

Walking in the Holy Spirit

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Lame Christian

Modern Christianity has developed a new Trinity, God the Father, God the Son and God the Holy Scriptures. The Holy Spirit has become the forgotten God. Let's not forget that the Holy Spirit authored the Scriptures, but the author is always greater than his book. Jesus relied on the Holy Spirit while on this earth, thus leaving us an example to do the same. In this e-book we will look at what it means to walk in the Holy Spirit.

There was a man who was born lame from his mother's womb. He was carried to the temple and lay daily at the gate to beg for money (Acts 3:1-26). We are not given the name of this person, but his situation is similar to some believers. This lame man had legs which came at birth, but these legs didn't walk. He was born with legs, but he lived his life crawling and being carried. Legs were not given to us so that we can just have them but so that they can carry us. His legs didn't carry him; he carried them instead. You know, when we became believers, when we were born again, God gave us the Holy Spirit as a gift. It's like having legs. The Holy Spirit didn't come a few years down the road only after He matured us and grew us in faith. He was given right away at the moment of our conversion. But walking in the Holy Spirit doesn't come automatically with spiritual birth. Just as with physical birth, we are not born walking. None of us walked out of our mother's womb. We had to learn to walk. Some took longer to walk than others. The first few times it was hard. We fell.

We cried. We relied on adults who were good at walking to train us and be patient with us. Today, walking comes naturally. In fact, we don't even think about it; we just walk. Because we developed the art of walking, we move from one place to another faster and faster. We don't drag our legs; our legs take us from point A to point B. And so is life in the Spirit. All the Christians have the Holy Spirit, but the Holy Spirit doesn't have all Christians. All the believers receive the Holy Spirit at salvation, but the filling of the Holy Spirit comes into the believer only at the time of surrender. Some of us have gotten saved. We have the legs, but total surrender still hasn't happened. Therefore, we are like lame people who crawl in the flesh rather than walk in the Spirit.

This lame person had legs, but his legs didn't carry him. It speaks of a believer who has the Spirit, but the Holy Spirit doesn't do anything in his life. His life is summarized by his ability to operate in the natural. There is very little supernatural in his life---all his work is the result of hard effort. He doesn't deny the Spirit but he lives without relying on Him. Results are minimal. Life is hard and at times exhausting. We as believers weren't meant to carry the weight of life nor its heavy responsibilities alone. The Spirit is given to help us with prayer, life and ministry. He is able to take the burden off the load. If we don't walk in the Spirit, we will work in the flesh. We will toil in the flesh. We will run and grow tired. We will walk and grow weary. We will become sour and exhausted. If we don't learn how to walk in the Holy Spirit, life becomes a heavy yoke and ministry becomes a difficult burden.

This lame man was sitting instead of leaping and begging instead of praising. In fact, what he asked for was alms, but what he needed was to walk. Peter and John did not give him money, but they lifted him up through the power of God, and he started to walk. But even when he started to walk, his financial situation was still the same. In fact, his outside circumstances didn't change, yet he started to rejoice, praise God and enter the temple. This miracle led many to faith in Christ. I could see myself in this lame man. In fact, I was a lame leader. I was begging God for alms. My alms were miracles and power. I thought they would change everything in my life and ministry. I remember asking one person who was used by God to pray for me that I would have power in my life. He told me, "I can't give you power. You don't need power. You need to know the Holy Spirit, and He will release His power." In other words, you don't need alms---you need to walk in what you already have. Once you learn to walk, you will get a job and make money. Honestly, that's what started to happen with me. I turned my prayer from "God, give me power" to "Holy Spirit, I want to know you".

