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**Packed With God's Precious People  
Empty of God's Precious Holy Spirit**

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## Dedication

*I dedicate this book to the Holy Spirit,  
the Great Spirit of God,*

*unknown by most people in the world,  
and ignored by many in the church.*

*(I pray He will get more popular!)*

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## To My Readers (precious or not)

To introduce myself and characterize my relationship to churches, I am over-experienced. I am 81, still attend church, and started when I was 23, prompted by a Baptist elder I worked with at Boeing who was frightened by my lifestyle. He begged me upon his holy knee to go to his church. Because I thought he was kind I went, uncomfortable in that strange environment. To my shock, my sinful right arm shot up at the invitation to accept Christ as My Savior. (Hoping my relatives would not find out.)

From then on it was up and down, depending if I was carnal or spiritual that year (or week). Actually, some of my most carnal moments have been in churches, depending on how I was led, or felt like being led. I, and my family, have had a real checkerboard relationship with churches over the last 57 years, and the spiritual world out there waiting to bite you or bless you.

The Baptists are so happy at raised hands and wisely inform you to get baptized in water, which I reluctantly did, hating the whole thing, but knew I was doing the right thing – a rarity. They then tell you with glistening eyes, “you are now a new creature” – the weirdest words ever spoken. I thought then why am thinking of flirting with the man who is telling me this? I know “flirting” is an archaic word now but it’s descriptive.

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I was a habitual flirter, acquired by much practice and a luring nature. So, surely, God wouldn't expect a change that soon after coming right up out of the water tank. Also I was concerned how I looked, as usual. Just trying to convey it takes a while to be a new person, like for the rest of your life.

Of course I am not against churches no matter if a negative impression is expressed. (And I love the Baptists, there's nobody like them.) Many churches are the light of the world, and they do hold back some evil and provide spiritual activities, life & comfort to families. Praise God for them. My three grandchildren attend Christian school. But their main deliverances have come from our deliverance ministry.

Many churches don't walk in the whole light of God's Word. The very saddest thing is they don't allow the Holy Spirit with His gifts and deliverance to operate in their services. It would mess up their bulletin which was planned weeks before. And unless prophets are typing the bulletin, the chances of the service being what God Almighty (the Great Planner of the Future) wants is pretty miniscule. But bless their hearts, they're nice people, and we need nice people on this earth.

But, readers, we need to fill the church with the precious Holy Spirit and the gifts of the Spirit. People are sick, dying, afflicted, tormented and sitting in sadness and despair with no-one to say "Deliver." I am

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sometimes sad when I attend churches because the activity of the Holy Spirit is not there to actually *deliver* people from every binding. And many love their church, friends there, and pastor. And it's a benefit to their life, but when you're sick, diseased, dying, or can't get rid of a sin, you need *deliverance*.

Before I start blathering on, just wanted you to know that I am a "church" person and I love the church of the "living God." I also can't deny my (and others') experiences in churches. I won't relate all of my experiences (this is for G readers), but am writing this to encourage you to encourage your pastor or those around you to actually use the Holy Spirit who has been sent to help us (He's the "Helper"!).

A famous preacher told the story of a black minister friend who went to preach at a church he was invited to and they refused him when they belatedly noticed that he was black. He was lamenting out in his car that they wouldn't let him in there and didn't want him. God said, Don't feel bad, they won't let Me in there either.

Hence, this book. Love you readers.

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# PART I.

## THE “CHURCH” (You, Me, & the Holy Spirit)

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## PART I. THE “CHURCH” (You, Me, & the Holy Spirit)

“**Church**” – that wonderful institution founded by God to help us in this world to overcome the world, the flesh, and the devil, and to actually get the sin and iniquities off and out of us, His people, and teach us how to be prosperous, healthy, and happy. What a great plan, to give us some safe place to go, take our families, hear the Word, and enjoy the fellowship of other believers. The Bible says, “the whole world lies in wickedness,” but we have our sanctuary, our city of refuge. And if we sin or get in trouble, a body of believers to pray for us. What an oasis of living water while darkness and dangers surround us. One dictionary says the English word “church” is derived from the Gr. adjective *kyrikon*, which means “belonging to the Lord.” No, not the world but the Lord. I love “belonging to the Lord.”

The coming into existence of the church was recognized by Christians as a fulfillment in part of the covenant God made with Abraham and Moses. With the Israelites God had covenanted that He would establish a people for *his own possession* who should receive His promises. 1 Peter expresses the same, that God’s people are “precious, an elect race, a royal priesthood for God’s own possession.” Do we ever have a fantastic heritage and calling!

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The Greek word for church is *ekklesia*, meaning “called out,” called out as distinct from the world. It is used 115 times and is always translated “church” except in Acts 19:32-41 where it is “assembly.” A body of believers who assemble in homes or buildings to experience their God, and help others experience God.

Many Christians and churches make an effort to teach and to walk in love because that makes us distinct from the world. As the Word says “by their fruits you shall know them.” So we love God, love His church, and teach the importance of love, particularly from 1 Corinthians 13. Of course it takes a big effort of the Holy Spirit to cleanse us from all the junk (mainly selfishness and self-absorption) and curses we’ve inherited or brought upon ourselves. Curses are a huge hindrance to our walking in love and pleasing God.

The church’s mission is the same as Christ’s mission on this earth: “The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to preach the gospel to the poor; he has sent me to heal the brokenhearted, to preach deliverance to the captives, and recovering of sight to the blind, to set at liberty them that are bruised” (Luke 4:18).

And, as you know, “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” (Acts 10:38). And, just think, you and I are called (it’s a heavenly calling) to emulate Him, to do

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even greater works than He did! We're not called to be fashionable, popular, witty people: we are called to "be holy as He is holy." And, oh, my, "holiness without which no man shall see the Lord." Sounds like a stretch between Thee and me, but keep at it.

