is neither elated or cast down because it is not occupied with self at all.

Galatians 6:1 Brethren, if a man be overtaken in a fault, ye which are spiritual, restore such an one in the spirit of meekness; considering thyself, lest thou also be tempted.

TEMPERANCE= enkrateia, from kratos which is manifested power, strength, strong in a thing, masterful, i.e.. Self-controlled in appetite; temperance is self control, espec. continence which is self restraint in sexual activity; the various powers bestowed by God upon man are capable of abuse, therefore the right use demands the controlling power of the will under the cooperation of the Spirit of God in a believers spirit; temperance is the Holy Spirit leading our actions in what we look at, and how we look at it, what we hear and how we hear, what we say and how we say it, what we touch and how we touch it, what we eat and how we eat it, what we do to others and how we do it to them

I Corinthians 9:25 And every man that striveth for the mastery is temperate in all things. Now they do it to obtain a corruptible crown; but we an incorruptible.

As we can see the fruit of the born again spirit by the Spirit of God is many faceted therefore when grafted in a believer's heart and soul it will be many faceted. Only allowing the Lord to work some of His nature in us is to leave our lives unbalanced and to confuse the unsaved and young in Christ to what God is truly like. The Apostle Paul said He that has begun a good work in you will complete it until the day of Jesus Christ, but not without our FULL COOPERATION.

ENTERING THE UNIVERSITY OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

The purpose of using this as an analogy for the believer is to help them understand when Paul said that HE that has begun a good work in you will perform it until the day of Christ that he was making believers aware that there is a process of coming to the balanced life of God's Power, God's Way and it is the way of entering in to the School of the Holy Spirit that knows each person 100% and therefore is the One who can guide them to the Leaders they need to help them grow, and guide them to their life work, their spouse, their place of residence and all that will pertain to their life.

THE UNIVERSITY OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

University=educational institution of the highest level

Purpose of this school is to equip you to function in the highest level of effectiveness while on earth; to develop your specific giftings from the Lord; to keep you fresh, strong and reproductive; and lastly to reveal God's holy call for you to fulfill. Another way of saying Baptized in the Holy Spirit is to say totally immersed in the school of the Holy Spirit.

Owner of School=The Heavenly Father

Dean of School=Jesus Christ

Dean-member of a college or university administration in charge of a school

Jesus as son of man-son of God= Jesus was in His 30's before He fully stepped into His call. What do you think He was doing till then? Did He need

the Holy Spirit? Yes, or John would not have baptized him...we'll talk about this later. Luke 2:41-52

Hearing-understanding

Asking-to interrogate; to accost one with an inquiry

astonished-to stand back from in wonder or beside oneself

understanding- to grasp the meaning

answers-replying

Jesus learned the scriptures and sat with the teachers of the . He was all man and all God's nature at the same time. He allowed the Spirit of God to reveal truth to Him just as we must; He found Himself in the volume of the book and stepped into His call.

Counselor & Instructor=Holy Spirit (man or woman is only involved when standing on behalf

of the voice of the Holy Spirit as in the gifts of the Spirit or office of leadership) but do not take the place of a believers personal responsibility to hear the voice of God on their own

Counselor-legal advisor

Are there degrees available in this university?

Degree-the place a person is in society given by a university to a student who has completed a required course

Yes, there are decrees but they are ordained by God first and may be publicly recognized by man as in a five-fold leader in ministry or a P & W leader, Dr., Nurse, Accountant, Attorney, Congressmen, Secretary, Public or Private School teacher, Husband, Wife...

What kind of school is this?

SPIRITUAL

Vines Dictionary: An after Pentecost word: The spiritual state of soul is normal of the believer but not all attain it nor maintain it.

Babe-the man who because of immaturity and inexperience has not yet reached spirituality and the man who by permitting jealousy and strife to which jealousy leads has lost it. The spiritual state is reached by diligence in the word and prayer; it is maintained by obedience and self judgment (this is not casting eternal judgment upon ourselves, but judging through discernment where we are in our hearts day by day). It is not a fixed position, but admits of growth.

I Corinthians 12:1-18

Diversities of gifts but one Spirit

Diversities=Eng. Genus, kind, class, sort

Gifts- a gift of grace on the part of God as donor and imparted by His Holy Spirit

Differences of administrations, one Lord

Differences=separate

Administrations=office, or work; service of believers

Diversities of operations of God

Operations= results produced by the power of God in a believer

Power-the capacity of doing work with God's power efficiently, exerted and overcoming resistance

Many people think that following the Holy Spirit of God is something we do blindly and leave it up to a leader to know it all for us. But the Bible says the blind (mentally) leaders of the blind fall into the ditch. This is why we must have our spiritual eyes awakened to the spirit realm. Serving God is following His lead by the Holy Spirit who knows all and sees all and shows us all we need to know when we need to know. The University of the Holy Spirit takes a believer who only having the milk of the word; are undeveloped in their spiritual teaching and begins to lead them to revelation knowledge of spiritual things. He takes them into the lives of those who will **assist** them in the development through teaching, impartations, and prophetic words.

Entering the school of the Holy Spirit will take spiritual steps:

- 1) Becoming Born Again by the receiving of Christ Jesus as Lord and Savior
- 2) Baptism of Holy Spirit Acts 1:8 (your spirit awakened to the spirit realm) Spiritual experiences without understanding will hinder growth. Many religions have experiences spiritually, but never know their God personally and intimately by the Holy Spirit.

