

LED BY THE SPIRIT

The Spirit lives with you

Day 1

John 14:16-17

And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Counselor to be with you forever-- the Spirit of truth. The world cannot accept him, because it neither sees him nor knows him. But you know him, for he lives with you and will be in you.

Counsellors provide support to people experiencing emotional difficulties by helping them to identify and work through their issues. Most Counsellors work with clients on a specific issue for a designated period of time rather than a long duration, with a view to fostering the client's well-being and supporting them through personal problems or life transitions.

Holy Spirit is given to us as a Counselor. Not just for a specific time but forever. He lives with us and will be in us. The world cannot accept him, because it neither sees him nor knows him.

Imagine someone who we really respect comes and stays with us, in our house. We will make sure that he feels very special and warm. He gets his food on time and not just ordinary food, special dishes. We want to give the best for that person in all aspects.

Are we making Holy Spirit feel special and warm inside us? Being a counselor, He loves talking to us. Do we make time to listen to his counsel? What was the last counsel or guidance that you heard Holy Spirit and followed? Can we make a commitment to make it a habit to listen to His precious counsel and follow it even if it is against our wishes? Only then we can confidently say we are led by the Spirit

Application

Have a memorable time with the Holy Spirit requesting Him to give his counsel and pay attention to listen and follow his guidance.

John 14:26-27

But the Counselor, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you all things and will remind you of everything I have said to you. Peace I leave with you; my peace I give you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled and do not be afraid.

There are times in our life at school or college; we didn't like to attend certain class. May be because we didn't like the subject, or we didn't like the teacher. Or we like something outside more than the class, may be a movie or some sports.

Holy Spirit is the best teacher. No one can teach better than the Holy Spirit. The subject He teaches also is the best subject. May be we are too busy to learn about that subject. May be we don't like the subject. We like something else more than what the Holy Spirit can offer.

This subject can give peace. This will deliver us from all troubles and fears. One day we have to like this subject, why not today?

Application

Have a memorable time listening from the Holy Spirit, from the scriptures. Ask him to teach you to understand and follow the will of God

John 15:26-27

When the Counselor comes, whom I will send to you from the Father, the Spirit of truth who goes out from the Father, he will testify about me. And you also must testify, for you have been with me from the beginning.

The definition of testify is to speak seriously about something, especially in a law court, or to give or provide proof. If we are led by the Spirit, then we will testify about Jesus.

Jesus told his disciples that they must testify for they have been with Him from the beginning. So, longer the Holy Spirit is with us, the more serious we need to be to testify about Jesus.

Looking around we can see, more people are testifying about others, system, practices and less and less we can see people testifying about Jesus.

The choice is ours what we need to speak more seriously about, Jesus or other things.

Application

Take time to testify about Jesus to someone today. Make it a habit to testify about him every day starting with at least one person a day and increase it.

The Spirit will bring glory to Jesus

Day 4

John 16:13-14

But when he, the Spirit of truth, comes, he will guide you into all 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 bring glory to me by taking from what is mine and making it known to you.

Time and again we see in this world that people take glory to themselves. They talk high about themselves. Also we can see people in position are more glorified.

If we are led by the Spirit, the Spirit will guide us into all truth. Salvation comes from the LORD. In heaven we can hear this voice, "Hallelujah! Salvation and glory and power belong to our God"

The Spirit will not speak on his own; he will speak only what he hears and he will tell us what is yet to come.

If we are led by the Spirit, the Spirit will take from Jesus and make it known to us. Are we growing in the knowledge of God?

Application

What are some ways Holy Spirit made you understand Jesus so that your appreciation of Jesus has grown and helped you to glorify (praise, honor) Him more than before?

The Spirit enables us to speak boldly

Day 5

Acts 4:31-32

After they prayed, the place where they were meeting was shaken. And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and spoke the word of God boldly. All the believers were one in heart and mind. No one claimed that any of his possessions was his own, but they shared everything they had.

Going back to the days of Apostles, we can read how they were persecuted whenever they speak about Jesus. But, we cannot see them shying away or fearing those persecutions. This is because they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and that enabled them to speak the word of God boldly.

Given a chance to teach or preach, are we doing it boldly or we wanted some other person to do it. May be we think that only leaders need to do it.

All the believers were one in heart and mind. Wherever they went preached the word boldly.

Application

Preach boldly in one of your meetings. If you are a regular preacher, give chance to another disciple who can do this.

