

# ENGAGING THE POWER OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

Lessons 1-6

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### Lesson 1

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- **PP:** The most important relationship you and I will ever have is our relationship with the holy spirit.

It more important now than ever that every Spirit filled believer take the next step after being baptized with the holy spirit to developing a personal relationship with the holy spirit.

**Acts 1:8** *But ye shall receive power after that the holy ghost is come upon you; and ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem and in all Judea, and in Samaria and unto the uttermost part of the earth.*

A personal relationship with the Holy Spirit deals with engagement.

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The experience of the baptism of the holy spirit, is only the beginning of a lifelong, day by day relationship that the holy spirit desires to have with each of us who are willing to invest the time to develop our sensitivity to his presence. Engagement with the Holy Spirit is very similar to the usage of smart phones we have. Speaking with tongues is just a basic feature the Holy Spirit. The Bible very emphatically distinguishes those that are the sons of God by saying in Rom 8:14, *For as many as are LED by the Spirit of God, they are the sons of God.*

Once you have been baptized in the Holy Spirit it is the will of God that you learn to hear directly from the Holy Spirit Himself.

**Revelations 3:20-** *Behold, I stand at the door, and knock; if (any man)hear my voice, and open the door, I will come in to him, and will sup with him, and he with me.*

This means He desires and will communicate with all of us that are willing to take the time to listen and develop an ear to hear. Without developing an ear to hear we will never be able to discern exactly what the holy spirit is trying to teach us or tell us to do. Many spirit filled people are living in unnecessary frustration and confusion concerning direction for their lives, when the answers to all of life's concerns are inside of you waiting to be tapped into.

II Corinthians 4:6 *"For God, who commanded the light to shine out of darkness, hath shined (IN) our hearts, to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the (face) of Jesus Christ.*

The greek word (face) is prosopon and it has several meanings such as countenance, visage, appearance.

II Corinthians 4:7 *But we have this treasure (IN) earthen vessels, that the excellency of the power may be of God and not of us.*

The most important word in the two verses is what my Father would call a big little word and the big little word is the word (IN). God hath commanded the light to shine IN our hearts and placed this treasure IN earthen vessels.

➤ **PP:** Where you perceive God to be will determine your expectations of him.

Many of us have the same misinterpretation of the absence of Jesus in the midst of our calamities that Martha had, when she said to Jesus, if you had BEEN here, my brother had would not have died?

Martha failed to realize that God has already been everywhere in eternity that she was just arriving to in time.

Many individuals filled with the Power of the holy spirit are not cognitively aware of the Prosopon or the PRESENCE of the holy spirit accessible but dormant withIN them.

**John 14:17-** *Even the Spirit of truth; whom the world cannot receive, because it seeth him not, neither knoweth him: but ye know him; for he dwelleth with you, and shall be IN YOU. 20. At that day ye shall know that I am IN my Father, and ye in me, and I (IN) you. 21. He that hath my commandments, and keepeth them, he it is that loveth me: and he that loveth me shall be loved of my Father, and I will love him, and will manifest myself to him. 22. Judas saith unto him, not Iscariot, Lord, how is it that thou wilt manifest thyself unto us, and not unto the world? 23. Jesus answered and said unto him, If a man love me, he will keep my words: and my Father will love him, and we will come unto him, and make our abode with him.*

- **PowerPoint:** God will never tell you what to do next until you have obeyed what he told you to do first.

Many times, in our anxiety we want to get ahead of God and demand God show us the whole process of what we are about to enter into. God doesn't do that because you could not handle everything that is involved in the process that is going to result in the fulfillment of God's purpose for your life. Second reason why He won't do that is because would negate the necessity for you to walk by faith, and put you in a posture of walking by sight, which would place you outside of the divine guidance of God, and place your fate in the hands of man.

When David sinned in ordering a census be taken of Israel at the height of his reign, God was displeased that David would be so presumptuous as to DEMAND that Joab number the people as though their dynamic growth and expansion both numerically, financially and in terms of influence and affluence was because of David and not God.

When the prophet Gad came to David and told him God will judge you for this act of arrogance and you have 3 choices for correction:

1. Seven years of famine
2. Three months to flee before your enemies
3. Three days of pestilence in the land?

**II Samuel 24:14** - *And David said unto Gad, I am in a great strait: let us fall now into the hand of the LORD; for his mercies are great: and let me not fall into the hand of man.*

- **PowerPoint:** The key to success in life is not always knowing where you are going but knowing whose taking you.