Once we've entered we must learn the way the Holy Spirit teaches

Spiritual training of the human spirit (1-give the word first place, 2-meditate on His word, 3-practice His word, 4-pray in tongues to stay built up spiritually and sensitive to the voice of the Holy Spirit, 5-obey voice of our spirit quickened by Holy Spirit)

Revelation of understanding of the gifts of the Spirit I Cor 12

Learning the language of the Holy Spirit dreams & visions & meanings of symbols. Tongues is not the language of the Holy Spirit, but evidence we are under the Holy Spirit's influence Acts 2:4

Learn the principles of God's Kingdom found only in His Holy Word

Have hands on experiences with the principles through tests in each course

Find out what courses are available and pass each one Ex. The Holy Spirit has taken me through each course and continues to give refresher courses to stay sharp spiritually. Dullness comes from lack of use.

Understand that each course has levels of passing or grace. Each level will position us in our holy calling

Example: A natural example of a spiritual truth.

PHD-Leader who develops leaders;

Masters-One who has mastered the course and may be called to full time five fold office work in the Kingdom;

BS Basics of the Spirit-They have basic understanding and little experience and need mentoring

Incomplete courses and tests-These have either begun to grow and stop or never have taken the courses or passed the tests of life. Each course is given to make sure you know it. Otherwise the Holy Spirit will cause you to take the course over till understand and pass. Unlike our natural universities that can make exceptions to passing a person, the Holy Spirit NEVER moves a person forward until the understand and have the spiritual and natural experiences needed to fulfill their assignments in life.

Know what resources are allowed and used; the Holy Spirit is our Source of guidance, but He does use spiritual services like weekly services, Praise and Worship meetings, Bible studies, prayer meetings, conferences, one on one fellowship, job training, practical skills, musical training, business training, governmental training; but it's always led by Him depending on the specific work He has for each of us. Not one human being will have an identical call as another, but it may be similar; so He must select our close associations in marriage, jobs, ministry, and socially by His leading.

How long does it take to take the courses and pass them? It's up to you; but the Holy Spirit inspired Paul in **I Tim 3:6** novice-new convert who by experience is unfit to act as a bishop or overseer in a church. There is always a testing time by God to prove a heart whether it is truly the pure and righteous heart of God. If a new believer wholeheartedly gave themselves to the Holy Spirit like the disciples of Jesus and had the Leaders God has chosen for them working with them, they, like the disciples could be ready to live a life of power and love in three years for that's the pattern we see in scripture.

VITAL TRUTH!!!

Only a betrayer of Jesus is ever dropped from the school. A betrayer according to the Bible gives themselves over to an enemy by violating their allegiance of faith to God, the Lordship of their life to JESUS CHRIST, and the guidance of their life to the Holy Spirit, therefore they become offended by the very TRUTH that initially saved them and would eventually cause them like Judas to turn away from JESUS and therefore his salvation.

WHAT COURSES ARE IN THE HOLY SPIRIT'S UNIVERSITY?

*There are many levels of each course
for we go from faith to faith and glory to glory*

FOUNDATIONAL DOCTRINE
SALVATION
FATHER GOD
LORD JESUS CHRIST
BAPTISM OF HOLY SPIRIT
FAITH
HEART MOTIVE AND ISSUES
PRAISE, WORSHIP, GLORY
PROMISES OF GOD
CLOTHING OF THE SPIRIT
RELIGION VS RELATIONSHIP
THE BEGINNING
HEALING
DELIVERANCE
STUDYING
HISTORY-ANCIENT AND CURRENT
FAMILY- HUSBAND, WIFE, PARENT, CHILDREN, RELATIVES
FRIENDS
HEARING GOD'S VOICE
FOLLOWING HIS LEAD
GODLY LEADER
GOING/BEING SENT
APOSTLE
PROPHECYING
PROPHET
TEACHING
TEACHER
PREACHING
EVANGELIST
SHEPHERDING
PASTOR
DEVELOPING YOUR GIFTS I Cor 12, Rom 12, Eph 4
SPEAKING IN TONGUES...
TO EDIFY SELF, BODY OF CHRIST AND FOR INTERCESSION
AUTHORITY
POWER
WHYS
WARFARE
FEAR OF GOD-FEAR OF MAN
TRIALS AND TESTINGS AND THE FLESH
SUFFERING/PERSECUTION
DEATH-PREMATURE, LONG LIFE
SPIRITS-TERRESTRIAL, CELESTIAL
MINISTERING
MINISTRY
SYMBOLISM
FELLOWSHIP

BODY OF CHRIST
CORPORATE UNITY
TRAINING THE HUMAN SPIRIT
FRUIT OF SPIRIT
MEDITATION
GRACE
MERCY
WISDOM
SPIRITUAL LAWS VS NATURAL LAWS
WAITING ON GOD
BEING INSTANT IN SEASON OUT OF SEASON
FORGIVENESS
GIVING-MONEY MATTERS
THANKSGIVING
RULING/GOVERNMENT/ADMINISTRATIVE-HELPS
PRAYER
INTERCESSION
REVELATION
THE END/LAST DAYS
SECOND COMING
JUDGMENT OF SAINTS, LOST, SATAN

Much of what is placed in this book is the result of over 25 years of ministering to believers in all stages of their growth. There are audio messages, and other books written that can further assist YOU. For further help coming to the knowledge (which means full participation) of the TRUTH contact me at:

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