

A GIFT INDEED: THE PRESENCE & POWER OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

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1 John 5:7

7 For there are three that bear witness in heaven: the Father, the Word, and the Holy Spirit; and these three are one.

Knowing who He is and know what He is able to do is important for every believer.

As believers, we must be:

1.AWARE OF HIS PRESENCE

- a. Jesus said that the Advocate, the Comforter, the Parakletos (in the Greek), the Spririt of Truth, the Helper, the Spirit of God would come and dwell among us.
- b. Just like Jesus informed His disciples that the Helper would come, we must know that He is with those who believe.

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- c. When we are not aware of His presence, we can be overtaken by what we experience in life. It can affect us emotionally, physically, mentally and relationally when we are not aware that the Presence of God is with us.
- d. When we are aware that He is with us, He'll give us the boldness to walk into what God has for us because He will lead us and guide us. He will show us what we need to see and tell us what we need to know.
- e. When we don't know He's there, we allow ourselves to put Him in position to be grieved, but when we know He's there we can have access to what He has available to us. What He gives us is **POWER**.

2. AWAKEN TO HIS POWER

- a. When we are aware of His presence, we can access His power.

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- b. We've always heard that, "knowledge is power." The Holy Spirit will give you what you need to know so that you can live beyond the powers that are working against you.

Acts 1:8

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 Judaea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth.

- c. Power enables you to operate in a greater capacity. What you were limited to do by yourself, because the Holy Spirit is with you, you can operate that greater capacity.
- d. This is the same power that created this world is the same power that's available to you.

Genesis 1:1-2

In the beginning God created the heaven and the earth.

² And the earth was without form, and void; and darkness was upon the face of the deep. And the Spirit of God moved upon the face of the waters.

- e. When we are aware of His presence, we can be awakened to see His power move in our lives just like it did in the beginning.

- f. The Power of God is not just for church, but you can access His power at your job, at your home and in your relationships.
- g. When the power of the Holy Spirit shows out, it will change you or the situation.
- h. He'll give you power to pray on another level. He'll give you power to see beyond the visible. He'll give you power to speak those things that be not as though they are.

As believers, Pentecost Sunday gives us the opportunity to celebrate the presence and power of the Holy Spirit living inside of us. When we are aware

STIR UP THE GIFT

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2 Timothy 1:3-6

³ I thank God, whom I serve with a pure conscience, as *my* forefathers *did*, as without ceasing I remember you in my prayers night and day, ⁴ greatly desiring to see you, being mindful of your tears, that I may be filled with joy, ⁵ when I call to remembrance the genuine faith that is in you, which dwelt first in your grandmother Lois and your mother Eunice, and I am persuaded is in you also. ⁶ Therefore I remind you to stir up the gift of God which is in you through the laying on of my hands.

STIR UP THE GIFT

There is a GIFT in you.

When you were saved, you received the Holy Spirit and He has released a gift or gifts into your life.

These gifts are given not just for religious context, but so that God can be glorified and the people of God can be edified.

Ephesians 4:7-8

⁷ But to each one of us grace was given according to the measure of Christ's gift. ⁸ Therefore He says:

*"When He ascended on high,
He led captivity captive,
And gave gifts to men."*

There are some truths we must understand about our gift.

1. OUR GIFT IS IMPORTANT TO GOD

- a. The gift, although it is given to you, it's not yours to do as you please with it, it is God's and He has given it to you to steward.
- b. When it comes to the gift we have been given, we are managers not owners.
- c. God will hold us accountable for how we use our gift.

Matthew 25:14-30

¹⁴ "For *the kingdom of heaven* is like a man traveling to a far country, *who* called his own servants and delivered his goods to them. ¹⁵ And to one he gave five talents, to another two, and to another one, to each according to his own ability; and immediately he went on a journey.

¹⁶ Then he who had received the five talents went and traded with them, and made another five talents. ¹⁷ And likewise he who *had received* two gained two more also.