Slowly but surely, my spiritual life went from crawling to walking, failing and falling and then to walking in the spirit. I can't say that I am some powerful preacher or man of God now, but I have seen more miracles now since that time than in my whole life before that. I don't remember a service where I pray for the sick and someone doesn't get healed. I don't chase miracles; I just want the Holy Spirit. Maybe you are sitting at the gate of your temple right now, really seeking the power of God. I would like you to switch your focus from the power of God to the presence of

the Holy Spirit. You already have Him. Now you need to walk in the Spirit. That walk will change your life and ministry. Just as John and Peter lent a hand to a lame person, today in this book God will use me to lend you a hand to help you walk in the Spirit as well. Peter and John didn't give the lame man legs; they just activated something he already had. I can't give you the Holy Spirit. Jesus gives the Holy Spirit, but God can use the next few pages to quicken a relationship, to whet your appetite for fellowship and to deepen your hunger for the person of the Holy Spirit. Alms is what you might think you need, but what you really need is to walk. That's the greatest gift---to know the Holy Spirit and to have a relationship with him.

To Walk in the Spirit We Must Talk to the Spirit

To walk in the Spirit you must start talking to the Spirit. As we have addressed previously, the Holy Spirit wants to have fellowship with you (2 Corinthians 13:14). God gives us love, Jesus gives us grace, and the Spirit gives us communion. Most of us think that the Spirit's gift is tongues or maybe power. But his primary gift is a relationship. He wants to have an ongoing relationship with you. As I have mentioned before, you are fully qualified for that relationship, in the same way you are qualified for the love of God and grace of Jesus. He desires that intimacy with all of us, not just with certain special people.

His gift is not just conviction but communion. When believers think of the Holy Spirit, their minds quickly move to the fact that the Holy Spirit's role is to convict us of sin. But when you

read in the context of the Holy Spirit's conviction, you will see that he comes to convict the world of sin and to convict us of righteousness (John 16:8). His role is to convict the world of sin so that they may believe in God to bring them to Christ. He does convict us of sin as well, but he also wants to convict us of the righteousness that we have through Jesus Christ. When was the last time you have been convicted by the Holy Spirit that you are righteous? Do you know that's also His role? Conviction is what he does, but his gift to us is communion according to 2 Corinthians 13:14.

You can't have a friendship with someone you keep calling them "*it*". Many people don't have fellowship with the Holy Spirit because they view the Holy Spirit as a force instead of a friend. They see him as a power, not as a person. Jesus never referred to the Holy Spirit as "*it*" but always as "*He*". The Holy Spirit is a person. He is not a dove, wind, fire, cloud, force or power. He is not even a feeling. He is not power. He is a real person.

You know when you think of the Father, there is a human connection that we already have to our own father. When we think of Jesus, we think of Him as a Jewish man. So when we worship Jesus--- we don't think of Him as a lamb or a lion, but as a person, even though he is portrayed as a lamb or a lion. But when it comes to the Holy Spirit, many people are confused in their mind. They can't have fellowship with Him because they see Him only as a dove, wind, oil, fire. One time I asked the Lord why he didn't give the Holy Spirit a physical body if he wanted us to have a relationship with him. I felt God responded to me with something

that totally blew me away. He said, "The Holy Spirit does have a body. In fact, he chose yours. Out of all the bodies He could have chosen, He chose yours." Then the verse came to my mind that our body is the temple of the Holy Spirit. It hit me. WOW. He chose to live and operate in my body! That changes how I view my body. You know when someone famous drives a car or lives in a house or signs a book or album, the value of those objects go through the roof. They said that someone was selling a car for a million dollars because at one time President Barack Obama leased it. The car no longer was just any car, but now its value was raised due to the fact that Barack Obama used it before becoming the president. Can you imagine how much more valuable you are because the Creator of galaxies now lives in you? He doesn't just use you for a year or two. No, no, no! He chose His residence to be in your body. You are His address. The Holy Spirit is a person and wants to have a relationship with you. By taking up residence in your body, He also raises the value of your body. If you have felt insecure about your physical appearance, you now have a greater reason not to live in insecurity. You can now live in thanksgiving to the Lord for not only creating your body, healing your body, resurrecting your body in the future and rewarding what's done in the body, but also choosing to reside in your body right now.

