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## HOLY SPIRIT POWER

After several decades of walking with God, Wayne and I are so grateful for His divine intervention in our lives. Perhaps, I am having a sentimental moment, but today I've been rehearsing in my mind the many, many events orchestrated by our great and mighty God, and I'm overwhelmed with gratitude. Truly, our God is more than enough!

I am especially thankful for the work of the Holy Spirit in my life. I was actually first introduced to Him by God Himself, not by any man. In my late twenties, I began to realize the need for the strength and power of God, wondering if any such thing was available. My religious background did not give me any clues, but God was leading me. So I decided to read the book of Acts because it is a book honoring the power of God. I was in the first chapter of Acts when verse eight spoke to my heart and became the catalyst of a life-changing experience.

This verse declares, "But you shall receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon

you."<sup>1</sup> Although I knew I was born again, I was certain I did not have this power, especially after our church instigated a door-to-door witnessing campaign that left me trembling in my shoes. This experience was the beginning of my search for the power of God. It led me to the gift of the Holy Ghost with the evidence of speaking in tongues. I am forever thankful!

Over time, I was introduced to many other Christians who also spoke in other tongues. Together, we studied the Word of God, and after several years of study, God called me to

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teach the Scripture. I love teaching His Word. It is, after all, "the power of God unto salvation to every one that believeth."<sup>2</sup> But it is only by the power of the Holy Spirit that teaching is successful.

Now, there are two experiences in the Holy Spirit that are taught in the Word of God. First, when we ask Jesus to be our Savior and Lord, He comes to dwell in us.<sup>3</sup> The Holy Spirit

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is then our teacher, enabling us to mature, and He is also the guide that brings us the wisdom of heaven.<sup>4</sup> We could not live victoriously without Him.

The Holy Spirit never presents His own ideas or speaks His own words.<sup>5</sup> He always hears from the Father and tells us what the Father is saying to us. I know everyone appreciates a generous relative or acquaintance who shares their wisdom with us. Well, here is the good news! The Holy Spirit, who is God, lives in our spirit and if we listen to Him, we have the mind of the Lord.<sup>6</sup> He can and will speak to us about yesterday, today, and even tomorrow.

However, we must look to our spirit for understanding and answers, not to our mind. The book of Proverbs conclusively proves this when it says, “Trust in the Lord with all thine heart; and lean not unto thine own understanding. In all thy ways acknowledge him, and he shall direct thy paths.”<sup>7</sup> The apostle Paul declares this truth as well, writing that the ways of God are “spiritually discerned.”<sup>8</sup> The Message Bible gives further illumination saying, “God’s Spirit and our spirit [are] in open communion.”

Life’s decisions do not depend on human brilliance or any other cognitive functions. The Holy Spirit is our helper, and He enlightens us, giving direction to our spirit. Far beyond our mental aptitude or experience, He equips us to walk with God.

Now, there is one more experience in the Holy Spirit that is very important. The Word of God says that we will receive power AFTER the Holy Spirit comes UPON us. This additional dimension of the Spirit empowers us to help others. Jesus said that when the Holy Spirit is UPON you, “Ye shall be witnesses unto me.”<sup>9</sup>

Like me, I know you have been in situations where people needed to know about Jesus, but you didn’t know what to say. I remember one such incident at an airport, and in the end, I said nothing. For days, I felt so guilty. Well, I *was* guilty. However, God is so good. Two weeks later, still wondering why I didn’t say something, I crossed paths with the same gentleman and was able to speak to him briefly. I learned a valuable lesson.

Years later, I was visiting in a nursing home when my heart led me to speak to a man I didn’t know. By the Holy Spirit, I asked him if he went to church, and then said, “Can I tell you why I go to church?” I had never asked anyone that question before, but I knew God was leading me. I found out he lived near a church where I taught from time to time. So not only could we talk about Jesus – after all, He is the reason I go to church – but we could also invite him to attend.

The Holy Spirit comes upon us, enabling us to accurately speak words of life, and that is so important! But there is one more thing we should mention. He also equips us to pray, especially when we don’t know what to say. He gives us words in our known language *and* in other tongues, working with us so that “all things work together for good.”<sup>10</sup> Prayer is the key to this wonderful blessing of heaven! The Holy Spirit guides us, and we yield to Him, knowing that He orchestrates good things for those who love God and follow His command.

Oh, I am so glad God sent the Holy Spirit. Aren’t you? I need Him! You need Him! What a wonderful blessing He is to us when we walk with God. Amen.

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<sup>1</sup>NKJ <sup>2</sup>Rm 1:16 <sup>3</sup>1Co 3:16 <sup>4</sup>Jn 14:26;Jn 16:13 <sup>5</sup>Jn 16:13  
NLT, author’s paraphrase <sup>6</sup>1Co 2:16 <sup>7</sup>Pr 3:5-6 <sup>8</sup>1Co 2:14  
<sup>9</sup>Act 1:8 <sup>10</sup>Rm 8:28

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