

The Role of the Holy Spirit in the Life of a Disciple

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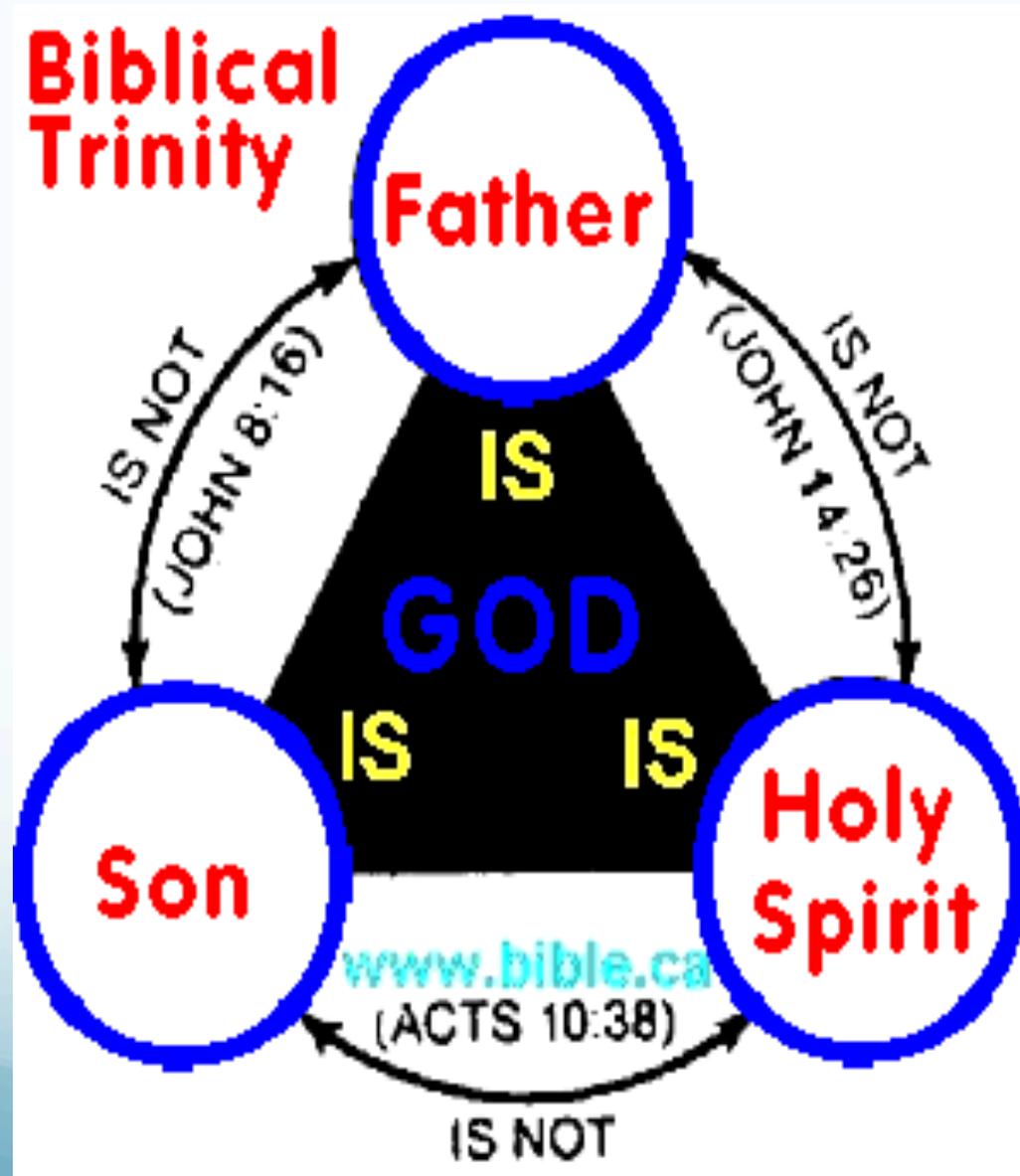


Questions

- **Who is the Holy Spirit?**
- **How do you receive the Holy Spirit?**
- **Is it possible to lose the indwelling of the HS?**
- **Why is He vital to living the Christian life?**
- **What is Divine Power?**
- **How to activate the power of God in you?**
- **How to remain connected to the source of power?**

Who is the Holy Spirit ?