Let's come back to the person of the Holy Spirit. What makes someone a person? Is it life? Trees have life but they are not persons. A person is a living being with personality. A person is a being with a soul. The soul is the mind, the emotions and the will. The Holy Spirit has a mind. Paul said, "He who searches the hearts knows what the mind of the Spirit is" (Romans 8:27). The

mind of the Holy Spirit is in union with the Father and the Son, but He is a separate person of the Godhead. The Holy Spirit has a will. Jesus told his followers to go into all the world and preach the gospel, but the Holy Spirit prohibited Paul from going to Asia (Acts 16:6-7). When Paul tried to go to another city, the Spirit didn't permit him to continue. The Holy Spirit wasn't against preaching in those cities, but He knows everything better than we do and leads us in ways that help us to be most effective for God. God didn't just give us a map--- the Bible; he also gave us a guide---the Holy Spirit. The Holy Spirit's will is in union with the Father and the Son. The Holy Spirit has emotions. The mind, will and emotions are what gives someone personality thus making him or her a person. Paul exhorted us "and do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, by whom you were sealed for the day of redemption" (Ephesians 4:30). To grieve the Holy Spirit is to cause him sorrow. He is not a robot or machine without emotion or feeling. Even though he is exemplified as fire and wind, he is none of them because fire and wind don't have a will, mind and emotions. The Holy Spirit is a person. Our actions can bring him joy or displeasure.

To talk to the Holy Spirit, we must view him as a person. Some see the Holy Spirit as tongues. Therefore, they think that because they speak in tongues, they have all that there is to have of the Holy Spirit. Speaking in tongues is a powerful gift that unlocks other gifts, but communion with the Holy Spirit is more than just speaking in tongues. Speaking in tongues is evidence of the baptism of the Holy Spirit. It's a gift, but the Holy Spirit is a person. No, the Holy Spirit is not tongues; He is God. I knew an

ex-marine who was saved in our church. He was on fire for God! When I moved into my new house, I had no television set. While I was out of town preaching, he went to Costco and bought a nice Vizio television. When I returned home, he welcomed me at my house and told me that the television on my wall was his tithe to the church. I was like---I'm not sure that's where the tithing money should go. But since he was a baby Christian, I decided to keep the television while he figured out his theology. A few years later this marine moved to Hawaii, and I lost contact with him. In fact I tried to reach out a few times and received no response. You know the interesting part? I still have the television. In fact, even today I watched sermons on it. I use it regularly to watch sermons, services and worship music. I lost connection with him more than four years ago, but because of the gift he provided for me, I continue to use it. I know this is not exactly the same when it comes to tongues and the Holy Spirit, but you get the picture.

It's possible to speak in tongues by faith but not have any intimacy or friendship with the Holy Spirit. It's possible to walk in the gifts and still lack a relationship. Samson exercised his gift of extraordinary strength but didn't have any connection to the Spirit of God. Jesus warned of people who cast out demons, heal the sick and prophecy but don't know Him and practice sin. Relationship with the Holy Spirit must take priority over walking in His power and gifts. Speaking in tongues should fuel your relationship with the Holy Spirit but don't view the Holy Spirit as merely speaking in tongues. That's like saying that Jesus is a sinner's prayer. The sinner's prayer leads a person to salvation, but Jesus is God and a person and He is greater than "a prayer."

The Holy Spirit is more than tongues; He is God. He wants a relationship. That relationship starts with understanding that we must view Him as a person not “*it*”. He wants to be your friend. Stop treating Him as a force. The Holy Spirit is not power; He is a person.

Fruit and Gifts

To walk in the Holy Spirit, we must have two legs: the fruit of the Spirit and the gifts in the Spirit. I believe that walking in the Holy Spirit requires developing both our character which the Bible calls the fruit of the Spirit and growing in anointing which the Bible calls gifts of the Holy Spirit.