¹⁸ But he who had received one went and dug in the ground, and hid his lord's money. ¹⁹ After a long time the lord of those servants came and settled accounts with them.

²⁰ "So he who had received five talents came and brought five other talents, saying, 'Lord, you delivered to me five talents; look, I have gained five more talents besides them.' ²¹ His lord said to him, 'Well *done*, good and faithful servant; you were faithful over a few things, I will make you ruler over many things. Enter into the joy of your lord.' ²² He also who had received two talents came and said, 'Lord, you delivered to me two talents; look, I have gained two more talents besides them.' ²³ His lord said to him, 'Well *done*, good and faithful servant; you have been faithful over a few things, I will make you ruler over many things. Enter into the joy of your lord.'

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your talent in the ground. Look, *there* you have *what is yours*.'

²⁶ "But his lord answered and said to him, 'You wicked and lazy servant, you knew that I reap where I have not sown, and gather where I have not scattered seed. ²⁷ So you ought to have deposited my money with the bankers, and at my coming I would have received back my own with interest. ²⁸ So take the talent from him, and give *it* to him who has ten talents.

²⁹ 'For to everyone who has, more will be given, and he will have abundance; but from him who does not have, even what he has will be taken away. ³⁰ And cast the unprofitable servant into the outer darkness. There will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.'

2. OUR GIFT IS TO BE USED

- a. The third servant was called wicked and lazy, not because he was egregious in character, but because he didn't use the gift that God had given him.
- b. Our gift should be a gift and not a hidden treasure. We should willingly and bountifully use the gift that God has graced us to have.
- c. Our willingness to use our gift will enable God to give us opportunity to use it more frequently.
- d. In order to properly use our gift, we must be committed to stirring it up.

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- e. When the gift is stirred, we are able to see God use us in a mighty way.
- f. God has entrusted your gift to you and to who he has used to recognize the gift on your life.

3. OUR GIFT WILL GROW OR IT WILL GO

- a. This is not a scare tactic, but it's a truth that we must face concerning our gift. Either our gift will live by us using it or it will die by us not using it.
- b. Jesus warned us in this parable that what we don't appreciate from the Father can be taken from us. We must be willing to do what we have to so that we can make the most of what we have been given.
- c. It's not a competition about who has the most, but it's the principle and practice of using what you've been given.

Matthew 25:20-23

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1 Corinthians 12:1-11

Now concerning spiritual *gifts*, brethren, I do not want you to be ignorant: ² You know that you were Gentiles, carried away to these dumb idols, however you were led. ³ Therefore I make known to you that no one speaking by the Spirit of God calls Jesus accursed, and no one can say that Jesus is Lord except by the Holy Spirit.

⁴ There are diversities of gifts, but the same Spirit. ⁵ There are differences of ministries, but the same Lord. ⁶ And there are diversities of activities, but it is the same God who works all in all. ⁷ But the manifestation of the Spirit is given to each one for the profit *of all*: ⁸ for to one is given the word of wisdom through the Spirit, to another the word of knowledge through the same Spirit, ⁹ to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healings by the same Spirit, ¹⁰ to another the working of miracles, to another prophecy, to another discerning of spirits, to another *different* kinds of tongues, to another the interpretation of tongues. ¹¹ But one and the same Spirit works all these things, distributing to each one individually as He wills.

A GIFT INDEED: LET HIM WORK

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God gave us His Spirit in order to help, hold and to heal us while we are living our lives awaiting the return of Christ.

Although we may find ourselves dealing with issues that seem insurmountable in our lives, because we have the Holy Spirit, He will empower us to make it through, but we have to be willing to LET HIM WORK.

For those who are saved, He's working in you.

He's renewing you

He's reforming you

He's reconstructing you, but we must be submissive to His leading and LET HIM WORK.

Our resources are finite, but His resources are infinite.

Our rationale is futile, but His rationale is eternal.

Our reasoning will fail, but His reasoning will outlast time.