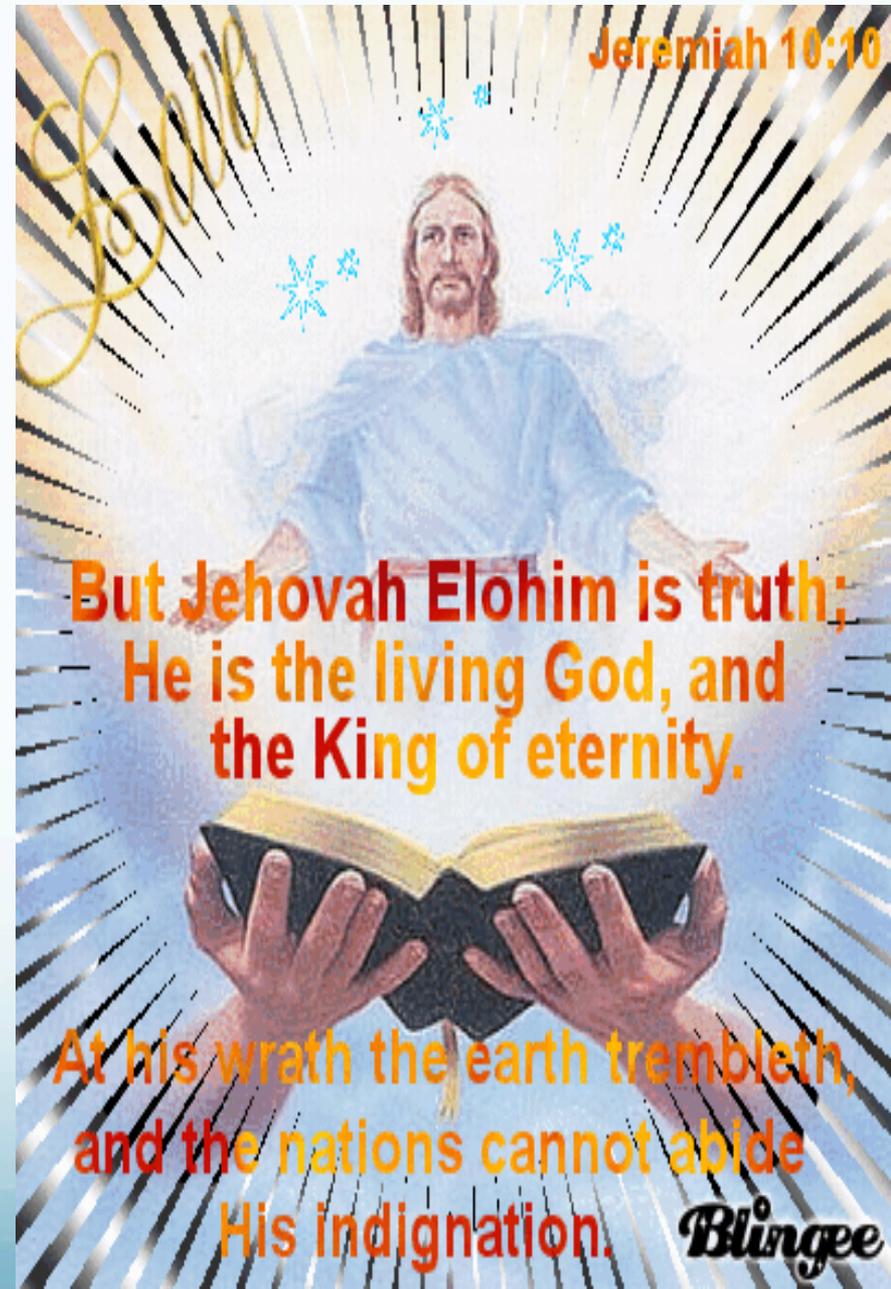
The Deity (Divinity) of the Holy Spirit



The scriptures testify to the fact that Holy Spirit is God **co-equal** with the **Father** and the **Son**, yet a distinct **person** in the eternal **Godhead**. 2 Cor 3:17; John 14:23; Acts 5: 3-5

- When Jesus ascended to heaven, the Holy Spirit became the primary manifestation of the Trinity on earth.

- THERE IS A **PLURALITY** OF PERSONS IN THE ONE GODHEAD
- Deut 6:4. The word for God used in “The Lord (Jehovah) our **God (Elohim)** is one Lord” should actually be translated Gods.
- Elohim (**plural for Gods**) is a masculine plural noun used 2,600 times in the Old Testament.