Do not lie to the Holy Spirit

Day 6

Acts 5:1-3

Now a man named Ananias, together with his wife Sapphira, also sold a piece of property. With his wife's full knowledge he kept back part of the money for

himself, but brought the rest and put it at the apostles' feet. Then Peter said, "Ananias, how is it that Satan has so filled your heart that you have lied to the Holy Spirit and have kept for yourself some of the money you received for the land?"

Sometimes love for something else can blind us to even think that we can hide ourselves from God. Ananias, a man filled with the Holy Spirit, in very short time allowed Satan to fill his heart.

What are we filled with? Love for God or love for other things of the world. Anyone who chooses to be a friend of the world becomes an enemy of God. (James 4:4)

If we are led by the Spirit, we will always speak the truth. If we have lied to someone, we have lied to God.

Application

If you have lied to someone in the past, let us go and confess to that person and ask for forgiveness. From now on Let us speak only the truth.

Do not agree to test the Holy Spirit

Day 7

Acts 5:7-9

About three hours later his wife came in, not knowing what had happened. Peter asked her, "Tell me, is this the price you and Ananias got for the land?" "Yes," she said, "that is the price." Peter said to her, "How could you agree to test the Spirit of the Lord? Look! The feet of the men who buried your husband are at the door, and they will carry you out also."

Sapphira, wife of Ananias, could have stopped Ananias from this but looks like she also was blinded. She too lied. How quickly we can get influenced when we are emotionally attached to someone?

If God has brought something to our knowledge, it is better we speak up. We need to focus on what is pleasing to God rather than getting entangled with emotions. Then our emotions will lead us to lie and test the Holy Spirit.

Application

Is anything God has shown you about others in the fellowship or in your family? Please pray about it and with the help of the Holy Spirit, talk to them and help them to please God.

Do not resist the Holy Spirit

Day 8

Acts 7:51-53

"You stiff-necked people, with uncircumcised hearts and ears! You are just like your fathers: You always resist the Holy Spirit! Was there ever a prophet your fathers did not persecute? They even killed those who predicted the coming of the Righteous One. And now you have betrayed and murdered him-- you who have received the law that was put into effect through angels but have not obeyed it."

God has given us His commandments for us to obey. When we don't obey, he sends people to guide us in His direction. He sent prophets. But most of the time we see people who brings God's directions were mocked, insulted and even killed.

Remember your leaders, who spoke the word of God to you. Consider the outcome of their way of life and imitate their faith (Hebrews 13:7). Obey your leaders and submit to their authority. They keep watch over you as men who must give an account. Obey them so that their work will be a joy, not a burden, for that would be of no advantage to you (Hebrews 13:17).

We resist the Holy Spirit if we don't allow God's word to enter in.

Application

Take time to spend time with some leader and ask him/her how you can grow more in Christ. Just listen to him without any resistance.

Acts 8:18-21

When Simon saw that the Spirit was given at the laying on of the apostles' hands, he offered them money and said, "Give me also this ability so that everyone on whom I lay my hands may receive the Holy Spirit." Peter answered: "May your money perish with you, because you thought you could buy the gift of God with money! You have no part or share in this ministry, because your heart is not right before God.

Sometimes it is a temptation to think that if we have money we can do anything. Simon even thought that he can buy Holy Spirit, the gift of God with money.

God decides who to give His gift. We cannot get it unless it is granted by God. We cannot give to anybody unless God decides to give. Holy Spirit, God gives to those who obey Him.

When we think, money can get these then we have no part or share in God's ministry, because our heart is not right with God.

Application

Request Holy Spirit to reveal what areas our heart is not right with God. Pray that God can deliver us from those.

Acts 9:31

Then the church throughout Judea, Galilee and Samaria enjoyed a time of peace. It was strengthened; and encouraged by the Holy Spirit, it grew in numbers, living in the fear of the Lord.

Here we see the churches encouraged by the Holy Spirit. It grew in numbers, living in the fear of the Lord.

What ways can you remember how Holy Spirit strengthened you and encouraged you in the past?

How about our church, our family group? Is it growing in numbers? Are we living in the fear of the Lord? Are disciples in our family group live in the fear of the Lord? Are we enjoying a time of peace?

Application

Allow yourself to be a channel of encouragement of Holy Spirit. Initiate to have an encouragement time in your family group and encourage one another to live in the fear of the Lord.