God gave us Jesus to save us, but He's also given us the Holy Spirit to work in our lives so that we are not defeated by what we experience in this life.

We must be willing to LET HIM WORK in our lives so that we can please God with our lives.

Galatians 5:16-18

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There's a battle that's going on within you. God wants to lead you by His Spirit and your flesh wants to lead you by its lust.

We must be willing to let the Spirit lead and we must be willing to crucify our flesh and allow the Spirit to be in control.

Romans 8:6

⁶ For to be carnally minded *is* death, but to be spiritually minded *is* life and peace.

The Holy Spirit wants to work in your life, but He will not violate your will. He will not push you, but He will lead you if you want to follow.

Ephesians 4:25-32

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He can work that situation out, but we can't allow our emotions and experiences to get in the way.

If we let him work, we can see His power avail much in our lives.

The Holy Spirit can work out your external situation, but His main objective is working out your internal situation so that you can thrive through your external situation.

He wants to lead, guide and empower you to become more like Christ. This is the you at your most elevated level.

If we LET HIM WORK we will:

1.STEP INTO OUR ADVANTAGE

- a. When God gave you His Spirit, He gave you an advantage.
- b. The Spirit will lead, guide and direct you so that you don't go in the direction of your emotions and experiences, but in the direction that will lead you to what God has for your life.

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2.SEE THE TRUTH

- a. His Spirit is referred to as the Spirit of Truth. He will show and expose you to truth.
- b. The Spirit of God is an intelligent Spirit, not an emotional experience. He will reveal unto you truth so that we are not those who are driven by every wind of doctrine.
- c. Truth is important because the enemy will attempt to confuse you with a lie in order to deceive you out of your promise.

John 16:13

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3.SURVIVE & THRIVE IN EVERY SEASON

- a. Seasons come and seasons go, but you don't have to be shaken by the season. The Holy Spirit will cause you to thrive in every season that you may experience.
- b. Because He's God, He knows what you have, are and will experience and He has a plan for you to survive and thrive in every season that you may experience.

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A GIFT INDEED: WALK THIS WAY

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Galatians 5:16-22

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¹⁹ Now the works of the flesh are evident, which are: adultery, fornication, uncleanness, lewdness, ²⁰ idolatry, sorcery, hatred, contentions, jealousies, outbursts of wrath, selfish ambitions, dissensions, heresies, ²¹ envy, murders, drunkenness, revelries, and the like; of which I tell you beforehand, just as I also told *you* in time past, that those who practice such things will not inherit the kingdom of God. ²² But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, ²³ gentleness, self-control. Against such there is no law. ²⁴ And those *who are* Christ's have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires. ²⁵ If we live in the Spirit, let us also walk in the Spirit.

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We've been discussing how the Holy Spirit is a gift indeed that the Father has given us in order that we might have the ability to live with an advantage while we await the return of Christ.

As we discussed in our last installment Let Him Work, we must be willing to allow the Holy Spirit to have His way in our lives. When we do, He will enable us to live a life that pleases the Lord.

We need Him because OUR FLESH IS A MESS.

Your flesh wants to do those things that goes against God's will for your life.

Your flesh wants to be proud and arrogant.

Your flesh wants to get revenge.

Your flesh wants to hate and be greedy.

If we are going to please God with our lives, then we must WALK THIS WAY.

Paul tells the church at Galatia to WALK IN THE SPIRIT.

Galatians 5:16

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Lust: epithymeo (desire; long for; lust for)

There are some things that our flesh long to do, but when we walk in the Spirit, we are able to be free from the lust of our flesh.

God can't use you in your lust. We must be willing to let the Holy Spirit lead us so that our lust won't rob us of what God has for us.

When we let our flesh lead, we find ourselves far from what God intended for our lives.

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When we walk in our flesh, we produce what will destroy our peace, power and possibility. We must put to death the deeds and desires of our flesh and desire to walk in the Spirit.