**Psalm 37:23** - *“The STEPS of a good man are ordered by the LORD: and he delighteth in his way. NLT( he delights in every detail of your life)*

**Psalm 37:24** - *Though he fall, he shall not be utterly cast down; for the LORD upholdeth him with his hand.*

There is no need to live in frustration and confusion concerning direction for your life in any area, when the wisdom and knowledge of God is accessible to us all through developing our relationship with the Holy Spirit that abides within us.

We will learn how to discern when something is coming from God and when something is coming in from another spiritual source that is not of God.

**I John 4:1** *Beloved, believe not every spirit, but try the spirits whether they are of God: because many false prophets are gone out into the world. 2. Hereby know ye the Spirit of God: Every spirit that confesseth that Jesus Christ is come in the flesh is of God. 3. And every spirit that confesseth not that Jesus Christ is come in the flesh is not of God:*

It is true that demons can give false visions, false dreams, false healings, false prophecies, etc. Because demons can do this does not mean that we should neglect the supernatural means through which the Holy Spirit communicates with us.

**Romans 10:17** - *So then faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the word of God.*

**Mark 16:17** *"And these signs shall follow them that BELIEVE; In my name shall they cast out devils; they shall speak with new tongues; 18. They shall take up*



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*serpents; and if they drink any deadly thing, it shall not hurt them; they shall lay hands on the sick, and they shall recover.*

It is true there are different levels of consecration that must be entered into before dealing with principalities and powers of a higher rank, but every spirit filled BELIEVER in right standing with God has the authority to cast out devils and heal the sick.

## Engaging the Power of the Holy Spirit

### Lesson 2 & 3

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- **PowerPoint:** Manifestation of the supernatural is determined by where we appropriate our faith.

We are seeking now to expand our faith beyond just speaking with new tongues, (which we learned in lesson one is really the most basic feature of the Holy Ghost) and saturating ourselves with the Word of God that deal with other areas of supernatural demonstration for the sake of the deliverance of others who are oppressed by the devil.

- **PowerPoint:** The church being the church is the only hope for the America.

The reason why the state of the union is in such chaos is because of the disengagement that has existed between believers and our lack of intentional

influence on the culture which is the result of many saints lacking a personal relationship with the Holy Spirit.

**Romans 8:19:** *For the earnest expectation of the creature waiteth for the manifestation of the sons of God.*

- **PowerPoint:** The world is waiting on us to be out there who we claim to be in here (in the church)

**Romans 8:22.** *For we know that the whole creation groaneth and travaileth in pain together until now. 23. And not only they, but ourselves also, which have the firstfruits of the Spirit, even we ourselves groan within ourselves, waiting for the adoption, to wit, the redemption of our body. 26. Likewise the Spirit also helpeth our infirmities: for we know not what we should pray for as we ought: but the Spirit itself maketh intercession for us with groanings which cannot be uttered.*

Many of the maladies both spiritual, physical, mental, financial and otherwise are the result of people attempting to do the best they can without the power of the Holy Spirit, and history has proven there is a way which seems right to a man, but the end thereof is the way of DEATH.

**Acts 10:34.** - *'Then Peter opened his mouth, and said, Of a truth I perceive that God is no respecter of persons: 35. But in every nation he that feareth him, and worketh righteousness, is accepted with him. 36. The word which God sent unto the children of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ: (he is Lord of all) 37. That word, I say, ye know, which was published throughout all Judaea, and began from Galilee, after the baptism which John preached; 38. How God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Ghost and with power: who went about doing good, and healing all that were oppressed of the devil; for God was with him.*

God who is the same today as He was yesterday, wants to communicate to us in those same supernatural ways. The key is learning what those different

supernatural means of communication are – and then learning experientially how the holy spirit operates, and how to distinguish the voice of the Spirit.

## 1. You Can Develop a Personal Relationship with the Holy Spirit

YOU CAN develop a direct personal relationship with Him. If the Holy Spirit is going to supernaturally communicate to us then the first thing you are going to want to do is get to know him personally, since you are now going to be working very closely with Him from this point forward.