Paul tells us in 1 Thessalonians 5:19, to not quench the Spirit. That means to ignore or disobey His moving, His directions and activity, His power and His gifts. We are encouraged to desire the gifts of the Holy Spirit. We are also to live our life surrendered to the will of God so that these gifts are used as tools to reach the world, not as an end to themselves. One of the biggest ways that we quench the Holy Spirit is to fear manifestations. Hunger for God has to be greater than the fear of the counterfeit. So many believers are walking on one leg because they don't let the Holy Spirit have freedom in their life or church. They fear fakeness. There are demonic miracles, there are fake tongues, there are fake everything. For everything real there is a counterfeit. The devil is an imitator, not a creator. To walk in the Spirit, we must walk in power. To walk in power, we must not fear manifestations. Our hunger for the reality of the Holy Spirit has to be greater than our

fear of the fake. With that said, it doesn't mean that we should not exercise discernment or wisdom in pursuit of the power of God. If you want to see more of God's power, become arrested by the fear of God and which delivers from the fear of man and fear of the fake. The devil is afraid of God's anointing because that's the only thing that can break the yoke. "Christ" means anointed one. Jesus began His ministry after the anointing was released by the Holy Spirit. Demons came out; people were healed; disciples were made; the world was impacted. The anointing makes all the difference. That's why the devil fights the anointing of the Holy Spirit. He has the whole department fighting the anointing. He has a spirit of antichrist, and guess what his spirit is against --- Christ, the anointed one. It's not the spirit of anti-Jesus but antichrist. The anointing, the gifts of the Holy Spirit, is the threat against the kingdom of darkness. And the Holy Spirit brings this anointing and power to all believers.

The gifts of the Holy Spirit represent the power of the Holy Spirit in a believer while the fruit of the Holy Spirit represents the character of the believer. For example, compare the Christmas tree with gifts under it and the apple tree with fruits on it. Fruits reveal the nature of the apple tree, while gifts under the tree have nothing to do with the nature of the Christmas tree. The same applies to gifts and power. You can walk in power without fruit, and some focus only on fruit but reject the gifts.

Back to our illustration of the lame man. One leg is "gifts" and the other leg is "fruit". Gifts are the anointing; fruit is the character. To walk properly, you need both legs. We need both

character and charisma just as an airplane needs two wings. The anointing will take a person to higher places, but character will keep the person from becoming proud and then crashing when he is on top. Life full of the Holy Spirit has both power and character. Both are equally important. We are exhorted to “not quench the Holy Spirit” (1 Thessalonians 5:19) and “to not grieve the Holy Spirit” (Ephesians 4:30). Quenching happens when we limit his power. Grieving takes place when we ignore His promptings and act contrary to His character. When you quench the Spirit, you don’t allow His power to flow. When you grieve the Spirit, you don’t allow His presence to produce the fruit. The Holy Spirit wants to empower our life with His anointing and equip our character with His fruit. I call this the two legs of walking in the Holy Spirit.

Now for a little bit about the fruit of the Holy Spirit. There are nine gifts but one fruit of the Spirit. It’s interesting because Paul doesn’t call it nine fruits of the Spirit but he names nine characteristics and calls them the fruit. “*But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control*” (Galatians 5:22-23). Compare that with the works of the flesh (plural) and the fruit of the Spirit (singular). These nine character qualities of the Holy Spirit develop at the same time. This fruit is what He produces. In our own strength, we can work on one trait of the fruit of the Spirit at the expense of another. When we work on patience, we tend to lose sight of gentleness. Or if we get better at long-suffering, we may lose joy. That is our best work and without the Holy Spirit, it’s nothing short of the work of the flesh. I can’t

work on all of the fruit of the Spirit at once. I have a hard time remembering all nine characteristics of the Spirit, and that's why this is called the fruit of the Spirit. It's not the fruit of my efforts. It's not my work. If this would come as a result of my efforts, it would be called the fruit of efforts, not the fruit of the Spirit. Fruit is not developed by striving. Trees don't strive to produce fruit. It's intimacy with the Holy Spirit that brings fruit. Therefore, we don't work on our fruit, we work on our relationship with Him, and fruit comes as a result.