How can God have such high aspirations for us weary humans? *Because He gave the Holy Spirit to the church who will work in and through people to actually BE this way.* It's a spirit walk, and a spirit work, an inside job. Praise God for the Holy Spirit who should have free reign in our gatherings.

The early church in the book of Acts was an exciting, joyful, unpredictable gathering, in homes many times. Paul told us in 1 Corinthians 14:26, "How is it then, brethren? When you come together, every one of you has a psalm, has a doctrine, has a tongue, has a revelation, has an interpretation." That sounds cheerful and sharing.

When our Christ died and rose again, "He personally gave (to the church) some apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, some pastors and teachers" (Eph. 4:11). That was generous, we need them all, I need them all, my kids need them all. Then it tells us why He dropped those gifts inside people's spirits to be operated in the church: "For the perfecting of the saints, for the work of the ministry, for the building up of the body of Christ" (4:12). Now what other gathering or group of people could say that? We got it, we got the

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Holy Spirit with all of His gifts to set us free, actually free from every binding. I despise bindings. I hate darkness. I want the light of the Holy Spirit to shine in our churches and touch every affliction.

As a body, the church we all attend is a living organism and responsible for encouraging us to “arrive at really mature manhood (the completeness of personality which is nothing less than the standard height of Christ’s own perfection), the measure of the stature which belongs to the fullness of Christ and the completeness found in Him” (4:13).

To aid (we need it) in this development Christ gave gifts to His church by placing the gifts in the spirits of His people that will fulfill the tasks the Lord wants for each church. In the olden days, members of the church were baptized in the Holy Spirit, evidenced by speaking in tongues (your spirit language), and every member had one or more spiritual gifts operating to edify (build up) the church.

The church is called the church of the “living God,” Jesus is our “living bread” which actually came down from heaven; we are to have “living waters” flow out of us (after you get delivered from all the dead stuff). **The whole Spirit of the New Testament is LIFE** (John 6:63).

The Word says that when Jesus ascended “He gave gifts unto men” (Eph. 4:4), because He knew His church

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would need those gifts. So look around you in your church and think of all the gifts there just waiting to be activated by faith and used to truly set the oppressed free. Oh the power we have residing in our spirits in the pews in churches. That power gives us the ability in us to always be victorious. But at times we need to learn to stand against the forces of evil. This is the church's God-given job.

The New Testament churches were world-changing fireballs. The church we attend should also have warnings and judgments. It should be a little scary to sit in the pews with sin in our lives. One of the best things the Holy Spirit does is *convict* of sin. People listening to that conviction are way too few.

Two Christians, Ananias and Sapphira, fell down smack on their faces or maybe their backs because they lied to the Holy Ghost. When they died, "young men wound them up, carried them out, and buried them" (Acts 5), side by side of course. You picture this scene and wonder if you get zapped by an apostle were there any last words spoken by the zapper or the lying couple? Did the other members look in shock and say, that's a little stern, how about two or three warnings? Or, so they told a little lie, now we've lost a nursery worker and a men's financial advisor, learn to consider the whole picture Peter, not just the lie; it's a little hasty to zap two members who contribute.

You get the impression that the early church was more concerned with keeping sin out of their midst than keeping their membership and not offending anyone. Paul truly believed he was to “purge out any leaven so that his church would be a new lump without leaven” (1 Cor. 5:7). This should happen today.

It said “great fear came on all those that heard these things.” Yes, the church is supposed to come against the great sin named Lying. Can you imagine the church now carrying out two dead members and burying them? It didn’t sound like they messed around or asked the relatives about the caskets and funeral plans. Oh the lawsuits now, the church is killing people! Maybe we should have graveyards in back of the churches to expedite matters. They used to believe that a little leaven leavened the whole lump (church) so they preached, taught, exhorted strongly to get rid of sin to protect all of the other members. And what they preached against they also had the gifts and anointing to help sinners get rid of the sin. Not just seek and kill!

God and Paul had to houseclean as someone told Paul there was fornication in the Corinthian church, that some guy had sex with his father’s wife. Then Paul told the church, you haven’t even mourned about it that this Christian would be taken away from among you. He said, the church can’t tolerate sexual sins, “so in the name of Jesus when you are gathered together, with my spirit, with the power of the Lord Jesus, we’re going to deliver this sexually impure Christian over to Satan for

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the destruction of the flesh so that the spirit may be saved in the day of the Lord” (1 Cor. 5). Yikes! Yes, the church is responsible for judgment. Our society is not taught enough about the dangers of sexual sins and the darkness it brings on people. (Read the booklet “Bad Sex Stuff,” written by Nancy Angove.)

When Paul tried to rebuke and exhort the Corinthian church they got highly disturbed at him for daring to interfere with their lives, and particularly their active sexual lives. He said, “Have I become your enemy because I tell you the truth?” That’s a loaded question for those who get furious at those who rebuke them! The chief ministry of churches is to minister to our Lord (Acts 13:2a), to worship Him as priests and kings by the indwelling Spirit (Phil. 3:3), and to carry out His will on earth by performing His works through the power of His Spirit. The aura of the supernatural should characterize our church (as it did the early church) at every turn.

Yes, groups of believers are the answer to every problem people have or the world has. We have the Holy Spirit in our spirits, “Christ in us, the hope of glory,” and God who also dwells within us. If you want to experience glory instead of fornication that was in the Corinthian church, Jeremiah 10:23-24 says “Glory in this, that he understands and knows Me, that I am the Lord that exercises lovingkindness, judgment, and righteousness in the earth: for in these things I delight, says the Lord.” God delights in judgment because, for

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one thing, it protects the innocent and encourages double-minded people to snap out of their sin.

