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## HOLY SPIRIT POWER

We need to acknowledge the Holy Spirit's role in our lives.

### GOD'S SPIRIT POURED OUT

In the last days I will pour out My Spirit on all flesh. That's you!

**Joel 2:28-29** (NKJV) *“And it shall come to pass afterward That I will pour out My Spirit on all flesh; Your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, Your old men shall dream dreams, Your young men shall see visions. 29And also on My menservants and on My maidservants I will pour out My Spirit in those days.”*

- Fulfillment in Acts 2 (see verses 17-18)

This where the holy Spirit comes in as He is called to be our counselor, constant guide, and ever present help in times of trouble.

**John 14:26** (AMP) *But the Helper (Comforter, Advocate, Intercessor—Counselor, Strengthenener, Standby), the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in My name [in My place, to represent Me and act on My behalf], He will teach you all things. And He will help you remember everything that I have told you.*

**Psalms 46:1** (NKJV) *God is our refuge and strength, always ready to help in times of trouble.*

The question is... Do we trust His guidance in our lives? There are some things where the will of God is obvious like salvation "I would that all men were saved" **1 Timothy 2:4**. There are others where we need to trust Him. Such as when we are passed over for a job or promotion. Trust He has something better. Trust His guidance, counsel, and wisdom.

**Acts 1:8** (AMP) *“But you will receive power and ability when the Holy Spirit comes upon you; and you will be My witnesses [to tell people about Me] both in Jerusalem and in all Judea, and Samaria, and even to the ends of the earth.”*

### RUNNING DOWN GOD'S PLAN

Are we running down the things of God just like Elisha ran after Elijah after Elijah placed his mantle on him?

- Elisha wanted more! **1 Kings 19:16-21**
- Even then He wanted more. Elisha wanted a double portion of God's power.
  - **2 Kings 2:9** (NKJV) *And so it was, when they had crossed over, that Elijah said to Elisha, “Ask! What may I do for you, before I am taken away from you?” Elisha said, “Please let a double portion of your spirit be upon me.”*

### LIVING IN THE SUPERNATURAL IS TO LIVE ABOVE THE NATURAL.

Following the Holy Spirit should be an adventure.

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- It can be unexpected but fun and exciting at the same time because God only has good in store for us.
- **Jeremiah 29:11** *I know the plans I have for you, declares the Lord. Plans for good and not evil.*

**Acts 2:1-4** (AMP) *When the day of Pentecost had come, they were all together in one place, 2 and suddenly a sound came from heaven like a rushing violent wind, and it filled the whole house where they were sitting. 3 There appeared to them tongues resembling fire, which were being distributed [among them], and they rested on each one of them [as each person received the Holy Spirit]. 4 And they were all filled [that is, diffused throughout their being] with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues (different languages), as the Spirit was giving them the ability to speak out [clearly and appropriately].*

The area many Christians struggle with isn't the baptism but tongues.

### HIDDEN WISDOM

**1 Corinthians 14:2** (NLT) *For if you have the ability to speak in tongues, you will be talking only to God, since people won't be able to understand you. You will be speaking by the power of the Spirit, but it will all be mysterious.*

(AMP) *For one who speaks in an unknown tongue does not speak to people but to God; for no one understands him or catches his meaning, but by the Spirit he speaks mysteries [secret truths, hidden things].*

The Spirit will help you to pray about things you don't know about or how to pray about.

### RECEIVING THE HOLY SPIRIT AFTER RECEIVING CHRIST

**Acts 8:14-17** (NLT) *When the apostles in Jerusalem heard that the people of Samaria had accepted God's message, they sent Peter and John there. 15 As soon as they arrived, they prayed for these new believers to receive the Holy Spirit. 16 The Holy Spirit had not yet come upon any of them, for they had only been baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus. 17 Then Peter and John laid their hands upon these believers, and they received the Holy Spirit.*

### TONGUES COMES ALONG WITH THE BAPTISM IN HOLY GHOST

**Acts 10:44-47** (AMP) *While Peter was still speaking these words, the Holy Spirit fell on all those who were listening to the message [confirming God's acceptance of Gentiles]. 45 All the circumcised believers who came with Peter were amazed, because the gift of the Holy Spirit had been poured out even on the Gentiles. 46 For they heard them talking in [unknown] tongues (languages) and exalting and magnifying and praising God. Then Peter said, 47 "Can anyone refuse water for these people to be baptized, since they have received the Holy Spirit just as we did?"*

Many people treat the baptism of the Holy Spirit like it is a separate experience from receiving Jesus as Lord. Although it can happen that way it is not intended to be that way.

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One part about praying in the Holy Ghost (tongues) is you can't doubt your prayers because you aren't even aware what you are praying about.