Live in accordance with the Spirit

Day 11

Romans 8:5-6

Those who live according to the sinful nature have their minds set on what that nature desires; but those who live in accordance with the Spirit have their minds set on what the Spirit desires. The mind of sinful man is death, but the mind controlled by the Spirit is life and peace;

We so often take care of our bodies and sometimes forget about our minds. The mind controls the human organs. It guides through wisdom and knowledge. It leads us every day by helping us through memory.

If we hand over our mind to the Spirit then the Spirit controls our mind. The mind controlled by the Spirit is life and peace. Otherwise, our mind is set on what the sinful nature desires. The mind of a sinful man is death.

Application

List down your desires and see whether our minds are controlled by the sinful nature or the Spirit.

The Spirit intercedes for us

Day 12

Romans 8:26-27

In the same way, the Spirit helps us in our weakness. We do not know what we ought to pray for, but the Spirit himself intercedes for us with groans that words

cannot express. And he who searches our hearts knows the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints in accordance with God's will.

Is there an experience in our life where we visited some office to get some sort of certificate? We didn't know anyone there and also struggling to understand their procedures. Suddenly one person came and helped us and we left the office with lot of peace.

Holy Spirit helps us in our weakness. Sometimes we don't know what to do. One area we all can struggle is in our prayer life. Sometimes we don't know how to pray and what to pray for! Holy Spirit helps us in our prayer life. The Spirit intercedes for us with groans that words cannot express. The Spirit intercedes for us in accordance with God's will.

Application

Ask Holy Spirit to help you improve your prayer life. Pray according to the way He guides you and experience and rejoice in the progress.

RPJ in the Holy Spirit

Day 13

Romans 14:17-18

For the kingdom of God is not a matter of eating and drinking, but of righteousness, peace and joy in the Holy Spirit, because anyone who serves Christ in this way is pleasing to God and approved by men. Let us therefore make every effort to do what leads to peace and to mutual edification.

We are in the kingdom of God. All of us want to serve Christ. How we serve Christ is more important? The Bible says those who serve Christ in this way are pleasing to God and approved by men.

Are we focused on righteousness, peace and joy (RPJ) in the Holy Spirit? Are we focused on mutual edification? When we are not righteous, we will lose peace and joy.

Let us make every effort to do what leads to peace and to mutual edification.

Application

Is there any situation in our life that is taking away your peace? Ask the help and counsel of Holy Spirit to rectify it so that you can get the peace and joy Holy Spirit offers. Find ways to fulfil the command 'seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness' (Matt. 6:33)

The Spirit searches all things

Day 14

1 Corinthians 2:9-11

However, as it is written: "No eye has seen, no ear has heard, no mind has conceived what God has prepared for those who love him"-- but God has revealed it to us by his Spirit. The Spirit searches all things, even the deep things of God. For who among men knows the thoughts of a man except the man's spirit within him? In the same way no one knows the thoughts of God except the Spirit of God.

God loves us. God had prepared something special for us. He revealed it to us by his Spirit. What God revealed us is Jesus Christ. The Spirit searches even the deep things of God.

Do we have the ability to know the thoughts of any one, even those who are close to us? But the Spirit inside us helps us to know the thoughts of God.

How special we need to feel thinking about that wonderful gift that God has given us.

Application

Take time to thank God for his wonderful gift, the gift of Holy Spirit.

Your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit

Day 15

1 Corinthians 3:16-17

Don't you know that you yourselves are God's temple and that God's Spirit lives in you? If anyone destroys God's temple, God will destroy him; for God's temple is sacred, and you are that temple.

Imagine going to a temple / church building where you see all sorts of sinful things happening inside. Will we not be upset? Sometimes we get indignant when we see certain things happening inside our fellowship.

In the same way, our body also needs to be free from all sinful things. Flee from sexual immorality. All other sins a man commits are outside his body, but he who sins sexually sins against his own body. (1 Corinthians 6:18) Let us not destroy God's temple. Let us keep it sacred.

You are not your own, you were bought at a price. Therefore honor God with your body. (1 Corinthians 6:20)

Application

Take time to confess and pray for forgiveness and repentance for specifically offering the parts of your body for any sinful activity. Also make plans with the help of Holy Spirit to offer the same parts of the body for honoring God.