- In the New Testament, the Greek word translated as "Spirit" in the term "**Spirit of God**" is (pronounced) *new-mah*.
- "For all who are led by the Spirit "*new-mah*" "breath" of God are sons of God.

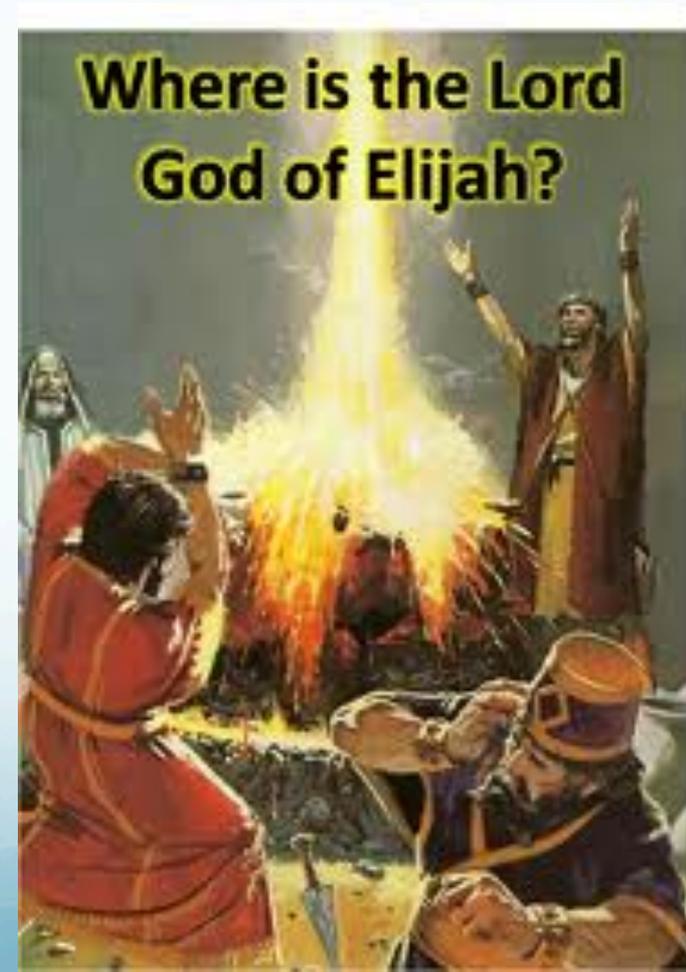


Genesis 2:7

Then the Lord God formed the man from the dust of the ground. He breathed the breath of life into the man's nostrils, and the man became a living person.

Dispensational Distinction

- Gideon: **Judges 6:33-34**
- Samson: **Judges 14:5-6**
- Elijah: **2 Kings 1:9-11**
- Christians-Paul: **Acts 9**



DISPENSATIONAL DISTINCTIONS

THE SPIRIT UNDER LAW		THE SPIRIT UNDER GRACE
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Figure 7.1

Divine Characteristics

- **Omnipresence (especially: He lives in all believers)** **Ps 139:7-12; John 14:17-18**
- **Omniscience** **1 Cor 2:10**
- **Grace** **Zechariah 12:10; Hebr. 10:29**
- **Holiness, Glory** **Romans 1:4; 1 Peter 4:14**
- **Life** **Romans 8:2,10; 2 Cor 3:6**
- **Love** **Romans 15:30; 2 Tim 1:7**

- **Unsearchable Greatness** **Isaiah 40:13**
- **Truth** **John 14:17; 15:26; 16:13; 1 John 5:6**
- **Omnipotent- Where the Spirit is, there is power** **Acts 1:8; 2 Tim 1:7; Romans 15:13,19**
- **Sovereignty** **John 3:8; 1 Cor 12:11**

The Holy Spirit is the Spirit of:

- **of God**
- **of the Living God**
- **of the Father**
- **of the Lord**
- **of the Lord God**
- **of the Lord Jesus**
- **of God's Son**
- **of Jesus Christ**
- **of Christ**

HS has personal feelings

- He can **be grieved** (Ephes 4:30).
- He can **insulted** (Heb 10:29).
- He can be **lied to** (Act 5:3)
- He can be **blasphemed**(Matt 12:31-32)
- He can be **resisted** (Acts 7:51),
- He can be **tempted** (Acts 6:9)
- He can be **vexed** (Isaiah 63:10)
- He can be **quenched** (1Thess 5:19)

*When Jesus came up out of the water, the heavens were opened and the **Spirit of God** in the form of a **dove** came down and lighted upon Him **Matt 3:17***

*"...**God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power**: who went about doing good, and healing all that were oppressed of the devil; for **God was with Him**" **Acts 10:38***

**The Holy Spirit Empowers Disciples to
Function(Acts 1:8)**

- To survive in this present wicked world, you need to move to another level of power, **baptism of the Holy Ghost.**
- It is dangerous for a disciple to go out on mission without the power of God.
- If you are not able to exercise control and overcome any negative power working against you, the devil will continually harass you.
- You will not be able resist pressure from the enemy- you will be weak in the altar of prayer.