Paul urges the people of God here in Galatia to Walk in the Spirit because there were those who were causing the people to go back to the law and resist the message of grace.

Paul's doctrine of grace is dangerous!" cried the Judaizers. "It replaces Law with license. Why, if we do away with our rules and abandon our high standards, the churches will fall apart."

First-century Judaizers are not the only ones afraid to depend on God's grace. Legalists in our churches today warn that we dare not teach people about the liberty we have in Christ lest it result in religious anarchy. These people misunderstand Paul's teaching about grace, and it is to correct such misunderstanding that Paul wrote the final section of his letter

Paul encourages the church to WALK THIS WAY, In the Spirit because it will give them the ability to see what God has for them come to pass in their lives.

This is a choice for the believer. We can walk in our flesh or we can walk in the Spirit.

When we walk this way:

1. WE EXPERIENCE LIBERTY

- a. Christ came to set us free from the curse of the law and the penalty of sin and death.
- b. When we choose to walk in our flesh or according to the law we put ourselves in bondage.

Romans 8:1-2

There is therefore now no condemnation to those who are in Christ Jesus, who do not walk according to the flesh, but according to the Spirit. ² For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus has made me free from the law of sin and death.

- c. When we walk in the Spirit we are free. The bonds of guilt, shame and condemnation are broken and we can walk in the power of God.

2. WE EVADE THE LUST OF THE FLESH

- a. When we walk in the Spirit, we are able to be free from the lust of our flesh.
- b. We were born in sin and shaped in iniquity. In other words, we are naughty by nature, but that's way we must be born again. When we are born again, the Holy Spirit comes in and enables us to live a life free from the lust of our flesh.

Galatians 5:17-21

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3. WE ENJOY THE FRUIT OF THE SPIRIT

- a. The flesh has lust, but the Spirit will produce fruit. Those things that will enable us to please God and bless people.
- b. Fruit nourish, fruit produces more fruit and fruit is a blessing. The Spirit will always cause you to be a blessing to world and He will produce within you those attributes that will enable you to do so.

Galatians 5:22

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A GIFT INDEED: WALK THIS WAY PT.2

Ephesians 5:17-24

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Ephesians 5:1-2

Therefore be imitators of God as dear children. 2 And walk in love, as Christ also has loved us and given Himself for us, an offering and a sacrifice to God for a sweet-smelling aroma.

Throughout his epistles, Paul encourages the believers of Jesus to WALK.

Paul often refers to our walk as believers. Our walk is how we live.

Walking is how you get around. It's how you move in life.

We walk by faith and not by sight. 2 Cor. 5:7

Walk in the Spirit. Galatians 5:17

Walk worthy of the call of which you've been called. Eph. 4:1

Walk in Love. Ephesians 5:2

Walk circumspectly. Eph. 5:

Walk in the light. Eph 5

I believe that he uses this comparison, because all of us are acquainted with walking.

Walking is the most standard form of movement for humans.

Just like walking in the natural, walking in the Spirit is has the same characteristics.

In order to walk, you must have:

1. The appropriate parts
2. The ability to stand
3. An applicable teacher
4. An assurance that you can

Walking in the Spirit is an intentional decision for the believer. Although He's there and present, we must make the decision to let Him lead us.

Paul, here in our text, is urging and instructing the believers at Ephesus on how to walk.

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He tells the believers to WALK.

Don't WALK like the rest of the Gentiles

Walk in Love

Walk in Wisdom

Walk as Children of Light

Walk in the Spirit

When we WALK THIS WAY, He will:

1.IMPACT OUR LIVES WITH WISDOM

Ephesians 5:15-16

¹⁵ See then that you walk circumspectly, not as fools but as wise, ¹⁶ redeeming the time, because the days are evil.

- a. Solomon said, Wisdom is the principal thing. We must be willing to get wisdom so that we can govern our lives accordingly.
- b. Knowledge is powerful, but wisdom is essential. Wisdom is knowledge applied.