Consider these verses from the apostle Paul telling us that we are privileged to have direct communication and direct fellowship with the Holy Spirit Himself:

**II Corinthians 13:14** - *The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Ghost be with YOU ALL: Amen.*

**Philippians 2:1**- *"If there be therefore any consolation in Christ, if any comfort of love, if any fellowship of the Spirit, if any bowels and mercies,*

2. Fulfill ye my joy, that ye be likeminded, having the same love, being of one accord, of one mind.

The three key words in these two verses are the words:

- 1: Communion
- 2: Fellowship
- 3: Love.

The apostle Paul is telling us that we can have direct communion and direct fellowship with the Holy Spirit Himself (based on this condition) if we have communion and fellowship with one another. Put those three key words together, Communion, Fellowship and Love, and they indicate one thing – personal relationship.

## 2. The Holy Spirit is Our Personal Guide and Teacher

**John 14:26** - "*But the comforter, which is the Holy Ghost, whom the Father will send in my name, he shall teach you all things, and bring all things to your remembrance, whatsoever I have said unto you*".

*John 16:13* Howbeit when he, the Spirit of truth, is come, he will guide you into all truth: for he shall not speak of himself; but whatsoever he shall hear, that shall he speak: and he will shew you things to come.

Since scripture teaches us that the Holy Spirit will be guiding us and teaching us, then we can with confidence enter into that relationship with Him so He can then begin to do a deeper work in each one of us.

### 3. Do Not Resist, Rebel, Grieve, or Quench the Holy Spirit

Here are four key verses concerning these four specific words:

1. **Isaiah 63:10** But they (rebelled) and (vexed) his holy spirit: therefore he was turned to be

their enemy and he fought against them.

2. **I Thessalonians 5:19** (Quench) not the Spirit. 20. (Despise) not Prophesyings.

3. **Acts 7:51** "Ye stiff-necked and uncircumcised in heart and ears! Ye do always (resist)the Holy

Ghost; as your fathers did, so do ye."

4. **Ephesians 4:30** "And (grieve) not the holy spirit of God, whereby ye are sealed unto the day of redemption.

All 4 of these words are very strong words, showing that the Holy Spirit is not only living on the inside of each one of us, but once He is present within us, He wants to become active in our daily life so He can help us complete our divine destiny along with helping us to become the kind of son God wants us to become in Him through the process of sanctification. You cannot fulfill your true purpose and calling in this life, and become the true sanctified vessel of honor God is wanting you to become in Him unless you have the Holy Spirit helping you.

## THE 8 DIFFERENT WAYS THE HOLY SPIRIT USES TO COMMUNICATE WITH US

1. The Inner Witness – The Inner Knowing
2. The Word of God
3. Leadings
4. Check in your Spirit
5. Quickenings
6. Visions
7. Dreams
8. Prophecies

If you sincerely desire for the Holy Spirit to be your teacher and your guide then He will then very gradually lead you into this realm and from there, the Holy Spirit will start to move in some of these different areas for you. The Holy Spirit will also show you how to discern when it really is Him communicating to you, versus when it is just your own emotions or imagination talking to you.

### 1. The Inner Witness – The Inner Knowing

**Rom 8:16** *"The Spirit itself beareth witness with our spirit, that we are the children of God".*

**Romans 9:1** *"I say the truth in Christ, I lie not, my conscience also bearing me witness in the Holy Ghost."*

The key word in these two verses is the word "witness."

Jack Hayford, in his excellent book, Hayford's Bible Handbook, defines a witness or witnessing as the following:

- **PowerPoint:** Witness = Giving evidence, attesting, confirming, confessing, bearing record, speaking well of, giving a good report, testifying, affirming what one has seen or heard, presenting the gospel with evidence.

The first verse above where the Holy Spirit is bearing witness with our spirits that we are saved lines up with some of the above definitions from Mr. Hayford such as confirming, attesting, confessing, and bearing record. The Holy Spirit confirms in our spirits that we are saved and that we are the children of God.

A true, inner witness from the Holy Spirit will come out of your spirit – it will not come out of your head, your imagination, or your emotions. How many times have you heard people use the expression that their “gut” was telling them what they needed to do, and then later on it turned out to be right. Those “gut feelings” are many of the times the inner witness from the Holy Spirit.