What is Divine Power?





Greek Word for POWER “DUNAMIS”

“Dynamite” and Dynamic comes from this word.

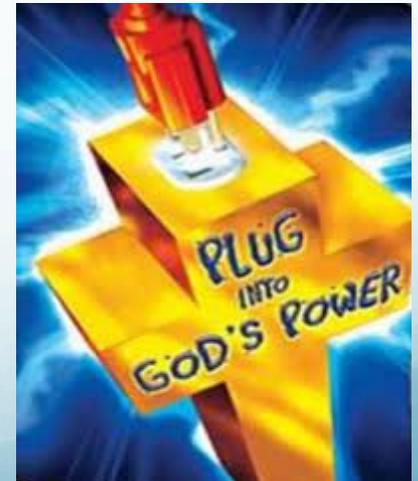
- STRENGTH, ABILITY, MIGHT, ELECTRICITY.

It makes an ordinary person do supernatural things.

Feeling powerless? Tap into the Christian's power source and live the Christian life to its fullest.



- **Divine Power:** Ex 7:10-12; Col 1:16
- Unquestionable power; **Dan 4:35; Isa 46:10**
- There are lesser Powers(principalities & powers)
- **Col 2:15** Jesus destroyed their powers and made a public spectacle of them.
- **NO DUPLICATE** Those who tried- naked and wounded. **Acts 19: 13-16**
- You cannot recite His name like magic.



Power to Witness

- Jesus tells us where you are to be a Witness for Him: Everywhere. **Acts 1:8 Acts 9:17-20**
- The text speaks of their **present location**: Jerusalem.
For you it is where you live.
Then it speaks of the **local area**
For you it might be the **county**
you live in.
Then it speaks of the **world**

Power to Preach

- When Jesus had called the Twelve together, he gave them **power and authority** to drive out all demons and to cure diseases, and he sent them out to **preach** the kingdom of God and to heal the sick:
Luke 9:1-6
- Three thousand converts from one sermon: **Acts 2:40-41**

Power to Heal

The Holy Spirit empowers disciples to **perform acts of faith greater** than their own physical capabilities .



- Peter's Shadow **Acts 5:14-16,**
- Lame man- **Acts 3:1-11**
- Paul (Extraordinary miracles)**Acts 19:11-12**

The Power to love

- Intercessory power
- To love the unlovable **1 Corin 13:2**

- Lydia **Acts 16:14-15**
- Martha- **Luke 10:38**



The **Biblical Symbols** for the Holy Spirit are essential to our gaining an understanding of Him.

DOVE

It represents Purity, Beauty, **Gentleness** and Peace, the **nature** and **character** of the Holy Spirit.

A **Dove** was seen at Jesus' baptism. It is a **Symbol** of the Holy Spirit, who lives with us and helps us. **Mat 3:16**



FIRE

Fire symbolises the **holiness** of God whereby the Holy Spirit is sent forth in judgement to **purge, purify** and **enliven** with zeal. **Matt 3:11; Acts 2:3**



The Holy Spirit is
a fire
impassioning us
to overcome evil.

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WATER

Holy Spirit symbolised as
Water speaks of **life-giving**
flow which **refreshes** and
satisfies. It also speaks of
washing, cleansing, and
fruitfulness. John 7:38,39;
Psalm 72:6

“ He that believeth on me,
..... out of his belly shall
flow rivers of **living water** ”
John 7:38



Water

DEW

Spiritual dryness – remedied by the dew of the Holy Spirit

- **Just like when water vapor becomes liquid water.**
- **Holy Spirit resides in all of us. Some of us choose to let Him do His work and some of us choose to ignore Him.**
- **When He becomes evident in our life, things**



WIND

- The Greek and Hebrew words translated “spirit” (*pneuma* and *ruach*) are also translated either “wind” or “breath.”
- Both the words wind and breath are also used in close conjunction with the **Holy Spirit** as can be seen from these text:
- “*And when the day of Pentecost was fully come, they were all with one accord in one place. And suddenly there came a sound from heaven as of a mighty rushing wind, and it filled all the house where they were sitting . . . and they were all filled with the holy spirit.*” – **Acts 2:1,2,4**

THE NUMBER 7

- **Number 7** is used in relation to the Holy Spirit.
- it appears approximately **600** times.
- Seven denotes **spiritual perfection**.
- It means divine fullness, **completeness** and totality.
- It comes from a Hebrew word meaning "to be full" to be satisfied.