As a mother and grandmother the most precious times of my life have been at church functions watching my children and grandchildren perform. To see them so innocent and singing songs about Jesus and quoting Bible verses makes my life more worthwhile. I would not want them growing up without church: it has helped formed their lives for good. But when they get older it takes more than fun and singing to capture their interest: their spirits need to be captured for God and they need to see and experience more life and activities of the Spirit!

Regardless of the condition of many Christians' hearts, the greatest people in the world that have changed things for good have been Christians: all the Old Testament prophets and the New Testament saints, Paul, Peter, John. There have been awesome Christians who have held enormous meetings with thousands healed and saved. Christians have planted good seeds over the entire world to help offset all the evil, and they are a generous people to help the poor.

Only Christians can do this, so the good impact they have had on the world is enormous. No-one but a Christian can (safely) cast a demon out, raise the dead, heal the sick. Hitler and many others have had an impact of evil, but only Christians have had the courage, power, and zeal to change the world for good.

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This nation has been spared much because it is a Christian nation and God honors that. The righteous Christians are keeping judgment and Satanic forces away from us. Only Christians can turn the evil intended on us and society by praying and getting involved in good works and giving to the poor and needy. That takes power and faith.

Don't let how other Christians are determine how you will be. You stand on the Word regardless, walk in love, and don't let the behavior of some in the church influence or discourage you. God, His Church and all He offers in salvation, is all we have to help save some of the world. So, cheers for God's Assemblies. We are the light of the world.

Hebrews 12:18-25 compares the different experiences in God that the Old Testament saints had with the New Testament saints (us):

The Old Testament saints:

“For you have not come [as did the Israelites in the wilderness] to a [material] mountain that can be touched, a mountain that is ablaze with fire, and to gloom and darkness and a raging storm.

“And to the blast of a trumpet and a voice whose words make the listeners beg that nothing more be said to them.

“For they could not bear the command that was

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given: If even a wild animal touches the mountain, it shall be stoned to death.

“In fact, so awful and terrifying was the phenomenal sight that Moses said, I am terrified (aghast and trembling with fear).”

But yeah! look what we, the New Testament saints, have come to:

“But *rather*, you have come to Mount Zion, even to the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem, and to countless multitudes of angels in festal gathering.

“And to the church (assembly) of the Firstborn who are registered [as citizens] in heaven, and to the God Who is Judge of all, and to the spirits of the righteous (the redeemed in heaven) who have been made perfect.

“And to Jesus, the Mediator of a new covenant, and to the sprinkled blood which speaks of mercy, a better and nobler and more gracious message than the blood of Abel [which cried out for vengeance].”

Conclusion of all this drama:

“So see to it that you do not reject Him or refuse to listen to and heed Him Who is speaking [to you now]. For if the Israelites did not escape when they refused to listen and heed Him Who

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warned and divinely instructed them here on earth, revealing with heavenly warnings His will, *how much less shall we escape if we reject and turn our backs on Him Who cautions and admonishes us **from heaven?***” (Heb. 12:25).

Then “His voice shook the earth at that time, but now He promised that He was going to shake not only the earth but also the starry heaven. So He is going to remove what can be shaken—created things—so that what is not shaken might remain and continue” (26-27). He continues talking to His church: “Therefore, since we are receiving a kingdom that cannot be shaken, let us *hold on to grace. By it we may serve God acceptably, with reverence and awe.* For our God is a consuming fire” (Heb. 6:28-29).

Look at what He is saying – there is going to be quite a shake-up in the future and we had better be prepared. That’s the work of the church, to be filled with and hold on to the grace of God, which includes the baptism of the Holy Spirit and all the gifts we can muster up our faith for. Every single one is needed. The real church is totally different from the world because our calling is supernaturally awesome. The world has an enticing power, but it’s a destroying power.

The only institution in the world meeting that criteria to save mankind is the church. What a privilege to belong to a church, to help the church set all the oppressed free, and walk unafraid in a crazy world bent on destroying

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us. That's why a lukewarm church makes Jesus gag, because it won't accomplish what He died for.

Many times in scripture men walked away from Jesus (where does that end up?) because they wouldn't receive His teachings. Let's not do that but embrace all that the church should be doing. One time, when they didn't understand a teaching He was giving to His listeners, "many of His disciples walked away from Him."

He asked the 12 apostles, "Are you going to walk away also?" I love Peter's answer: "Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life" (Jn. 6:66-68).

Let's remember Who has eternal life and try to make the church all that it should be with the gifts of the Spirit without having a hissy fit if someone wants to pray in tongues or prophesy. We are not a natural institution, although we help people in the natural so that they will turn to the One who has their supernatural life.

[I notice that sometimes I capitalize "Church" and sometimes not. Let's not worry about it right now, as at times it feels like it should be and other times not.]

[I have been told, and it's true, that my sentences are too long. I will try harder in the next book to shorten them up, but there again, let's not worry about it now.]

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# PART II.

## THE LOST CHURCH (So Sad, So Sad)

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## **PART II.**

### **THE LOST CHURCH**

#### **(So Sad, So Sad)**

Part I. sounded like a church you would like to be a member of and joyfully attend for the atmosphere of life and excitement (and warning!).

First of all, so you don't get upset with me (I'm delicate that way), I may not be talking about your beloved church or every church, but I am talking about too many churches. So understand, I love the Church, but many have become wimpy, ineffectual, religious, or tolerant of sin and loving the culture of the world.

Disparity, disparity, disparity, there is an elephant of disparity between the New Testament churches and some churches of today. It is so sad for the world that much of what goes on in many churches now is not of God or anointed by the Holy Spirit. How we need to be a Voice in the Wilderness in this crazy world and make a difference in who gets in our government agencies, what laws get passed, and how to influence the immoral culture around us for good.

Churches are wonderful in their activities and programs for all ages. But, for God's sake pastors, add and give the Holy Spirit room with His gifts of operation to speak in the assembly (He knows so much more than we humans!). Or the Bible School we so proudly

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graduated from, passing every test on pre-tribulation or post-tribulation.