- c. When we have wisdom, we sidestep setbacks and maneuver around mistakes because we have what we need to not get caught up.

2.INFORM US OF HIS WILL

Ephesians 5:17-18

¹⁷ Therefore do not be unwise, but understand what the will of the Lord is. ¹⁸ And do not be drunk with wine, in which is dissipation; but be filled with the Spirit,

- a. When we know the will of the Lord is, we walk with confidence and conviction.
- b. Knowing the will of the Lord exposes the plot and schemes that the enemy has set against our lives.
- c. When we know His will, we know who, what, when and where. Knowing the will of the Lord sets us apart from those who are trying to figure it out.

3.INSPIRE HOW WE INTERACT WITH GOD AND HIS PEOPLE

Ephesians 5:19-21

¹⁹ speaking to one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody in your heart to the Lord, ²⁰ giving thanks always for all things to God the Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, ²¹ submitting to one another in the fear of God.

- a. When we walk this way, we will be empowered to approach God in a way that pleases Him and approach people in a way that creates fellowship and not division.
- b. The Fruit of the Spirit comes alive in us because we are allowing the Spirit to lead us.

WHEN HE LEADS

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Psalm 23:1-3

¹The Lord *is* my shepherd; I shall not want.

²He makes me to lie down in green pastures;
He leads me beside the still waters.

³He restores my soul;
He leads me in the paths of righteousness
For His name's sake.

WHEN HE LEADS

We've been discussing how the Holy Spirit is a gift indeed that the Father has given us in order that we might have the ability to live with an advantage while we await the return of Christ.

Here in Psalm 23, we find David's testimony about what happened in His life because he allowed God to lead his life.

David uses the analogy of a shepherd and sheep in order to help us understand how he allowed God to lead his life.

David understood the dynamic of the shepherd and sheep relationship because he was a shepherd who led and cared for sheep.

David understood that SHEEP NEEDED THE SHEPHERD. It wasn't a casual relationship, but it was a necessary relationship.

If the sheep were going to be cared for and provided for, they would need to have a caring and watchful shepherd leading them.

David lets us know that his Shepherd was God and he testifies that because God is his Shepherd that his needs would not go unmet.

Psalm 23:1

¹The Lord *is* my shepherd; I shall not want.

The job of the shepherd is to take care of the sheep. The job of the sheep is to follow the shepherd.

If we are going to experience the intensions of the Shepherd, we must be willing to follow His lead.

The Shepherd has intensions for you.

He wants to give you peace

He wants to give you joy

He wants you to walk in purpose

He wants to bless your life

He wants you to be holy

He wants you to be a blessing

Jeremiah 29:11

¹¹ For I know the thoughts that I think toward you, says the LORD, thoughts of peace and not of evil, to give you a future and a hope.

Psalm 42:16

¹⁶ I will bring the blind by a way they did not know;
I will lead them in paths they have not known.
I will make darkness light before them,
And crooked places straight.
These things I will do for them,
And not forsake them.

Sometimes, as sheep, we tend to go our own way, but the shepherd doesn't give up on us, but he follows after us to bring us back to the fold.

The best position for the sheep is to FOLLOW THE SHEPHERD. The sheep must be willing to let the shepherd lead.

Psalm 23:2-3

²He makes me to lie down in green pastures;
He leads me beside the still waters.
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When the Shepherd leads:

- The sheep will be safe
- The sheep will be provided for
- The sheep won't get caught up
- The sheep won't have to worry about predators

We must be willing to let the Shepherd lead because:

The Shepherd knows:

1.WHAT YOU NEED

- a. Everything that's attractive isn't authentic. The Shepherd won't ever lead you to something that won't sustain you.
- b. The Shepherd isn't necessarily thinking about your comfortability, He's concerned about your destiny. He wants you to accomplish and attain everything that He has for you.
- c. David's testimony is that the Lord knows what he needed.
- d. When you understand that the Lord knows what we need, it eradicates anxiety and worry because the Shepherd will provide.