Examples

- The following examples show the **symbolic truth** of the Spirit's work.
- **Seven Lamps- Rev 1:3; 4:5-** Illumination & Revelation.
- **Seven Horns- Rev 5:6** Horns are symbolic of power and defence. Seven horns speak of **omnipotence**; the Spirit
- **Seven Eyes -Rev 5:6; Zech 3:9** eyes are symbolic of **sight, insight**, even perception. Seven eyes speak of the **Spirit's omniscience**.

How to Receive the Infilling

- You must be Born Again **Acts 2:38-39**
- The Indwelling is received at Conversion as a result of repentance **Acts 2:4; Acts 22:16**
- Jesus administers it **Luke 3:16**
- Being involved in Spiritual Endeavors-Praying, Praising God.

Paul gives examples of **reciting Psalms, singing hymns** and **spiritual songs**, giving thanks to God for all things, and being subject to one another.

What to Do – Believe in Him

If we accept Christ **and the Holy Spirit** dwells in us Why then do some lack Power?

The answer for many is **Belief** and **Surrender** your life to Jesus- do we really believe God can accomplish what He promises in His word? **Heb 11:6.**

*In whom ye also trusted, after that ye heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation: in whom also after that ye believed, ye were sealed with that **Holy Spirit** of promise **Ephes 1:13;. Acts 5:32***



Do you know that
GOD'S SPIRIT
dwells in you?

1Corinthians**3:16**

Is it Possible to lose the HS ?

- God will not take the Holy Spirit away from a believer
Rom 11:29
- But the continual practice of **sin will disconnect you.**
- Lack of **spiritual activities** will lead to a life that is no different than the life of a **non-believer.**



- When we **deliberately sin**, we are not walking with the Spirit.
- When we do sin, our **conscience testifies** that we are not in the Spirit, so we lose the **peace** of walking with the Spirit.
- A good example of losing a sense of the Holy Spirit's peace comes from **David's 51st Psalm**.



Connected

Disconnect

Reconnect

When David sinned by committing adultery with Bathsheba, he sensed this loss and pleaded with God to help him **and to not take the Holy Spirit away from him.**

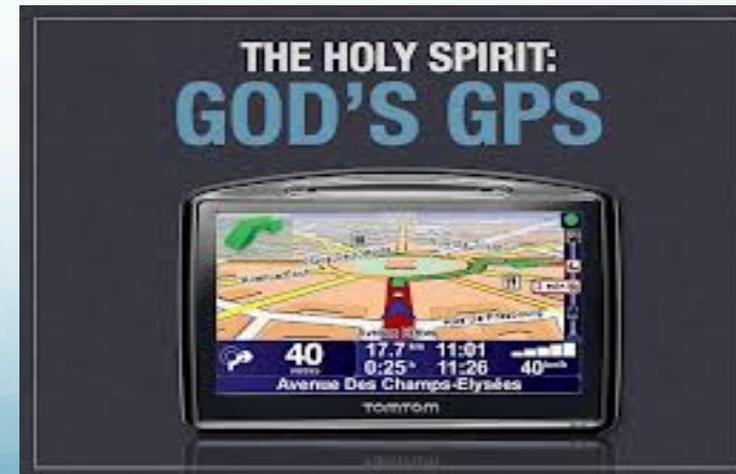
Confession (agreeing with God that we were wrong) and repentance (turning from our sin) will **put us back into fellowship with the Holy Spirit.**

**The Holy Spirit has many
functions, roles and activities.**

The Holy Spirit in the life of a D

- The **New Birth** is brought about by the Holy Spirit **Jn 3:5-6**
- The Holy Spirit **indwells** the believer's spirit **Rom 8:9**
- The Holy Spirit **imparts Life** **John 6:63**
- The Holy Spirit **empowers** the believer to witness **Acts 1:8**