One pastor told me that he didn't think the new and modern church had to follow the old-fashioned churches in the Bible, that a lot of those gifts and scary judgments didn't have to be incorporated now, we have a culture that strives to make everyone feel comfy, and even bite our nails hoping for their approval, oh please like us, we hate persecution. Why should we mess around with prophecy and stuff in the church that people don't understand, we might confuse the masses and they won't give as much, and spread weird rumors about us in our area. (He didn't say it quite that way; I like to amplify to make a point.)

I know it would be a big disturbance, like throwing a blanket of confusion over the gatherings to allow the gifts to operate, and there is the big concern over "wild fire." (Oh my God, a gift in operation, run for your life.) But it would be better to have wild fire and tame it down and throw the water of the Word on it than no fire. Just a lot of safe blah. The church bulletins are so well done--and I admire the skill of the secretaries who do them--but the services are dead or half dead and are well-constructed marvels of how many activities can be thought up to keep people busy.

We are so fearful of conservative Christians going crazy and out of control (might be fun to watch), but I petition pastors to leave room in their "church" services for

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prophecy, tongues & interpretation, judgment to keep us on our holy toes, warnings, and praise the Lord, real healings and miracles. Now that's a church service.

And yes, that's what they did in the early church which we know really happened when we read about it. But we have been deceived into thinking we're in a more modern age and don't have to have that old-fashioned stuff. We're cool and walk with a strut.

And yes, pastors would actually have to teach and explain the gifts. If that seems like too much trouble and you might lose a few unspiritual people, have someone else come in and do it for you, and pay them part of your salary.

Everyone says to those who get a little weary of church, well the Bible says to "not neglect the assembling of yourselves together." This is always quoted by those who don't know another Bible verse to reprimand those who dare to express their disinterest because they are tired of standing for 45 minutes to unanointed drab singing, at times led by females in too short skirts or other distracting clothing.

Speaking of clothing, I think some singers and leaders in the church should take a holiness test (God gives those) to see if their life is approved by God to sing (in mini-skirts with maybe not great legs, which they can't help, but why show them?) in God's church to God's people. Recently at a church musical we attended, the

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woman song leader had the tightest copper dress ever made, and we had to watch the back of her wiggling around to every note. Why? We are supposed to draw people's attention to the Lord, not to copper backends. We said, bet she's not married. She wasn't.

I don't mean dress like Mother Hubbard, but more like a modest Christian. Maybe it's my age, but it's distracting to see low cut tops on women working at the church and involved in various functions with little boys staring. (That's why they like *National Geographics*.) Covered breasts are as nice as they can be (also thoughtful). There are thousands of stylish tops with necklines that can struggle to cover your voluptuousness. The low cut top showing the crease in the middle with fat moving on both sides of the crease isn't as sexy as you thought it was. My husband agrees, and he's of the species of Man.

Pastors have tried to be cool to try to relate to the young people now, cool by wearing jeans to preach in and tennis shoes. Not a terrible idea, but how about some really *nice* jeans and there are cool shoes besides tennies. Jeans on a 40 plus waistline don't impress anyone. Many in the congregations dress up pretty nice and some pastors look like they came from a hoe-down. Sometimes when we older people try to be hip to relate to younger people we don't realize how uncool we appear. You can't *try* to be cool: you just *are* if you are. Be hip in the gifts of healing, miracles, signs and

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wonders, and believe me, the younger people will love and admire you.

When I go shopping I see many stylish fun clothes, and I buy them (some). I have a cool black top that says RUN in huge fancy letters. I wore a t-shirt at our family meeting last night that says Recharge, Reboot, Refresh. Yes, I dress young for 81 because I feel young. But I am always modest, even in my one-piece bathing suit. The culture of this world is getting so immodest I feel like I am in a giant nudist camp, with the main cover-up being tattoos.

You are thinking, what does she say about tattoos? I say that is the ugliest trend to ever be on our skin. A few tiny ones here and there, like a little rose, can be kind of stylish. But skin with snakes, cobras, and most of the designs I can't make out, look...well look...I can't think of the word right now. Even some small ones, I can't tell what they are, and it looks like your kids painted some of their pictures on you while you were sleeping. Jewelry up and down your arms and around your neck would look more decorative. Kimberly Daniels of *Spoken Word Ministries*, says it's an addiction that's hard to stop.

Sitting toward the back in church I have been amused (somewhat) by women who keep time to the music with their hips...I don't think they realize the effect of these movements. My husband keeps time with his head, and since I am lower, do not have to watch.

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When they assembled themselves in the New Testament there was much spiritual activity, which attracts even angels to the services. As said, Ananias and Sapphira were struck dead (Acts 5) for withholding money and lying to the Holy Ghost Who was in Peter when he asked them if they had sold some land for a certain price. They didn't get five reprimands: they fell over dead.

We don't know if they fell gracefully over a pew or just clunked to the floor. (Incidentally, do you tithe?) It's a more serious question than you realize. If you don't, you had better start. I can imagine how badly Ananias wanted to warn Sapphira while he was falling or how mad Sapphira was at Ananias for not warning her as she smacked to the floor.

Our human nature can be odd: we sit like robots in church afraid even to raise a self-conscious hand during the singing and yet many are not afraid to swear, yell at their kids, and commit the ever-popular adultery and fornication. The sexual sins are more natural to us than raising our hands or kneeling in a service (what! actually bending down to show reverence to our Maker in front of everyone).