Manifestation of the Spirit

Day 16

1 Corinthians 12:4-7

There are different kinds of gifts, but the same Spirit. There are different kinds of service, but the same Lord. There are different kinds of working, but the same God works all of them in all men. Now to each one the manifestation of the Spirit is given for the common good.

We all differ in many ways but the Spirit inside us is the same. So the same attention needs to be given to each and every disciple. Sometimes we are tempted to give special attention based on the gifts or service they do. The same God works all of them in all men.

Also to each one the manifestation of the Spirit is given for the common good. Whatever gifts we have, are we using it for the common good?

Application

Identify the gifts of Holy Spirit you have been given and thank God for them. Also find ways to serve with the gifts of Holy Spirit in a way that benefits your whole family group or the church.

God determines the work of the Spirit

Day 17

1 Corinthians 12:8-11

To one there is given through the Spirit the message of wisdom, to another the message of knowledge by means of the same Spirit, to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healing by that one Spirit, to another miraculous powers, to another prophecy, to another distinguishing between spirits, to another speaking in different kinds of tongues, and to still another the interpretation of tongues. All these are the work of one and the same Spirit, and he gives them to each one, just as he determines.

Always in the fellowship, we can see disciples with different gifts. All those are the work of one and the same Spirit. However, we cannot choose what we want. We can have desires but God determines.

The gifts of the Holy Spirit are distributed according to God's will. Have you identified your gifts? Are we using it for the common good?

Even though we have different gifts we need one another and God has put us all together to build His kingdom.

Application

Pray that God can use us powerfully to build His kingdom through the gifts of Holy Spirit given to us.

The Spirit gives life

Day 18

2 Corinthians 3:5-6

Not that we are competent in ourselves to claim anything for ourselves, but our competence comes from God. He has made us competent as ministers of a new

covenant--not of the letter but of the Spirit; for the letter kills, but the Spirit gives life.

We need to be competent (efficient and capable). God has made us competent as ministers of a new covenant. The letter is the law in its outward sense, written on tablets of stone. The letter of the law came by the old covenant.

In the new covenant, the indwelling Spirit becomes for us a law written on our hearts. He is in us to guide us and be our law. However, the Spirit and the letter are not enemies. They both work together but what came through Spirit is superior. The Spirit gives life.

Application

Are you competent as ministers (minister means servant)? Think about the areas you need to grow in being an efficient minister (servant) of God and pray for Holy Spirit to make you a competent minister.

Ministry of the Spirit is glorious

Day 19

2 Corinthians 3:7-9

Now if the ministry that brought death, which was engraved in letters on stone, came with glory, so that the Israelites could not look steadily at the face of Moses because of its glory, fading though it was, will not the ministry of the Spirit be even more glorious? If the ministry that condemns men is glorious, how much more glorious is the ministry that brings righteousness!

The old covenant was a ministry of condemnation, but the new covenant is the ministry of righteousness. In our dealing with hearts of other people, do we focus on righteousness or condemnation?

The glory of the old covenant shining through the face of Moses was a fading glory, but the glory of the new covenant endures without fading.

Do we feel privileged for the glorious ministry God has given us?

Application

Find a partner and thank God for the glorious ministry that God has given us.

The Spirit is given to us as a deposit

Day 20

2 Corinthians 5:5-7

Now it is God who has made us for this very purpose and has given us the Spirit as a deposit, guaranteeing what is to come. Therefore we are always confident and know that as long as we are at home in the body we are away from the Lord. We live by faith, not by sight.

When you give a deposit to someone for some reason like down payment for a house, it means you have only given partially guaranteeing that one day you will pay the full amount.

God has given us the Spirit as a deposit guaranteeing what is to come. Meanwhile we groan while we are in this tent, longing to be clothed with our heavenly dwelling.

We need to live by faith, not by sight. A place is prepared for us in our Father's house.

Application

Do something radical today by faith that comes from Holy Spirit.

Attain your goal with the help of the Spirit

Day 21

Galatians 3:1-3

You foolish Galatians! Who has bewitched you? Before your very eyes Jesus Christ was clearly portrayed as crucified. I would like to learn just one thing from you: Did you receive the Spirit by observing the law, or by believing what you heard? Are you so foolish? After beginning with the Spirit, are you now trying to attain your goal by human effort?

Holy Spirit is not a gift earned through the works of the law. We all received the Holy Spirit through simple faith.