- The Holy Spirit **CONVICTS US OF SIN** **John 16:8**
- The Holy Spirit **TEACHES US** **John 14:26**
- The Holy Spirit **INSTRUCTS AND GUIDES US**
- The Holy Spirit **(reprimands)** **John 16:8-11**
- The Holy Spirit **PRAYS** and make intercession **Rom 8:26**



The Fruit-Producer

- The **Spirit** also functions as **fruit-producer** in our lives. When He **indwells** us.
- He does the work of harvesting His fruit in our lives—love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control **Gal 5:22-23**
- These are **not works of our flesh**, which is incapable of producing such fruit, but they are products of the Spirit's presence in our lives.

The Fruit of the Spirit

The **godly characteristics** that develop in man as a consequence of receiving God's Spirit are known as the *'fruit of the Spirit'*.

It is the expression of our **renewed nature** as it is seen by others.



- Apostle Paul refers to the **nine** ‘fruit of the Spirit’ as one segment every believer must possess.
- One cannot say he has the ‘**fruit of joy**’ and therefore does not need the ‘**fruit of gentleness**’
- The ‘fruit’ is a unified body that contains nine virtues. If **one of the virtues is missing**, then we do not have the fruit of the Spirit.



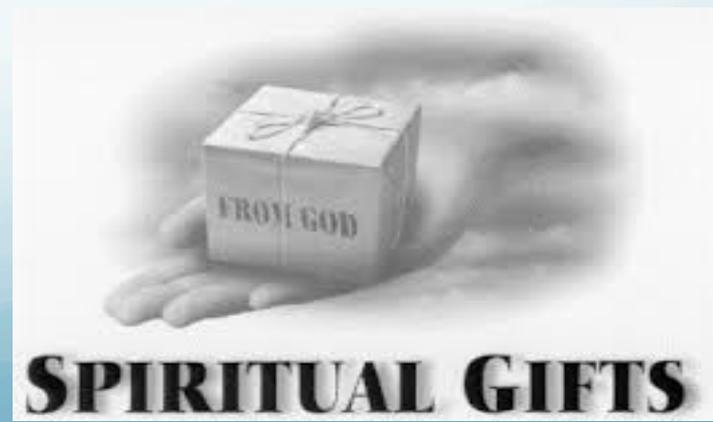
- We need to do **regular “fruit-checks,”** because developing the “fruit of the Spirit” lays the proper foundation needed to operate in the things of God.
- You can be actively serving, yet **refuse** to deal with character issues.
- Too many believers have become **“professional Christians.”** We have become **skilled at praising** the Lord in church services, and then doing whatever we feel like doing afterwards.

Gift Giver

- One of the Holy Spirit's **roles** is that of **gift-giver**.
- Spiritual gifts are given to believers **in order that we may function** as the body of Christ on earth.
- All these gifts both great and small are given by the Spirit so that we may be His **ambassadors** to the world. Showing forth His **grace** and **glorifying** Him.



- The purpose of Spiritual gifts is to **perfect** the saints.
- **Edify** the body, **not for gaining a following** which many do through **private interpretations** of prophecy or doctrine.
- They are tools given to us to **stimulate faith** in others and minister to them.



*There is nothing wrong in desiring **spiritual gifts** but developing the **fruit of God's Spirit**, especially love should take precedence.*

*With a foundation of love the **spiritual tools** that God has given us can be used in the **right attitude**.*



- **Hunger** and thirst after **righteousness**: for they shall be filled **Matt 5:6**.
- **Ask** Him-If ye then, being evil, know how to give good gifts unto your children: **HOW MUCH MORE SHALL YOUR HEAVENLY FATHER GIVE THE HOLY SPIRIT TO THEM THAT ASK HIM** **Luke 11:11-13**.



CONCLUSION

- Infilling of the Holy Spirit is the mark of a disciple (Eph 5:18).
- Keep Walking in the Holy Spirit (Gal 5:16).
- Follow the Leading of the Holy Spirit (Rom 8:14).
- A disciple needs God's Power- **It is the only language the devil understand.**
- Must know the authority given by Jesus- Miracles,
- Signs and Wonders. Greater Works!

**THE TASK AHEAD OF YOU,
IS NEVER AS GREAT
AS THE POWER BEHIND
YOU.**



**BE STRONG IN THE LORD, AND IN HIS MIGHTY POWER.
EPHESIANS 6:10**