



CITY CHAPEL SCHOOL OF MINISTRY

DISCIPLESHIP: LESSON 8 THE SPIRIT FILLED LIFE

Introduction

We will be examining and learning about the equipping that comes through the Holy Spirit. The biblical Disciple does not fit completely into any of the current church denominations on the Earth. The only place where the follower of Christ can be fully aligned is with the Scriptures. Therefore these series of teachings do not ascribe to any tradition except the Bible.

To understand our progression, we began by teaching on the importance of prayer and having an altar. We went on to examine the need to have not just the discipline of prayer but the space for meditation where scripture and the heart of God is revealed. The key common denominator in all of this is the Person of The Holy Spirit.

THE (GIFTS) OF THE SPIRIT

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

⁴ There are ^ddiversities 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 ^eall in all. ⁷ But the manifestation of the Spirit is given to each one for the profit of all: *1 Corinthians 12*

The proper interpretation of the first line in the original manuscript is; “now concerning pneumatikos, brethren, I do not want you to be ignorant”. The word ‘gift’ was added to try to capture the meaning of the sentence. Language and words can never fully capture the essence of God and spiritual things. That is why we need to meditate so that the Holy Spirit can explain Himself to your



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spirit or your heart. That is why the Bible talks about groanings that cannot be uttered. In other words, some things are beyond words.

So what Paul by the Spirit of God is saying in essence:

- Concerning how the Holy Spirit flows and operates, I don't want you to be ignorant
- You need to know about spiritual operations
- God is diverse and He operates in various wonderful ways
- Everyone can participate, no one is superior or special
- The 'gifts' are available for all
- They come from God and you are the channel
- You are spirit, you do not need to become spiritual to receive what the Holy Spirit has to offer people
- The 'gifts' are for others and you are the tap/faucet through which these spiritual dynamics flow
- You must have practical understanding to know spiritual dynamics

I AM THE VINE.

One of the best revelations you can have about how the Holy Spirit flows through Christians and blesses people is contained in this passage of scripture.

³ You are already clean because of the word which I have spoken to you. ⁴ Abide in Me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit of itself, unless it abides in the vine, neither can you, unless you abide in Me. ⁵ "I am the vine, you *are* the branches. He who abides in Me, and I in him, bears much fruit; for without Me you can do nothing. John 15

- You are the righteousness of God in Christ. You are clean
- You do not need to become anything, you already are
- The power to minister to others is not from you
- The power and life is from Him!



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- All you need to do is yield to Him
- The Life of God will flow through any believer in Christ.
- Out of your spirit will flow rivers of living water
- This comes from the Holy Spirit joined with your spirit
- We learnt this in Foundation School

THIS IS FOR EVERYONE!

When the gifts of the spirit are taught, the classic response of most Christians is that, these gifts are for the called and anointed of God and NOT for them. That's why God has gone to great lengths to explain that these are for you!

¹⁷ And it shall come to pass in the last days, God declares, that I will pour out of My Spirit upon **all** mankind, and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy [^btelling forth the divine counsels] and your young men shall see visions (^cdivinely granted appearances), and your old men shall dream [^ddivinely suggested] dreams.

¹⁸ Yes, and on My menservants also and on My maidservants in those days I will pour out of My Spirit, and they shall prophesy [^etelling forth the divine counsels and ^fpredicting future events pertaining especially to God's kingdom]. Acts 2

When the day of Pentecost had arrived, they were **all** together in one place. ² Suddenly a sound like that of a violent rushing wind came from heaven, and it filled the whole house where they were staying. ³ They saw tongues like flames of fire that separated and rested on **each one of them**. ⁴ Then they were **all** filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in different tongues, [^a] as the Spirit enabled them. Acts 2

- You are part of the ALL. Male, female, old, young, servants, everyone

And **I will pray the Father**, and He **will** give you another Helper, that He may abide with you forever—John 14:16

You do not need to pray, Jesus has prayed that you receive the Holy Spirit who will abide with you forever.



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THE 'NINE' GIFTS OF THE SPIRIT

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 ¹⁰ 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. 1 Corinthians 12

- Revelation Gifts – Word of Wisdom, Word of Knowledge, Discerning spirits
- Utterance Gifts – Prophecy, Tongues, Interpretation of Tongues
- Power Gifts – Faith, Miracles, Healings

THE VOICE OF GOD

We have dealt with the foundation of this during our teaching in foundation school.

¹⁷ But he who is joined to the Lord is one spirit with Him. 1 Cor 6:17

You are already connected to God once you have believed in Jesus Christ and have become born again. You do not need to beg God to speak with you, He is already communing with you. The key question is do you recognise His voice?

- SPIRIT – part of you that connects with God
- SOUL – centre of emotions, memories, mind
- BODY – outer casing necessary to live on Earth

One of the simple ways to help Christians know how to hear the voice of God is to illustrate that your soul transmits what it hears via your mind from your spirit. The brain is in two halves; the logical left side and the creative right side.

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Your left brain is logical, factual and reasons whilst your right brain is intuitive, creative and spontaneous in thought.

To flow more with the Holy Spirit, you need to stir up your spirit, quieten your mind and subdue your flesh. Learn to find space to do these and you will hear God clearly.

⁶ But you, when you pray, go into your room, and when you have shut your door, pray to your Father who *is* in the secret place; and your Father who sees in secret will reward you ^{1a} openly. Matt 6

He makes me to lie down in ^{1a} green pastures; He leads me beside the ^{1a} still waters. ³ He restores my soul; Psalm 23

⁶ Do not be anxious *or* worried about anything, but in everything [every circumstance and situation] by prayer and petition with thanksgiving, continue to make your [specific] requests known to God. ⁷ And the peace of God [that peace which reassures the heart, that peace] which transcends all understanding, [that peace which] stands guard over your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus [is yours]. Philippians 4

HOW TO RECOGNISE THE VOICE OF GOD

- Spontaneous word
- Spontaneous picture
- Spontaneous impression

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