The Galatians were deceived into thinking that spiritual growth or maturity could be achieved through the works of the flesh, instead of a continued simple faith and abiding in Jesus.

After beginning with the Spirit, are we now trying to attain our goal by human effort?

Application

Check the areas in your life where you have put your trust in the works and rectify it. Look at your New Year resolutions and goals and see if you are making progress according to what you planned in the beginning? Continue to seek the Help of Holy Spirit to achieve even more than what you planned by the power of God by faith.

The Spirit who calls out, “Abba, Father”

Day 22

Galatians 4:6-9

Because you are sons, God sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, the Spirit who calls out, "Abba, Father." So you are no longer a slave, but a son; and since you are a son, God has made you also an heir. Formerly, when you did not know God, you were slaves to those who by nature are not gods. But now that you know God--or rather are known by God--how is it that you are turning back to those weak and miserable principles? Do you wish to be enslaved by them all over again?

Imagine you are a son of a great king or a president. Your life will be totally different. What are some dreams you will have being such a son of a king?

We are children of God. We are no longer a slave but a son. God has made us also an heir. Do we have dreams for His Kingdom? What a privilege that God has called us as His sons and daughters.

Are you enslaved by anything or anyone or any other miserable principles / convictions?

Application

List out the weak and miserable principles, you are tempted. Turn back to God and pray through it for God to deliver us. Discuss with someone who can help you scripturally to root out such things.

Live by the Spirit

Day 23

Galatians 5:16-17

So I say, live by the Spirit, and you will not gratify the desires of the sinful nature. For the sinful nature desires what is contrary to the Spirit and the Spirit what is contrary to the sinful nature. They are in conflict with each other, so that you do not do what you want.

If we are led by the Spirit we will not gratify the desires of the sinful nature. The Spirit is always with us.

Imagine if your father is always with you and you attempt to do some sin. He will not allow you. In other words if you have to commit a sin, then you have to push your father aside and commit.

Let us do our best not to push the Spirit aside to fulfil the desires of our sinful nature.

Application

Identify the desires of the sinful nature you have and pray for deliverance. Listen more carefully to Holy Spirit and his directions and enjoy submitting to Him whenever you are tempted.

Galatians 5:22-25

But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control. Against such things there is no law. Those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the sinful nature with its passions and desires. Since we live by the Spirit, let us keep in step with the Spirit.

Do we have the fruit of the Spirit? Who produces this fruit? Do you realize that we can't produce it but only Holy Spirit? What we need to do is to just allow Holy Spirit to thrive in us by leaving room in our hearts, minds and life. That means we need to get out of the way from the Spirit. We have to put to death what belongs to our sinful nature. (It is like removing all thorns and thistles and weeds from a garden so that good tree can flourish and produce fruit) Stop living for ourselves but for Christ. Then the Spirit will produce the fruit.

A spiritual person will have all the qualities listed in his life. Those qualities will come only when we crucify the sinful nature with its passions and desires.

Let us make every effort to crucify the sinful nature with its passions and desires.

Application

List down what are the fruits of sinful nature you still have in you and prayerfully make clear plans to put to death all that belongs to the sinful nature. Enjoy the progress Spirit makes in you by having the fruit of the Spirit being produced in you.

Ephesians 1:13-14

And you also were included in Christ when you heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation. Having believed, you were marked in him with a seal, the promised Holy Spirit, who is a deposit guaranteeing our inheritance until the redemption of those who are God's possession--to the praise of his glory.

We know that a certificate without official seal (or stamp) is not official and is not acceptable.

When we heard the gospel, we were included in Christ. When we believed, repented and got baptized, we were given this seal, the Holy Spirit.

How special to get a certificate by God saying that you are mine? What a privilege for us to know that our names are written in the book of life?

Application

Remember the disciples who invited you and taught you the Bible. Pray for them and send an encouraging note to them. Thank God for the Holy Spirit in you, who is the seal of acceptance.

Keep the unity of the Spirit

Day 26

Ephesians 4:1-3

As a prisoner for the Lord, then, I urge you to live a life worthy of the calling you have received. Be completely humble and gentle; be patient, bearing with one another in love. Make every effort to keep the unity of the Spirit through the bond of peace.

Unity is such a big thing in every group / team / Church. Disturbing the unity is a key weapon used by Satan to fulfil his plans.

Are we united as a family, as a ministry....? If not, it is time to make a difference. Keep this as a priority; a little delay will cause more damage.