If the Bible says that the Holy Spirit can bear witness in our own human spirits that we are saved and that we are truly the children of God – and He can guide the apostle Paul on the issue he was dealing with where He bore witness with Paul’s own conscience, then this tells me the Holy Spirit can also bear witness with any other thing in our life as well. ~BCST

**Proverbs 3:6** In all thy ways acknowledge him, and he shall direct thy paths.

When you receive an inner knowing about something specific, you will not hear an audible voice, but you will receive a good, clear, inner knowing on the message being transmitted to you. For instance, say you have been meditating on a particular Scripture verse, but you just cannot seem to get the correct interpretation on what it may mean or how it can apply to your life.

The work of the Holy Spirit will reveal (enlighten or illuminate) the interpretation of that verse through the inner knowing. you will “understand” what this verse means and you will then be able to “see” the true meaning behind the words.

The Holy Spirit can give you strong, inner knowings on the following:

- Who you should date, not date, marry or not marry.

- When you should take the next new job God will want to give you
- How to solve any problems you may be having in school or at work
- How to handle a problem or roadblock that may have occurred in your marriage
- How to handle all of the transition between jobs.
- When to move in on someone to witness to them

Two of the gifts of the Spirit are the Word of Knowledge and the Word of Wisdom. It is extremely important that each Christian learn how to receive these inner witnesses from the Holy Spirit, so they can then receive actual communication from Him as to exactly what He wants us to do with the specific issues that occur in our daily lives.

**II Corinthians 2:14.** *-Now thanks be unto God, which always causes us to triumph in Christ, and maketh manifest the savor of his knowledge by us in every place.*

## 2. The Word of God

The next way that the Holy Spirit will communicate knowledge to you is by illuminating a direct verse from Scripture.

➤ **PowerPoint:** There is a passage for every problem. ~BJET

Every Christian should spend as much quality time building yourself up in your most holy faith with the Word.

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Whenever the Holy Spirit quickens something to you, this means you are to grab a hold of it and examine it to see exactly what the message is that He is trying to convey to you. If you are dealing with a specific problem, He may quicken a verse to you that will help solve your problem. You can also have words from the preached word quicken you. You could be in the worship service or driving down the road in your car listening to a pastor teach on the radio when all of a sudden something he says jumps right out at you through the radio. when this happens, this is the Holy Spirit's way of bringing you knowledge He may want you to have on something specific. Put yourself in position to hear. You have to be where God is speaking, when he is speaking.

## 6. Visions

Three ways the Holy Spirit will communicate to you – visions, dreams, and prophecies – are all coming from this one verse out of Joel.

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There are two basic types of visions that you can receive from the Holy Spirit. One is called an “open vision.” The other is called a “closed vision.”

A) Open Vision – an open vision is when you receive a vision with your eyes wide open. And at times you can actually be a part of the vision itself.

When you are in the flesh you are limited to the laws of nature. But when you are in the Spirit you can transcend natural laws and limitations and see, hear, speak and be spoken to by those who exist in that realm.

❖ See Rev 1: 10-20

Other prophets in the OT also received these open visions.

Most Christians will never receive these kinds of open visions from the Holy Spirit.

### B) Closed Vision

A closed vision is when you receive a vision in your mind’s eye. The Holy Spirit often gives these closed visions and He will do it quite frequently to those who are open to receiving them, since a closed vision is receiving a picture in your mind’s eye. Prayer and fasting will help you distinguish

when a vision is coming in from your own natural imagination or when it is coming in direct from the Holy Spirit.

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If a dream is coming in direct from the Holy Spirit, then the dream will not fade away on you. It will be as clear in your mind's eye 6 hours later as it was when you first woke up. It will stay with you for days, if not forever. If you wake up with a very strong, vivid dream being fresh in your mind and you think it may be from the Lord, what I would do is grab a piece of paper and pen and write down what the dream was all about and if need be, draw actual pictures of what you saw in the dream. If God is giving you a dream direct from Himself, then there will be a personal message in there for you. Your job will be to get it down on paper and carefully examine and analyze it for what that personal message may be.

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If the Holy Spirit is going to be our personal Guide and Teacher in this life, then not only can He teach us everything we will need to know in this life so we can fully complete our divine destiny in the Lord, but He can also teach us how to hear directly from Himself in these different ways as well. We can thus fully trust Him to handle all of us in this supernatural realm.

