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CORE VALUE: THE LEADING AND EMPOWERING OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

The Holy Spirit is the Spirit of God and the Spirit of Jesus. The "Lord is the Spirit." *

A. The indwelling presence of the Holy Spirit

He ... set his seal of ownership on us, and put his Spirit in our hearts as a deposit, guaranteeing what is to come. 2 Cor 1:21-22 Because you are sons, God sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, the Spirit who calls out, "Abba, Father." Gal 4:6

What are we assured of as believers?

What are the implications of the presence of the Holy Spirit in your life? What are the implications of your sonship?

B. The control by the Holy Spirit

Do not get drunk on wine, which leads to debauchery. Instead, be filled with the Spirit. Speak to one another with psalms, hymns and spiritual songs. Sing and make music in your heart to the Lord, Eph 5:18-19 (*Also Gal 5:22*)

What does being filled, being controlled by the Holy Spirit mean?

What are some indicators or characteristics that we are in His control?

C. The leading of the Holy Spirit.

Identify and comment on some of the different ways the Holy Spirit leads. How does He lead individuals? How does He lead a group? How does He lead you?

He gave him the plans of all that the Spirit had put in his mind for the courts of the temple of the LORD ... 1 Chr 28:12

You gave your good Spirit to instruct them ... Neh 9:20

Moved by the Spirit, he went into the temple courts... Luke 2:27

"In the last days, God says, I will pour out my Spirit on all people. Your sons and daughters will prophesy, your young men will see visions, your old men will dream dreams. Acts 2:17

I speak the truth in Christ-- I am not lying, my conscience confirms it in the Holy Spirit-- Rom 9:1

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

Teach me to do your will, for you are my God; may your good Spirit lead me on level ground. Ps 143:10

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

All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness, so that the man of God may be thoroughly equipped for every good work. 2 Tim 3:16-17
(*Also Neh 9:20; Jn 16:13*)

* 2 Cor 3:17

While they were worshiping the Lord and fasting, the Holy Spirit said, "Set apart for me Barnabas and Saul for the work to which I have called them." Acts 13:2

D. The Empowering by the Holy Spirit.

The Necessity

I am going to send you what my Father has promised; but stay in the city until you have been clothed with power from on high." Luke 24:49 *(Also Isa 11:2 Zech 4:6)*

Why is it necessary to be empowered?

What do we rely on or are likely to rely on other than the power of God?

The Function

What happens when we are empowered?

Identify some characteristics of an anointed ministry

The Spirit of the LORD will come upon you in power, and you will prophesy with them; and you will be changed into a different person. 1 Sam 10:6

till the Spirit is poured upon us from on high, and the desert becomes a fertile field, and the fertile field seems like a forest. Isa 32:15

The Spirit of the Sovereign LORD is on me, because the LORD has anointed me to preach good news to the poor. He has sent me to bind up the brokenhearted, to proclaim freedom for the captives and release from darkness for the prisoners, Isa 61:1

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

how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and power, and how he went around doing good and healing all who were under the power of the devil, because God was with him. Acts 10:38

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

because our gospel came to you not simply with words, but also with power, with the Holy Spirit and with deep conviction...your faith in God has become known everywhere ... 1Thes 1:5-9

I pray that out of his glorious riches he may strengthen you with power through his Spirit in your inner being, so that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith ... that you ... know this love that surpasses knowledge-- that you may be filled to the measure of all the fullness of God. Eph 3:16-19

E. Keeping in step with the Spirit

How do we keep in step with the Spirit? Keep being filled? Remain empowered?

For the sinful nature desires what is contrary to the Spirit, ... But if you are led by the Spirit, you are not under law. Since we live by the Spirit, let us keep in step with the Spirit. Gal 5:17-18;25

If you then, though you are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your Father in heaven give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him!" Luke 11:13

Blessed are those who have learned to acclaim you, who walk in the light of your presence, O LORD.

They rejoice in your name all day long; they exult in your righteousness. Ps 89:15-16 (*Also John 4:14;23-24; Is 12:2-3*)

Be joyful always; pray continually; give thanks in all circumstances, for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus. Do not put out the Spirit's fire; 1Thes 5:16-19 (*Also Eph 5:18-19, Ps 36:5-9*)

How does God want you to grow or deepen in the work of His Spirit in you and through you?