This may come as a shock to some but we are not called to work on our character. We are called to work on our relationship with the Holy Spirit, and He will work on our character in return. Jesus told his disciples, "Follow Me and I will MAKE you..." (Matthew 4:19). Their job was to follow; His job was to make. The same applies to you and me today. We are only branches. Our job is to abide; His task is to produce fruit. That's why in John 15:1-8, it says that a branch bears fruit, not produces it. We hold that fruit but the Holy Spirit produces it. Our job is to cultivate intimacy; His job is to produce character. In other words, don't work on your issues; instead, cultivate intimacy. Even though fruit does take time to develop, it's the abiding on the tree that brings it to being ripe and ready. Time alone doesn't bring fruit - abiding does. Character also takes time. Only the Holy Spirit changes character with time. Healing, deliverance, and salvation are instant, but sanctification is a process brought forth by the Holy Spirit.

Remember, God is interested in spiritual fruit, not religious nuts. Life filled with the Holy Spirit is not you trying to live for God but letting the Holy Spirit live through you. Paul said, “*It is no longer I but Christ who lives in me*” (Galatians 2:20). We receive salvation when we believe that Jesus died in our place on the cross, but do you know how character is developed? It results when you surrender to the Holy Spirit and let Him live in your place! Yes, let Him live His life through you. Salvation came when Jesus died in our place, but sanctification comes when we let Jesus live in our place. Of course it’s easier for most of us to let Jesus die for us than to let Him live in our place. The second part requires surrender. We so often replace surrender with striving. Striving produces the work of the flesh; surrender produces the fruit of the Spirit. The fruit of the Holy Spirit is like having kids; children are the result of intimacy. Many people come to the altar for the pastor to lay hands on them in order to get better character. You know that laying hands on you can’t get you pregnant. You can’t get pregnant because you came to the altar. You need to have a relationship and intimacy and kids come as a result of that. The same is true of His character in us; it’s a fruit that follows intimacy.

It’s interesting that all nine characteristics of the fruit which the Holy Spirit develops in us are attitudes, not actions. If you remember the Ten Commandments, most of them are about doing this or not doing that. The fruit of the Spirit is not about doing, but being. It’s not about action but attitude. John Maxwell said,

Attitude is the librarian of our past, the speaker of our present and it is a prophet of our future; it's roots are inward, but its fruit is outward; it is our best friend, or our worst enemy; it is more honest and more consistent than our words; it is an outward look based on past experiences; it is a thing that draws people to us or repels them from us.

Attitude is more about our reaction to what's happening. And most of our life is about how we respond more than about what happens. Why is the Holy Spirit more concerned with our attitude than our actions? Because attitude determines your altitude in life. The fruit of His work in your heart is a change of your attitude toward life. We tend to think that His number one job is to change our circumstances so that we don't have to change our attitude. We pray that He will change other people so that we don't have to change. But Scripture teaches us to do otherwise. That's why I believe that the fruit of the Holy Spirit doesn't make me better than you; it makes me better than me. It empowers me to do what I can't do on my own.

Fruit feeds others. Fruits don't feed themselves; they nourish others. When you let the Holy Spirit produce His fruit in your life, people closest to you will be fed by you. Your spouse, family and friends will be nourished by the quality of your character that has been influenced by the Holy Spirit. Gifts of the Holy Spirit bring healing, deliverance, and salvation, but the fruit of the Holy Spirit brings nourishment. If you have only gifts but no fruit, people closest to you will starve. My gift touches the world but my wife is fed by my character. At home, my anointing is not as important as