The ball is in your court. The holy spirit has made himself available to you. It is up to you to make yourself available to him.

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### Lesson 4

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- **PowerPoint:** The baptism of the Holy Spirit is an inclusive experience not exclusive.

**Joel 2:28-29,32 KJV** - [28] *And it shall come to pass afterward, that I will pour out my spirit upon all flesh; and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, your old men shall dream dreams, your young men shall see visions: [29] And also upon the servants and upon the handmaids in those days will I pour out my spirit. [32] And it shall come to pass, that whosoever shall call on the name of the Lord shall be delivered: for in mount Zion and in Jerusalem shall be deliverance, as the Lord hath said, and in the remnant whom the Lord shall call.*

**Luke 24:46-49 KJV** - [46] *And said unto them, Thus it is written, and thus it behoved Christ to suffer, and to rise from the dead the third day: [47] And that repentance and remission of sins should be preached in his name among all nations, beginning at Jerusalem. [48] And ye are witnesses of these things. [49] And, behold, I send the promise of my Father upon you: but tarry ye in the city of Jerusalem, until ye be endued with power from on high.*

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- With the Holy Ghost comes joy.
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Some of you may ask:

Now that I have the Holy Ghost, what's next?

What do I do with it?

How do I maximize this great power?

How does the Holy Ghost impact my life on a day to day basis?

- **PowerPoint:** The Spirit of God comes to partner with us in the process of discovering and fulfilling the will of God in our lives.

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**James 1:3-4 KJV** - *[3] Knowing this, that the trying of your faith worketh patience. [4] But let patience have her perfect work, that ye may be perfect and entire, wanting nothing.*

## 2. The Word of God

- **PowerPoint:** The will, mind, and WAYS OF GOD, are revealed by the Holy Ghost THROUGH the scripture.

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### Sub Topic: Partnering with the Prophetic Anointing

How can you be sure, what you are hearing is the voice of God? That is a very important question and I can assure you that you can know beyond a shadow of a doubt when it is and when it is not the voice of God that you are hearing.

In order to have that certainty you must first have a biblical understanding of the 4 P's of prophecy:

- 1: The protocols
- 2: The patterns
- 3: The principles
- 4: The processes of the prophetic

- **PowerPoint:** Hearing and Recognizing the voice of God is the most essential necessity for spiritual growth and sustenance in this season.

Jesus speaks repeatedly and emphatically about the spirit of deception in the end times:

**Matthew 24:4-5 KJV-** [4] *And Jesus answered and said unto them, Take heed that no man deceive you. [5] For many shall come in my name, saying, I am Christ; and shall deceive many.*

One of the great possibilities of the Internet is the opportunity to reach more people with the truth of the gospel. The great dangers of the internet is the antithetical opportunity to deceive more people with false doctrines which are not congruent with the Word of God. (This is one of the great spiritual dangers of our time)

Some of you are messed up mentally, emotionally and spiritually because you have been listening to someone who claims to have a word from the Lord, a dream, a vision, but they did not understand the 4 P's of prophecy:

- 1: protocols
- 2: patterns

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- 4: processes

➤ **PowerPoint:** We must be sensitive to the voice of God like never before.

We are living in a time where the necessity for the supernatural work of the Holy Spirit in the life of believers is at an all-time high. Every spirit filled believer must now step into the work of the supernatural in full stride to counteract the works of darkness that are seeking to steal, kill and destroy the masses.

**1 John 4:4 KJV - [4]** *Ye are of God, little children, and have overcome them: because greater is he that is in you, than he that is in the world.*

God is raising up an army of spirit filled believers, with a 5-fold assignment:

- 1: Establish his kingdom
- 2: Infiltrate governments
- 3: Influence the culture
- 4: Subdue principalities and powers
- 5: And bring healing, deliverance, hope and a better quality of life to those in need of salvation by the power of his Word and the work of the Holy Spirit.

The prophetic utterances that will strategically place and position Gods army for conquest and victory are called “The mysteries of the kingdom”

**Mark 4:11 KJV - [11]** *And he said unto them, Unto you it is given to know the mystery of the kingdom of God: but unto them that are without, all these things are done in parables:*

➤ **PowerPoint:** The Greek Word for mystery is *Musterion* =

- 1: A series of truths that were given to someone who was initiated into a secret society
- 2: a secret that was only revealed in part to a select few
- 3: A military word for battle plans that only the general and his sons knew

- **PowerPoint:** God placed his army (the church) in a nationwide quarantine to put us in a place of quietness to reveal end time strategies that we would have missed in the hustle and bustle of the normal routines of our pre-pandemic lifestyle.