2.WHERE YOU NEED TO BE

Psalm 23:2-6

² He makes me to lie down in green pastures;
He leads me beside the still waters.
³ He restores my soul;

He leads me in the paths of righteousness
For His name's sake.

⁴ Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,
I will fear no evil;
For You *are* with me;
Your rod and Your staff, they comfort me.

- a. Where you are and where you will be has been ordered by the Shepherd.
- b. If we follow the Shepherd He will take us where we need to be, so that we can learn what we need to learn, experience what will enrich and strength our lives and empower us with what He knows will be a blessing to us.
- c. Often time we thing we need to be on the mountain top, but the Shepherd knows that we need to be trained in the valley.
- d. We need to know that the Shepherd will never take us to a place that He can't see us through.
- e. The Shepherd leads the sheep to where they can find rest when they need rest, where they can find food when they need food, and where they can find shelter when they need shelter.
- f. If you follow Him, He'll take you where you need to be.

3.WHAT IT TAKES TO GET YOU TO YOUR DESTINY

Psalm 23:5-6

⁵ You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies;
You anoint my head with oil;
My cup runs over.

⁶ Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me
All the days of my life;
And I will dwell in the house of the Lord
Forever.

- a. There's a table that the Shepherd has prepared for you. If you follow Him, you are going to make it to your table.
- b. What you need to get to your table, the Shepherd will lead you through.

- c. We can't allow ourselves to get anxious or discouraged with the Shepherd's process and allow temptation to cause us to move out on our own. We must continually follow the lead of the Shepherd.
- d. When we get to our table, we will see that following the Shepherd was worth it.

IN THE DARK

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Romans 8:11

¹¹ But if the Spirit of Him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, He who raised Christ from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies through His Spirit who dwells in you. ¹² Therefore, brethren, we are debtors—not to the flesh, to live according to the flesh. ¹³ For if you live according to the flesh you will die; but if by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body, you will live. ¹⁴ For as many as are led by the Spirit of God, these are sons of God. ¹⁵ For you did not receive the spirit of bondage again to fear, but you received the Spirit of adoption by whom we cry out, “Abba, Father.” ¹⁶ The Spirit Himself bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God, ¹⁷ and if children, then heirs—heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ, if indeed we suffer with *Him*, that we may also be glorified together.

IN THE DARK

Everyday, every moment and in every situation, we must make a decision to follow the lead of the Spirit.

Even once we have made the decision we have made, we must make a decision to follow the lead of the Spirit.

Even when it’s dark all around us and it’s hard to see your way through, we must make a decision to follow even when it’s hard to see Him.

In the Dark:

1. You lose visibility
2. You are susceptible to what’s around you

3. Your movement is hindered

When it is dark, we will be tempted to feel our way around in order to get to where we need to be, but it's in these moments when we need to follow the Spirit.

When we follow the Spirit He will **ENLIGHTEN** us so that we can make it through the darkness we are facing.

Ephesians 4:14

¹⁴ Therefore He says:

"Awake, you who sleep,
Arise from the dead,
And Christ will give you light."

Darkness is only temporary until the light shows up. The Spirit brings
LIGHT
to our darkness.

He doesn't just want to lead you when you can see, but He wants to lead you through the darkness that you may encounter.

Being led by the Spirit could mean the difference between dwelling in the darkness and making progress towards your destiny.

God knows that way even when you can't see the way.

Even when It's dark in your life, if you follow the lead of the Spirit you will be able to overcome.

Romans 8:18

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

Romans 8:26-27

²⁶ Likewise the Spirit also helps in our weaknesses. For we do not know what we should pray for as we ought, but the Spirit Himself makes intercession for us with groanings which cannot be uttered.

²⁷ 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*.

PRAYER: THE KEY TO A SPIRIT LED LIFE

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Philippians 4:6-7

⁶ Be anxious for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication, with thanksgiving, let your requests be made known to God; ⁷ and the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus.