Our shortcomings can be so cloaked in secrecy because the Holy Ghost is not allowed in services to point these things out and get some conviction of sin penetrating people's spirits. There is much sin in the church that never gets revealed, much less true spiritual deliverance

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after the revealing. Conviction is a supernatural tool the Holy Spirit uses to draw your attention to darkness you need to confess and turn from. The speaker could actually take his sermon from the Holy Spirit, the “Convictor,” who would point out the sins instead of a sermon prepared weeks before by somebody, somewhere, and then mailed to your church, probably with “attention: Pastor, your message for next Sunday.” The secretary gives it to the pastor and says, here’s what our head office wants you to share with your people here. And the pastor says, great, I don’t know what I would have done if it hadn’t come on time, I might have had to go out of town and have someone else speak.

Were you ever taught Proverbs 28:13, “He that covers his sins shall not prosper; but whoever confesses and forsakes them shall have mercy.” We cover because we don’t know what to do about the dang things or don’t know anyone that can pray effectively. The bulletin doesn’t cover that.

The church bows down to the same idols the world does and we fit into the culture of the world more than we fit into a spirit-led church. But that can change and we can be the church of the “living” God. Stop and think for a minute how vast, glorious, wonderful, awesome God is...yes, think. Think. So why isn’t church more of a reflection of Who her “Head” is? Children take after their fathers and the dna of their fathers: so why aren’t God’s children in church more like their Father? We have an awesome spiritual dna. The church is the

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representative of God on the earth. How appealing is our representation? We, as believers, actually have “Abraham for our father and Sarah our mother,” Isa. 51:2, and other places. It makes me feel good to think of that heritage, which I am sure was more wholesome and pure than my Irish-Cherokee heritage, which kind of bombed me out for a while, having inherited some traits they are known for, or even proud of.

Some of the following may sound strong but I am going to say it, in maybe a rough manner to provoke your religious thinking. I am not known for my graciousness.

And I do think many of the programs and activities for all ages are great for families, but I want my children to also hear tongues and interpretations, see miracles, and actually get excited about God and not just the activities. Got it? I feel insulted for God sometimes sitting in “His” church bored and uninspired.

The church was purchased by the blood of Jesus. We are bought with a price. If we looked at Him through the Word and saw the suffering Jesus went through to form the church we attend, we would fall down and worship Him, and do nothing to desecrate this precious blood. Yes, we are sinners, sometimes big time, and that’s why we need the church to help us, but many churches don’t have the wisdom and gifts to truly set all us dopers free. The blood protects us while we’re struggling free of our sins. We are not supposed to keep

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our sins and iniquities: we are supposed to get them off of us, out of us, and cast into the sea of God's forgetfulness.

Many churches have forgotten holiness, consecration, a pure heart, clean hands, and a clean mind free from all the pornography and gluttonous culture going on everywhere we look and that is defiling men's consciences. We are supposed to "keep our hearts with all diligence" and resist temptation, in fact fight against it as much as we used to fight for it.

God would love to invade our churches with His presence, but He is not invited (I mean *really* invited) to do this, and because of the dishonesty and sin in His people He won't come barging in on us unless we are hungry for Him and actually call upon Him. He is to be the *center* of our being in everything. Want to hear a good verse about that? "Whether therefore you eat, or drink, or whatsoever you do, do *all to the glory of God*" (1 Cor. 10:31).

Many churches are not really portraying Who He is and how He is. There isn't much fear of Him, but there is a lot of fear of not having a successful life, successful activities and vacations, enough money, being popular and having the "good life" –now those are things we fear and get nervous about. But we need to "set our affections on things above and not on things on the earth" (Col. 3:2). Read that again.

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A big reality of many churches is that they do not portray how Christ is: the services can be long and boring, or would be better if the speaker would just zip it and get a sense that busy people can get bored. Was Christ boring? No, “He went about doing good and healing all that were oppressed of the devil” – now that’s true excitement. (I know, I’ve faced some of those devils, but I’m meaner in the Lord than they are in their darkness.)

Christ’s sermons were filled with encouragement, admonitions, and warnings. In the N.T. church Paul was admonished, “don’t go to Jerusalem, they’re going to kill you for your testimony.” Would we have enough N.T. atmosphere to warn our pastor not to visit a church in California as there was danger, like maybe the golf courses were on fire. What Jesus did was speak the Word that He got because of His fellowship with God, and people came by the thousands to hear Him and see the miracles He did. He had some spectacular outdoor meetings. If we want to grow our church, follow Jesus’ example. Don’t let the persecution back you down.

We bow down to the same idols our world has, and the same loose culture instead of adhering to the Word. I’m not talking about being a hard religious judgmental person, but doing all this with love. And love is hard to come by because most people sitting in the pews are unhealed and don’t know how to love or are so selfish they actually stink. The only deodorant for this is to start actually being aware of the needs around you and

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stop thinking of yourself. I have said this in another place but will say it again: you can love your children and wife but you can love yourself a little more by choosing your desires, wants, and needs above theirs.

There is an **idol of leaders** in the world and in our churches. We sometimes stand by our leaders and pastors no matter what, clinging to them for our standing in life rather than God. We can think to be close to God we have to be close to leaders. It can seep in and then our relationship with God is predicated on our personal contact with the pastors. And beware of working in close proximity with the opposite sex, and if you feel an attraction coming on, remove yourself from the attraction, that is, if you're married; if not, draw closer.

There can be a more bowing down to the leaders and more waiting on them than bowing down and waiting upon God. We are like the children of Israel – we want a king like all the other nations and don't know how to train to be led by God. We want someone who will honor us with a certificate, personally signed, for our five years of service with no pay.

A common fault among mankind is adulation of the rich and famous, or at least the “famous” in our small circles. We have to be healed of this scraping attitude. Yes, support, encourage, and pray for your leaders, but also lead your life according to *your* needs, your *family's needs*, and how God is leading *you*.

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We hate hearing about the sweat shops in the world, people working long hours with low wages. Churches can also be sweat shops, in the Name of the Lord, for low or no wages, and just be happy you have a leadership position, which can be more like a “work yourself to the bone” position. (We have been there folks, another story for another book.)