my attitude. In my work, my staff are fed by the fruit of the Spirit. Gifts operate on the stage, but fruit feeds people at home and the office. My wife admires me as a preacher, but she loves me as a husband. Being a great preacher can't make our marriage great. I must allow the Spirit to produce the fruit of being a loving husband. Fruit feeds. If we don't have the fruit, people around us will be fed up with us. If we have the fruit, people close to us will be fed by us. Are people fed up with you? Or are they fed by you? You might be very gifted and anointed but are you fruitful? If you have an unbelieving spouse or parents, they don't care how great your church is. They want to know how great your attitude is toward them. Many of us fail to bring them to Christ because we are pursuing gifts only but don't let our family get fed by the fruit of the Spirit. What if your household was fed everyday by fruit that the Holy Spirit has produced in you? Many of them will be open to the Gospel. There are pastors who are famous worldwide, but their kids don't want to talk to them, and why? They have gifts and the anointing, but the family is hungry for love and attention. They are longing for fruit. You can't feed your kids with an Apple watch but you can feed them with apple fruit. Your gift is like an Apple watch, but the fruit of the Spirit is like the apple fruit. I don't want to own the coolest Apple watch but deprive my family from being fed by the fruit because I am so busy working on gifts and I neglect to allow the Spirit to work on my character. It's like being on crutches with one functioning leg and the other one lame.

Please hear me, I don't want you to go and work on your character. That's a mistake. Christian character will not be

developed as result of striving but as a result of surrendering. Stop trying harder. Try differently. Start yielding to the Holy Spirit daily. Yield to him the areas of your character where you are weak and constantly fail . Whenever temptation presents itself for you to act out of character, at that moment follow the Holy Spirit away from sin. You will sense His prompting; don't grieve Him by ignoring His whisper. The goal is not holiness but the Holy Spirit. He will bring us to holiness when we follow Him. He is the goal; He is not a means to a goal. I am not using the Holy Spirit to get holy; I am wholly surrendered to the Holy Spirit. I can't live holy without the Holy Spirit. His fruit produces holiness in me.

Walking in the Spirit is for Winning Souls

When the lame man started to walk, he went inside the temple, leaping and praising God. His miracle was his testimony that led hundreds to put their faith in Jesus as their Messiah and Savior. The purpose of this miracle was to win souls. The salvation of souls is the greatest miracle.

You don't need legs if you're not planning to stand up and go. The Holy Spirit is not only in us and for us, but He is upon us for the sake of others. We don't need anointing and power if we don't intend to witness. The Pentecost experience was to empower believers to bring others to Christ. Walking in the Holy Spirit is for helping us to fulfill the purpose of winning the world to Jesus. The power of the Holy Spirit is not to make you a Spirit-filled couch potato but an effective witness for Jesus' kingdom. Any pursuit of getting deeper into the Holy Spirit that ignores, avoids,

or belittles evangelism is simply wrong. Just as God gave you legs not just to sit on, so it is with the power of the Holy Spirit---power is given to us to go into the world, not sit in the church pew. You don't need anointing to sit, you need anointing to go. Don't turn your Christianity into churchianity where you get so deep in the church that you forget the purpose for being a Christian. Jesus said, "Follow me, and I will make you fishers of men" (Matthew 4:19). To truly follow Jesus is the primary goal in life. The reward is that He will be making us, changing us, and transforming us. The final product is not that we just become outstanding citizens of the country but also be passionate soul winners. If we are not fishing, there is a high chance we are not truly following. I am not saying that we don't believe in Jesus or aren't going to heaven. Believing and following are two different things. The Father had a vision to reconcile the world back to Himself. That's what Jesus lived and died for. *"Jesus came to seek and to save that which was lost."* So, following Him but not caring about the lost is impossible. That's like a branch on a grape vine producing apples; this is not possible. The branch on the vine can only produce grapes and no other fruit. A true follower of Jesus will be a "fisher of men" because he will imitate his master Jesus whose heart beats for lost and wayward souls.

The coming of the Holy Spirit was meant to pour into our hearts the Father's love for the lost and to give us power to effectively reach them. The Holy Spirit is not sent to enable us to speak in tongues and shake and bake but to have power to win souls. If you speak in tongues but don't witness, you've missed the whole point of the baptism of the Holy Spirit. If you start walking

in the Holy Spirit just to be a churchy person who speaks Christianese but is negligent to pray, witness, and disciple souls to win more souls, then you have missed the point of walking in the power of the Holy Spirit.