**Acts 2:17-18 KJV** - [17] *And it shall come to pass in the last days, saith God, I will pour out of my Spirit upon all flesh: and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, and your young men shall see visions, and your old men shall dream dreams: [18] And on my servants and on my handmaidens I will pour out in those days of my Spirit; and they shall prophesy:*

## 8 WAYS THE HOLY SPIRIT COMMUNICATES WITH US

1. The Inner Witness – The Inner Knowing
2. The Word of God
3. Leadings
4. Check in your Spirit
5. Quickenings
6. Visions
7. Dreams
8. Prophecies

Prophecy is the language of God. It is released by God to assist us in building the body of Christ and establishing his kingdom on earth.

- **PowerPoint:** The prophetic anointing is the conduit for the manifestation of Gods voice, will, purpose and intentions through believers. It may work through any of the 5 spiritual senses which are a parallel of the 5 natural senses.

The adversary is intensifying spiritual warfare through spiritual mediums like: Psychics, zombies, vampires, & new age theology. But he's coming under the guise of "entertainment". The saints of God must be open and available to the prophetic anointing so that these demonic manifestations and false ideologies originating from the kingdom of darkness are cast down by the spirit of truth.

**2 Corinthians 10:4-5 KJV** - [4] *(For the weapons of our warfare are not carnal, but mighty through God to the pulling down of strong holds;) 5] Casting down imaginations, and every high thing that exalteth itself against the knowledge of God, and bringing into captivity every thought to the obedience of Christ;*

To those of you that feel a stirring of the prophetic in your life. While God can and does use our natural abilities in the prophetic ministry, the prophet is a speaker for GOD and never for himself. God uses us in different ways and it is important to identify the conduit through which the prophetic flows through you.

Understanding that the manner through which God speaks does not increase or decrease the integrity, authority or power of that Word.

- **PowerPoint:** We have to deemphasize sensationalism, and reemphasize spirituality.

**2 Peter 1:20-21 KJV** - [20] *Knowing this first, that no prophecy of the scripture is of any private interpretation. 21] For the prophecy came not in old time by the will of man: but holy men of God spake as they were moved by the Holy Ghost.*

The voices of our spiritual Mothers and Fathers have been replaced by carnal people, claiming to be speaking for God, but they were actually speaking out of a fleshly impulse instead of a spiritual unction.

**Jeremiah 23:16-22 KJV** - [16] *Thus saith the Lord of hosts, Hearken not unto the words of the prophets that prophesy unto you: they make you vain: they speak a vision of their own heart, and not out of the mouth of the Lord. 17] They say still unto them that despise me, The Lord hath said, Ye shall have peace; and they say unto every one that walketh after the imagination of his own heart, No evil shall come upon you. 18] For who hath stood in the counsel of the Lord, and hath perceived and heard his word? who hath marked his word, and heard it? 19] Behold, a whirlwind of the Lord is gone forth in fury, even a grievous whirlwind: it shall fall grievously upon the head of the wicked. 20] The anger of the Lord shall not return, until he have executed, and till he have performed the thoughts of his heart: in the latter days ye shall consider it perfectly. 21] I have not sent these prophets, yet they ran: I have not spoken to them, yet they prophesied. 22] But if they had*

*stood in my counsel, and had caused my people to hear my words, then they should have turned them from their evil way, and from the evil of their doings.*

- **PowerPoint:** Prophecy is the supreme exercise in surrendering to the unction of the Holy Spirit.
- **PowerPoint:** You cannot be prideful and prophetic. True prophecy always originates from a place of humility.

**1 Peter 5:5-6 KJV** - [5] *Likewise, ye younger, submit yourselves unto the elder. Yea, all of you be subject one to another, and be clothed with humility: for God resisteth the proud, and giveth grace to the humble. 6] Humble yourselves therefore under the mighty hand of God, that he may exalt you in due time:*

## Engaging the Power of the Holy Spirit

### Lesson 6

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The Holy Spirit comes to partner with us in the process of discovering and fulfilling the will of God in our lives. The key to having this experience is the believers ENGAGEMENT (interaction) with the Holy Spirit, and understanding how the Holy Spirit engages with us.