Many workers giving of their time and strength—and this is irksome—are never paid except for a certificate once in a while and then they have to pay for a frame. If pastors are making good wages with benefits, and faithful workers are getting zero, you better get some prosperity teaching in your church so there is enough to pay the workers worthy of their hire.

The use of the congregation to make many leaders’ lives better, with their time, money, free services, adoration, I’ll do anything for you, is out of balance. You can’t *really* say anything or speak your displeasure or you will be coming against God’s anointed and go to hell. Yet many pastors talk against their flock who are also God’s anointed.

**Funds:** We have attended churches where the funds were misused, and only if you worked with the finances would that be known. Some pastors we have known are big spenders and big vacationers (they’re charismatic though, and we loved being with them), while many in the flock are living from paycheck to paycheck. They think the pot of gold being brought in by hard-working

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Christians belongs to them for *their* discretion. The financial statements to the flock were obscure which my CPA husband could explain to me, which I never understood.

You can't go so far as to say they're dishonest, but money with no-one to slap your hand is too tempting unless you're a holy man. I'm not making this up, we have seen the cover-up in churches. Pastors think well we work so hard and we're the head so we deserve a high life style. But I say the hardest working people in the church are the flock who are giving of their time and money, besides working jobs outside the church.

Many pastors we have known are not working for low wages. We have heard many admonitions of the sacrifices they are making, and to fend off exhaustion have to take frequent trips and vacations and time off while the elves labor. We have known leaders who have high wages, liberal use of credit cards, and yet talk needy from the pulpit.

No, we don't use the word "liars," that's too strong, but it's like a social game played even between pastors – oh the problems with the flock, our life is so burdened, and we get migraines if we don't have much time off or away.

I have always felt akin to busy moms working hard in the church for no pay, and usually working a full-time job. And, husbands, sometimes you're not a big help.

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And the expectation to attend every service so their loyalty would not be questioned does not fit in with a busy family life.

Some “men of God” portray they are “overworked” going from seminar to seminar, selling their tapes with all the profit going to them after someone has copied them for nothing. Those who have worked in church offices have testimonies (true) you wouldn’t want to hear. But there is a liberality for pastors, but no money for pencils in the office. Of course I’m not talking about your church?

This might be a good place to say to those who like their church in many ways but know the liberties being taken with the funds, to remove themselves. You need to plant your seed in holy integral soil to receive your harvest.

Tithe where you are being blessed and fed, and that may change off and on. One church we attended had more classes on finances and computers than on holiness and the fear of God. Let’s have both.

Another church we attended controlled in fear--a big weapon over us newborn Christians--that if we didn’t obey the leadership we were in big trouble, like maybe hell (the very lowest pit) for coming against God’s anointed. And we were all such a burden we needed to just be thankful for our leaders and not offend them in

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any way. We didn't know we had every right to know where the money was being spent, like really spent.

Many pastors now have a lucrative living, more time off than most, power over people, full use of credit cards for dinners, gifts, etc., with no opposition because it is not exactly announced or understood. Most board members that the pastors say they are subject to are never going to speak up against their pastor. Believe me on that one.

I do have sympathy for many as they feel called to be pastors and have a heart to do this, but are not delivered enough from temptations and sins before standing behind the pulpit, or have no-one experienced in deliverance to pray for them. Some women love leaders and those who have authority, and can be used by darkness to trip up a man of God. An article in *Charisma News* tells of a pastor who was loved by his family and church, but was found out to be an *Ashley Madison* user. He committed suicide. The minute he felt to get on that web site, he should have been able to call someone to cast out that spirit of lust, etc., and set him free. Now he's dead and his family and church desolate.

The Bible says to "lay aside every weight and sin which does so easily beset us" (Heb. 12:1), so we can lay it (the sin) aside, which many times takes the help of a deliverance person with the wonderful gifts of the Holy Spirit.

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**Time, Energy, & Family Life:** Children are sometimes neglected (they take a lot of time and teaching), while their parents are busy serving “God” in the church, attending meetings, singing in choirs, planning huge and small events, snapping at their kids to hurry or we’ll be late, and we’ll stop fast and get a nutritious chemical-laden fast-food hamburger. Mommy doesn’t have time to cook any more.

How many church goers are truly seeking God in the morning and throughout the day, walking in peace and love towards one another, loving God with all of their heart, soul, mind, and spirit, confessing and striving against sin; and I think it was God who said, “covet not your neighbor’s (any wife close to you) wife.” I would guess that also means “covet not your neighbor’s husband,” or even your neighbor’s boyfriend. Leave your hands and hearts off anyone’s else “stuff.”

Selfish ambition can rule in churches as much as anywhere and it is in our dna unless we get it born again through Christ. We want to be leaders, leaders, leaders, whether we’re gifted or not. God wants our hearts pure and is more interested in who we *are*, not what we *do* or how much money we have in the bank. We have known pastors who became jealous or intimidated by someone in their flock’s influence. People of influence, guard your hearts against this. It’s part of the old nature in men from the beginning of time.

We have so many worldly nets to catch the fish, rather than the net of Jesus which did the miracles of filling Peter's nets with literal fish (making him prosperous that day), and the church could catch hundreds with the gifts and nets of healing and miracles. Jesus said, "If I be lifted up I will draw all men to Myself." If we lift up how He is and what He does, the church will be a "living organism." If His presence was *really* in a service there would be repentance, awe, miracles, changed lives and changed negative circumstances.

Fellow citizens of heaven: if we would all get to really know Him we wouldn't need all the hype, activities, and long hours of work – His gifts and Spirit would be so prevalent, the smoke of His presence in the sanctuary, and the excitement and energy of His Being, that some of our programs would be ashes under His feet. *People would be drawn to just His presence!* His real people would run after this and the fake people would leave for something less spiritually intense.