To be united, it is necessary for us to be completely humble and gentle, patient and bearing one another in love.

Application

Ask the Holy Spirit to guide you to know what way you can grow in humility to build unity of the Spirit in your fellowship and family. Confess any area of pride that hurt the unity and repent and build the bond of peace.

There is one Spirit

Day 27

Ephesians 4:4-7

There is one body and one Spirit-- just as you were called to one hope when you were called-- one Lord, one faith, one baptism; one God and Father of all, who is over all and through all and in all. But to each one of us grace has been given as Christ apportioned it.

It is a privilege to receive grace from Christ. He has apportioned it. We all were called to one hope. God is over all and through all and in all. We have one body and one Spirit.

Do we see God in everything? Do we agree to one Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God? Will people around see us united with this plan of God?

Or do we have a separate track altogether, my way, my ideas, my thoughts, my relationship with God, my understanding,...

Application

Thank God for His grace and His calling. Remember and pray through the times when you were called and all the decisions you made to follow God. Treat everyone equally with great respect and love.

Do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God

Day 28

Ephesians 4:29-31

Do not let any unwholesome talk come out of your mouths, but only what is helpful for building others up according to their needs, that it may benefit those who listen. And do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, with whom you were

sealed for the day of redemption. Get rid of all bitterness, rage and anger, brawling and slander, along with every form of malice.

We read in Genesis 6:5-6 The LORD saw how great man's wickedness on the earth had become and that every inclination of the thoughts of his heart was only evil all the time. The LORD was grieved that he had made man on the earth, and his heart was filled with pain.

We can grieve the Spirit inside us by neglecting holiness or relying on materialistic things. When we are too busy to pray that may grieve the Holy Spirit.

Are our words and our behavior helpful for building others up according to their needs?

Application

Prayerfully ask others who are close to you about your speech and find out if your words are building others up or there is any chance of hurting others. Admit our faults and confess to God and pray for Holy Spirit to guide you with wisdom to be careful in your speech and speak only what builds others up because when we hurt someone we grieve the Holy Spirit. Instead of grieving the Holy Spirit, let our words and life be bringing great joy to Holy Spirit.

Sword of the Spirit

Day 29

Ephesians 6:16-17

In addition to all this, take up the shield of faith, with which you can extinguish all the flaming arrows of the evil one. Take the helmet of salvation and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God.

God wanted us to be spiritual soldiers. He wanted us to put on the full armor of God so that you can take your stand against the devil's schemes.

One of the key weapons for a soldier is the sword. Imagine a soldier going to a war without a sword. It is the same if we are not meditating on the word of God.

More and more people leave God because they are not listening to the word of God. How is our Bible study?

Application

Make a goal to meditate on the scriptures every day and at times share with others what you have learnt. Make it a practice to take notes on what God is telling you and pray through it and follow God's word faithfully. Have a plan of memorizing Scriptures that will help you to build faith and fight against the devil. (Can be one Scripture every day, or every week)

Fan into flame the gift of God

Day 30

2 Timothy 1:6-7

For this reason I remind you to fan into flame the gift of God, which is in you through the laying on of my hands. For God did not give us a spirit of timidity, but a spirit of power, of love and of self-discipline.

God gave us a spirit of power, of love and of self-discipline. The question we need to ask about your life is whether we are filled with courage, power, love and self-discipline.

God wanted us to fan into flame the gift of God. What efforts do we make to fan into flame what God has given to us.

Would it be great if God tells us "'Well done, good and faithful servant! You have been faithful with a few things; I will put you in charge of many things. Come and share your master's happiness!'

Application

Show your love to someone who is poor.

Jude 1 :18-19

They said to you, "In the last times there will be scoffers who will follow their own ungodly desires." These are the men who divide you, who follow mere natural instincts and do not have the Spirit. But you, dear friends, build yourselves up in your most holy faith and pray in the Holy Spirit.

Are we doing our best to build ourselves up in our most holy faith? Are we distracted by some scoffers who introduce things out of their own ungodly desires?

There are so many who follow mere natural instincts and influence many. We need to keep praying that we don't get entangled with their principles.

Ephesians 6:18 And pray in the Spirit on all occasions with all kinds of prayers and requests. With this in mind, be alert and always keep on praying for all the saints.

Application

Pray through the names of each disciple in your family group and ask God to give wisdom so that we hear His voice clearly and follow it faithfully.