

# SPIRIT

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Philippians 1:6 – *“He who began a good work in you will carry it on to completion until the day of Christ Jesus.”*

- God completes His good work in us as we \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_ in it.

PRESENCE & POWER >>> PRACTICE & PURPOSE

### Strategy:

- Let the work of the Holy Spirit \_\_\_\_\_ into daily life.
- Intentionally and purposefully \_\_\_\_\_ the presence and power of God in every facet of life.
- Invite the Holy Spirit into \_\_\_\_\_.

### A Shift in Focus:

- The presence and power of the Spirit are something we \_\_\_\_\_.
- The practice and purpose of the Spirit are something we \_\_\_\_\_.
- All of them are something we \_\_\_\_\_ daily.

### Result:

- God’s presence and power become \_\_\_\_\_, noticeable, and sustainable in our lives.
- God’s presence and power \_\_\_\_\_ the way we think, talk, act, and live.
- Our values, priorities, time and attention get \_\_\_\_\_.
- Our values, priorities, time and attention \_\_\_\_\_ with God’s desires.

Ephesians 5:18 – *“Be filled with the Spirit.”*

- This means \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ – constantly!
- *“Always be in the state of being continually filled with the Spirit, every day of your life.”*

Matthew 7 & Luke 11 – *“Ask and it will be given to you; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you.”*

- When you ask and don’t think you’ve received, keep \_\_\_\_\_.
- When you seek and don’t think you’ve found, keep \_\_\_\_\_.
- When you’ve knocked and the door hasn’t been opened, keep \_\_\_\_\_.

## LISTENING TO THE SPIRIT

John 10:27 – *“My sheep \_\_\_\_\_ to my voice; I know them, and they follow me.”*

### What Jesus said about this:

John 14:26 – *“The Holy Spirit will teach you all things and will remind you of everything I have said to you.”*

John 15:26 – *“The Spirit of truth who goes out from the Father will testify about me.”*

John 16:13-14 – *“When the Spirit of truth comes, he will guide you into all the truth. He will not speak on his own; he will speak only what he hears, and he will tell you what is yet to come. He will glorify me because it is from me that he will receive what he will make known to you.”*

- The Spirit \_\_\_\_\_ us of what Jesus said.
- The Spirit \_\_\_\_\_ about Jesus.
- The Spirit \_\_\_\_\_ us into the truth.
- The Spirit receives truth from Jesus and \_\_\_\_\_ it to us.

**This means:** there is \_\_\_\_\_ message, \_\_\_\_\_ messenger, \_\_\_\_\_ voice.

Seven times in Revelation: “Whoever has ears, let them hear what the \_\_\_\_\_ says to the churches.”

- Is the Spirit speaking? What hinders this? How do we hear?

Hebrews 3:7-8 – *The Holy Spirit says: “Today, if you hear his voice, do not harden your hearts.”*

- Listening requires a \_\_\_\_\_ heart, an \_\_\_\_\_ heart, a \_\_\_\_\_ heart.

## LIVING IN THE SPIRIT

Romans 8 – *Those who live according to the flesh have their minds set on what the flesh desires; but those who live in accordance with the Spirit have their minds set on what the Spirit desires. The mind governed by the flesh is death, but the mind governed by the Spirit is life and peace. You, however, are not in the realm of the flesh but are in the realm of the Spirit, if indeed the Spirit of God lives in you.*

- Set our minds on / governs our minds = what we are \_\_\_\_\_ according to.
- If the Spirit of God lives in you: you are in the \_\_\_\_\_ of the Spirit.
- Living in the Spirit leads to: \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_.

Romans 8 – *If Christ is in you, then even though your body is subject to death because of sin, the Spirit gives life because of righteousness. And if the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead is living in you, he who raised Christ from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies because of his Spirit who lives in you.*

- The Spirit gives us \_\_\_\_\_ because of righteousness.
- The Spirit will also give life to our mortal \_\_\_\_\_.

Romans 8 – *And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to his purpose.*

- “All things work together for good” or “\_\_\_\_\_ all things God works for \_\_\_\_\_ good”?

## WALKING IN THE SPIRIT

Romans 8 – *Those who are led by the Spirit of God are the children of God.*

- Walking in the Spirit starts with being \_\_\_\_\_ by the Spirit.

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

- Living in the Spirit \_\_\_\_\_ to walking in the Spirit.

Galatians 5:16-17 – *Walk by the Spirit, and you will not gratify the desires of the flesh. For the flesh desires what is contrary to the Spirit, and the Spirit what is contrary to the flesh. They are in conflict with each other, so that you are not to do whatever you want.*

- Walking involves: purposeful \_\_\_\_\_, a healthy pace, movement towards \_\_\_\_\_ and maturity, learning how to follow well.
- Walking in the Spirit is the key to not gratifying our sinful \_\_\_\_\_.

- The result: we don't do whatever \_\_\_\_ want – we do what the \_\_\_\_\_ leads us to do!

**Progression in the Spirit:** \_\_\_\_\_ > \_\_\_\_\_ > \_\_\_\_\_ > \_\_\_\_\_ > \_\_\_\_\_

## **PRODUCING THE FRUIT OF THE SPIRIT**

Galatians 5:22-24 – *The fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, perseverance, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control. Against such things there is no law. Those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires.*

- The fruit of the Spirit describe the nature and character of \_\_\_\_\_.
- Jesus produces his nature and character in us by His \_\_\_\_\_ in us.
- To produce spiritual fruit, it is necessary to crucify the \_\_\_\_\_.

Ephesians 5:8-9 – *You were once darkness, but now you are light in the Lord. Live as children of light (for the fruit of the light consists in all goodness, righteousness and truth) and find out what pleases the Lord.*

- We are children of \_\_\_\_\_, so we are commanded to \_\_\_\_\_ what we are.
- What the light in us produces when we live it: \_\_\_\_\_, righteousness and \_\_\_\_\_.
- Then we will find out what \_\_\_\_\_ the Lord.

## **RESPOND**

- Invite the Holy Spirit to come, refresh, fill
- Listen to the Spirit
- Set our mind on what the Spirit desires
- Be honest, confess struggles, ask for the Spirit's help
- Commit to the practice of the Spirit
- Pray for each other