PRAYER: THE KEY TO A SPIRIT LED LIFE

When we are endeavoring to live a SPIRIT LED LIFE, we must understand that PRAYER is essential.

We learned that the flesh will fulfill its lust if we don't yield to the leading of the Spirit. The lust of the flesh will always leave us in shame, guilt and condemnation.

The Spirit will attempt to lead us, but we must be willing to allow Him to lead us. Without the Spirit leading us, we will succumb to what our flesh wants to do.

We must get a revelation on how key prayer is when we are desiring to be led by the Spirit.

We often hear the phrase, “there’s power in prayer.” This is an undoubtedly true statement, but the power in prayer is that a Holy God will get involved into your human affairs.

If you need Him to help? Pray.

If you need it to turn around? Pray.

If you need their heart to change? Pray.

If you need a breakthrough? Pray.

Prayer will make the difference in your life and in your situation.

If we are going to allow the Spirit to Lead us, we must be fervent in prayer.

Luke 18:1

Then He spoke a parable to them, that men always ought to pray and not lose heart,

James 5:13

13 Is anyone among you suffering? Let him pray.

Even in Luke 11:4, when Jesus taught His disciples to pray, He taught them to pray to be led.

Luke 11:2-4

² So He said to them, “When you pray, say:

Our Father in heaven,

Hallowed be Your name.

Your kingdom come.

Your will be done

On earth as *it is* in heaven.

³ Give us day by day our daily bread.

⁴ And forgive us our sins,

For we also forgive everyone who is indebted to us.

And do not lead us into temptation,

But deliver us from the evil one."

Paul tells the church at Philippi here to make prayer a priority in their lives because they will need to stay in a place where they can do what they were assigned to do.

Philippians 4:4-7

⁴ Rejoice in the Lord always. Again I will say, rejoice!

⁵ Let your gentleness be known to all men. The Lord *is* at hand.

⁶ Be anxious for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication, with thanksgiving, let your requests be made known to God; ⁷ and the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus.

Prayer is key because:

1.PRAYER CONNECTS US WITH HEAVEN, so that we can the divine guidance of the Spirit.

- a. Myles Munroe defined prayer as "man giving God the legal right and permission to interfere in earth's affairs."
- b. When we pray, we get God involved in what's going on in our lives.

Psalm 3:3

I cried to the LORD with my voice,
And He heard me from His holy hill.

2.PRAYER CONDITIONS OUR HEART, so we can be released to accept what the Spirit is Leading us to do.

- a. When we pray, it allows us the ability to accept the direction and guidance of the Spirit.
- b. Prayer enables us to deny the prompting of our flesh so that we can receive and walk in the will of God.

- c. Jesus in the Garden of Gethsemane didn't want to do what the sent to do in His human nature, but He prayed.

Mark 11:32-36

³² Then they came to a place which was named Gethsemane; and He said to His disciples, "Sit here while I pray." ³³ And He took Peter, James, and John with Him, and He began to be troubled and deeply distressed. ³⁴ Then He said to them, "My soul is exceedingly sorrowful, *even* to death. Stay here and watch."

³⁵ He went a little farther, and fell on the ground, and prayed that if it were possible, the hour might pass from Him. ³⁶ And He said, "Abba, Father, all things *are* possible for You. Take this cup away from Me; nevertheless, not what I will, but what You *will*."

3. PRAYER CONFIRMS THAT WE ARE WILLING TO TRUST HIM, so that we can see the best come out of whatever situation that we may encounter.

- a. Prayer is a function of our faith that allows God to know that we trust Him.

Mark 11:22-24

²² So Jesus answered and said to them, "Have faith in God. ²³ For assuredly, I say to you, whoever says to this mountain, 'Be removed and be cast into the sea,' and does not doubt in his heart, but believes that those things he says will be done, he will have whatever he says. ²⁴ Therefore I say to you, whatever things you ask when you pray, believe that you receive *them*, and you will have *them*."

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