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#### 1. The Inner Witness

**Romans 8:16** *"The Spirit itself beareth witness with our spirit, that we are the children of God".*

The Holy Spirit will reveal the knowledge He wants you to have as a strong, inner affirmation. Some people call this inner witness, illumination, or enlightenment.

- **PowerPoint:** The inner witness will confirm practical things that have spiritual implications.

## 2. The Word of God

- **PowerPoint:** The will, mind, and WAYS OF GOD, are revealed by the Holy Ghost THROUGH the scripture.

**Romans 15:4 KJV** - *[4] For whatsoever things were written aforetime were written for our learning, that we through patience and comfort of the scriptures might have hope.*

- **PowerPoint:** There is a passage for every problem. +BJET

**Psalm 119:9-11 KJV** - *[9] Wherewithal shall a young man cleanse his way? by taking heed thereto according to thy word.10] With my whole heart have I sought thee: O let me not wander from thy commandments.*

**PowerPoint:** The Bible benefits you the most when you read it with your heart and not just your head.

## 3. Leadings

**Romans 8:14** *For as many as are led by the Spirit of God, these are sons of God.*

**Matthew 4:1** *Then Jesus was led up by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil.*

**Ephesians 5:17 KJV** - *[17] Wherefore be ye not unwise, but understanding what the will of the Lord is .*

**Daniel 2:22 KJV** - *[22] He revealeth the deep and secret things: he knoweth what is in the darkness, and the light dwelleth with him.*

- **PowerPoint:** Decisions determine Destiny

How can we distinguish the leadings of the Spirit?

1: The flesh thrives on noise, activity, competition, and busyness.....

2: The Spirit thrives on silence, stillness, solitude, and Scripture

- **PowerPoint:** GOD WILL NEVER COMPETE WITH ANYONE OR ANYTHING FOR YOUR ATTENTION.

**Psalm 46:10-11 KJV** - [10] *Be still, and know that I am God: [11] The Lord of hosts is with us;*

- **PowerPoint:** God wants to talk to you. But he has to know that you want to listen to him.

3: The voice of God does not holler; it is a still small voice.

**1 Kings 19:11-12 KJV** - [11] *And he said, Go forth, and stand upon the mount before the Lord . And, behold, the Lord passed by, and a great and strong wind rent the mountains, and brake in pieces the rocks before the Lord ; but the Lord was not in the wind: and after the wind an earthquake; but the Lord was not in the earthquake: 12] And after the earthquake a fire; but the Lord was not in the fire: and after the fire a still small voice.*

Saints because many of you are very busy and raising children, and tending to various responsibilities you have to be VERY INTENTIONAL about setting a time to meet with God, and not allowing anyone to intrude on that time. In many cases, the still small voice will speak out of the Word of God with your answer while you are reading the Word.

**Psalm 32:8-9 KJV** - [8] *I will instruct thee and teach thee in the way which thou shalt go: I will guide thee with mine eye. 9] Be ye not as the horse, or as the mule, which have no understanding: whose mouth must be held in with bit and bridle, lest they come near unto thee.*

- **PowerPoint:** The Spirit of God does not lead us by FORCE, he wants us to follow him by faith.

Beware of two extremes:

1: The first extreme is over rationalizing.

**Luke 5:4-6 KJV** - *[4] Now when he had left speaking, he said unto Simon, Launch out into the deep, and let down your nets for a draught. 5] And Simon answering said unto him, Master, we have toiled all the night, and have taken nothing: nevertheless at thy word I will let down the net. 6] And when they had this done, they inclosed a great multitude of fishes: and their net brake.*

2: The second extreme is mysticism.

There are seven ways in which the discerning believer can truly experience God's guidance and determine God's will.

- 1: Inner Convictions I John 2:20
- 2: Scriptural Confirmation. II Tim 3:16
- 3: Prophetic Confirmation II Kings 2:5
- 4: Godly Counsel. Prov 11:14
- 5: Circumstances Philip 4:11-12
- 6: The peace of God. Colossians 3:15
- 7: Provision.....Psalm 37:25