The abundance of activities teach loud and clear that God alone doesn't satisfy and that you need to have programs, treats, rah-rah young dancers in tight clothing moving to the rhythm of worldly music with Christian words. It's like look how contemporary and cute we are and we're still Christians! See, you can be a Christian and really enjoy yourself and be just (well almost) like the world, and while we're bowing to the culture, it's great to be "saved."

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Does a leader ever get up (in tight jeans because it's hard to lose weight), and say, Please drop some of your church activities for a while and spend that time seeking your Savior and getting to know Him so when we come together everyone will have a song, a spiritual hymn, the gifts of the Spirit in true operation, like the shocking experience of having someone speak in an unknown tongue and even more shocking, a mere man interpreting. Gosh, they don't do that out in the world, why should we? [We want Saul, we want Saul!]. And would the leader continue by saying, Please, spend more time with your family around *your* table with *you* teaching them.

Our hearing from the pulpit has been that to come out in the snow, sleet and rain, with all your kids (especially to the evening services), is showing faithfulness to your church and God will bless you for being so faithful. Somehow, ignoring wisdom, and coming out in inclement weather, is a sign of loyalty. (“She never misses a service, even though being in a few accidents because of snow.”)

The **gifts of the Spirit** are listed in (1 Cor 12:8-11):

- Wisdom
- Knowledge
- Faith
- Gifts of Healing
- Working of Miracles
- Prophecy

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Discerning of Spirits (I've got that one and I make good use of it thank you.)

Diverse Kinds of Tongues (had it for years, thanks God.)

Interpretation of Tongues (My husband has that one; truly a huge help.)

If these gifts are not in your church you should not have “spirit-filled,” or “charismatic” in your title. You could have a catchy name, and then make it known that there are no actual gifts operating in your church, but a lot of fun and activities. And God can use even these churches and use people in various degrees of closeness to God. Just don't forget there are higher gifts and manifestations of God than you have right now so keep aspiring to climb the spiritual mountain higher. (And don't forget to drink lots of water while doing this.)

Do keep your church appearance honest: if the Baptism of the Spirit (yikes, actual tongues, that's too spooky for me), and the gifts of the Spirit are not around and you don't want them around, there could be a sign outside saying, “We do not appreciate the gifts of the Spirit that some people have dared to operate here as it would cause confusion and we're not trained to deal with it. We want everything nice and safe with no awkward interferences from God Almighty who might disturb everything, and it would certainly cloud the vision of our church. We simply cannot have the gifts erupting in our midst, some might be false, and it's too hard to train people to use them.” (Well, that's too big a sign,

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condense it to “only Pharisees and Sadducees welcome.”)

What’s the confusion? Our confusion is based on ignorance, a religious mindset, and lack of spiritual training. What is the church for but to house the Holy Spirit and His gifts “for the perfecting of the saints.” Actually, Wisdom Rocks, and if you can get God’s wisdom through the gifts your church will rock even a little.

We need *the fire of His presence in our midst*, and then the church would know its vision, know which activities and programs to keep. But those things would not be a substitute for His presence or something to fill in to appear successful because the presence and heart of God isn’t there.

The reverence and fear of God, the falling down before Him in true repentance, the cloud by day and the fire by night is not alive in our assemblies. There may be activity-energy, but not a holy, God-is-here energy.

We can be a church talking about power, and yet devoid of the true power of miracles, healings and manifestations of the God we say we’re following. We serve potato salad, donuts, and lattes, not a sin, but yes, if it replaces God in our midst, it’s an idol, and we are bowing down our time, strength, and finances to dumb idols that can’t speak or hear. Oh, and we think they were so far out of it in the Old Testament.

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“Church” can overtake your life so much that you don’t find your true calling and gifts until you withdraw, get out of all the hubbub, and hear God’s voice. This has happened to many we know and is what happened to us. (I’ll tell you about it sometime.)

Yes, we are constantly told, “don’t forsake the assembling of yourselves together.” But the rest of the exhortation from people should say, That’s assuming the assembling is in accordance with God’s will, and that when you’re together God is in charge. Read the book of Acts and epistles to see how they assembled. There are home meetings going on now that are more true assembling than in some church edifices. Your true Christian life is assembling with God, even with a few, and let true worship, consecration, holiness, and confession come forth.

We need to quit holding God “out there” somewhere, be willing to face God Himself, and bring Him and the way He is, and wants to be, back into our churches. We have sometimes been led astray by a false front of busyness, fun, and a false sense of security because we sing hymns and we’re so seeker-friendly. But God would like to get some godly seeker-friendly stuff into His church, like prophecy and healings.

We don’t collectively know God well enough to create the atmosphere where He can join us. And some of the most eloquent speakers don’t have holy hearts before God. There are dedicated church goers whose integrity

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and lives outside the church make them double-minded: this is a stumbling block to new Christians because they see that their lives inside and outside the church are different.

We can get so churchified: you are **not** going to take my idol of church away, and you are not getting that tongue-stuff in here and start doing everything different than what we're used to! We can actually get violent about it like other religions in the world who may blow themselves up in the name of their God. Those old Pharisees and Sadducees were the epitome of church life: wore long robes, said long prayers, and probably cheated on their wives and drank too much (were they married, hope not), because they had the trappings but not the presence of God in their lives. And remember how snot-nosed and hard they were on the little people.

Oh, but there are people who get saved in church. Praise God. But sometimes saved to what eventually, and look how many disillusioned people leave the church. God is interested in the quality of the fellowship, not hundreds of halfhearted, sin laden people running around saying they know God.

It's surprising and sad the secret sins of many Christians, the dishonesty and deceit, and I'm not knocking them—pretty much everyone has been there—but to let sin go on year after year, still attend church without any conviction of it is not the true purpose of the church. In the early church you would

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have been stopped at the door by a person gifted in discernment. The safety and security of a church without the conviction lulls to sleep. A verse that always bothered me, but at least I was taught it, was “holiness without which no man shall see the Lord.”