In fact, most of Jesus' power miracles happened not in the temple but on the street. Jesus had 132 recorded contacts in the New Testament. Six were in the temple, four were in the synagogue and 122 were in the mainstream of life. No wonder Jesus' accusers called him "a friend of sinners". The power of the Holy Spirit was not limited just because He focused on His Father's vision to reach lost souls on the streets. We have to regain the heart of Jesus for the dying world. Our purpose is to win souls and to make disciples. Walking in the Holy Spirit requires talking to the Holy Spirit, developing His character, and using the gifts of the Holy Spirit. And all of this is for one sole purpose---to GO into all the world and win souls.

In the earlier stages of our church, we viewed evangelism like this: if we get the power, people will get saved. We focused on power and miracles. The church got weirder and meetings became more "insider" focused. We did nothing to actively win souls. We wanted miracles to come so that the miracles would win souls. That view is not Jesus' view. "He came to seek and save the lost". Yes, miracles help but they don't replace our need to go out and evangelize, to invite people, to pray, and to share our faith. At one point, my pastor, who was a missionary in Russia before coming to the United States, corrected our understanding. He said that we need to put the salvation of souls as the primary goal and miracles

as a means to reach that goal. Don't focus on healings but on the salvation of souls, because even those who are healed will still die. Don't focus on breakthroughs but on the salvation of souls because those who get breakthroughs will still die. Ten out of ten people die, and what's next? Where will they go? Salvation of the soul is our main focus. When we changed our focus to the salvation of souls, it brought motivation to the congregation. Miracles are not fewer. Their point and goal is to reveal the goodness of the Father's love and bring someone to salvation.

Now, at our church we are facing another situation. Most new people come to our church not because we actively evangelize but because our social media is doing very well. Instagram, YouTube, TikTok, and Facebook are doing most of the evangelism. But God called those of us who follow Jesus to be fishers of men, not the social media. We are beginning to reteach our church again to be a light in the darkness and salt to the world that is hurting and dying. We can't rely on technology to do all the evangelism. We need to pray for God to "send forth laborers". We need to create a list of people who don't know Christ and fast and pray for their salvation. We need to become friends with those who don't know Jesus and share our faith on a regular basis. We need to live with intention and passion to lead others to Christ and be ready for God's interruptions in our everyday life to stop and share the gospel.

Please hear the heart of Jesus. We are either a missionary or a missionary field. If we aren't reaching the lost, we have lost it. It doesn't matter how fast we speak in tongues or how many degrees

we have under our belt. Jesus' calling for us is to win souls and to make disciples. We have no luxury of having any other vision than the one our Master modeled for us.

To walk in the Spirit, we must use both legs (the fruit and gifts), talk to the Holy Spirit, let Him take the lead, and walk toward the dying world.

Let's Pray Together

1. Father, teach me how to walk and live with my Mentor, my Companion, my Helper, my Comforter, my Friend the Holy Spirit.
2. Holy Spirit, if you are pleased with me, show me Your ways, reveal Yourself to me that I may know You and continue to find favor with You.

Thoughts to Ponder

- All the Christians have the same Holy Spirit but the Holy Spirit doesn't have all the Christians.
- Believers get the Holy Spirit at salvation, but the Holy Spirit gets the believer at surrender.
- To walk in the Spirit, you must start with talking to the Spirit.
- You can't have fellowship with someone you keep calling them "*it*".
- The Holy Spirit is not a power; He is a person.
- Our hunger for the real power of God has to be greater than our fear of fake manifestations.

- A life full of the Holy Spirit is both a gift and a fruit, anointing and character.
- Life filled with the Holy Spirit is not you trying to live for God but letting God live through you.
- Salvation came when Jesus died in our place, but sanctification comes when we let Jesus live in our place.
- We replace surrender for striving. Striving produces the work of the flesh; surrender produces the fruit of the Spirit.
- If we don't have the fruit, people around us will be fed up with us. If we have the fruit, people close to us will be fed by us.
- Fruit feeds.
- The Holy Spirit is in us for us, but he is upon us for others.
- The Holy Spirit is not sent to make us shake and bake but to give us power to be witnesses.

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