Wouldn't it be something to have a leader get up and say, I don't see the Spirit of Holiness here, and I think our church is half-worldly and half-spiritual. Well, half is better than none. No, it isn't, Christ said in Revelation that “if you're lukewarm I'll spue you out of My mouth, I would rather you were hot or cold.”

So much of the church lies waste and uninhabitable by God. When God comes down to check us out, no-one notices Him or even expects Him. God comes down to confusion and men building towers and committees and meetings and membership. Men are building their own “spiritual” cities and towers, reaching for heaven with popularity and success in the world's eyes. And the “let us make us a name” spoken in Genesis is still prevalent in many churches.

The wasted strength of people on church activities will be piled up on the tower of Babel. The undelivered people sitting in church week after week will be higher than the tower, their undelivered bodies piled up in graves. The pride and selfish ambition of those in leadership will be caged with them for eternity. Those that led His little ones astray will receive greater judg-

ment than evil leaders who don't know God in this world.

We are building our own towers to God, but they don't reach to God, and when God comes down to visit we don't see or hear Him. We need to rebuild His Presence.

Are we being deceived because the true and false church look so much alike? The wiles of the devil are more active in church than anywhere. "He sits in the temple of God showing himself that he is God" (2 Thes. 2:4). How the devil likes to hide in churches (no gift of discernment to upset him), and hide his spirits in people (no gifts to cast them out), and most aren't aware of the devil's active presence because of blinded eyes, busy bodies, and if we ignore the devil he'll ignore us (so not true!).

I just read a book on love by an author who was so humorous I enjoyed the whole book. Except for one part where he says that he doesn't talk about Satan because Jesus didn't give him much thought, and that Satan gets too much airtime already.

This is not true. Jesus talked and warned us about Satan many times. The Word says to "not be ignorant concerning his devices." Look at all the verses where Jesus cast him out of a person. [See our website [liteoflifeministries.com](http://liteoflifeministries.com) for many of the verses.] The gospels and New Testament speak many times of Satan.

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No, we don't dwell and concentrate on him except to get him out of our lives and the lives of others.

Which reminds me, I wonder how often pastors and leaders go into their church, enter each room and the church property and ask for a cleansing and say "anything not of God, any darkness, we cast you out." That *has* to be done frequently as there's a lot of "stuff" people bring in, even unknowingly. Every room should be cleansed by words after using. We have a prayer room in our house and we cleanse ourselves before we go in and also cleanse the room daily. It's not hard to do. To encourage you, we have all kinds of Godly activity in our prayer room. Many wisdoms of deliverance are given to us as we keep our spirits, souls, and minds clean, and cleanse our prayer room.

While choirs are singing, drums are rolling, and new pews are being put in, people are bound by sickness and disease, problems they can't shake by themselves, and no-one to turn to that can actually deliver them. Pastors could have a deliverance team operating outside of their regular church functions. So while we are distracted by busyness, our brethren are dying. We need to have trained workers that can help people get permanently delivered.

There is something else that could be corrected. It seems that nowadays leaders are very busy traveling to other churches, other states, other countries, teaching on I'm not sure what. But the congregation who hired him

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to be *their* full-time pastor are sitting there undelivered with myriads of problems while the pastor is busy traveling or selling tapes and books elsewhere, getting paid, while their own people who work so hard to help him, need help, healing, and his attention. Pastors, stay focused on your own people who love you and learn the tools to get them delivered.

**Remember what the Church is for:** When Jesus went into the temple in Jerusalem He found in the temple those that sold oxen and sheep and doves, girl-scout cookies, makeup, and Amway. (Do it outside or somewhere else.) So He, our sweet Jesus, made a scourge of small cords and drove them out of the temple, all of them, and overthrew the tables. He didn't look too dreamy then and said, Take all your stuff out, and don't make My Father's house a house of merchandise (John 2:13-16).

**How did He want His church to be:** He said in Matthew 21:13-14, "My house (church) shall be called a house of prayer; but you have made it a den of thieves. **And the blind and the lame came to him in the temple and he healed them.**" Yeah for prayer and miracles and healing in God's house.

The response is so telling of how people respond to the *real* church operating: Get this in vs. 15:

“And when the chief priests and scribes (the big guns) saw the wonderful things that he did, and the children crying in the temple, and saying

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Hosanna to the son of David; **they were sore displeased.**”

If you see people being delivered of infirmities and diseases and you don't like that kind of activity, you have a religious spirit for sure. Take off your long robe and show a little human skin and kindness.

So after He drove out the business activities, *then* the blind and the lame could come into the temple and be healed. Jesus called all that a “den of thieves” because it was robbing people of being healed and taking the place of God's work. Remember God?

Mark 11:16, ampl., is interesting: “And He would not permit anyone to carry any household equipment through the temple enclosure, thus making the temple area a short-cut or traffic lane”; in other words, treating God's house like any other.

Verse 11:18 says the people were “astonished” at His teaching. Astonished that He wanted the lame and blind to come in to this sacred building, and didn't like dove droppings all over the floor of the sanctuary. I'm astonished at their astonishment.

Also interesting, in Luke 19:47, the *chief priests* and *leaders* wanted to destroy Him (that's serious anger), and “*the people*” were attentive to hear him, :48.

Do pastors love the Lord? Yes, most, truly love Him.

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Do they at times love their own life and leadership position more? Cough, cough.

Yes, they should be given consideration and help and respect, but many members look at them through who they think they are and who they want them to be, and can't always see with honest eyes. Some get so stuck going to the same church for years you couldn't pry them out (and oh, avoid the horrible sin of being church hoppers). What's wrong with hopping around trying to find *your* church? We hop around for everything else: cars, clothes, restaurants, etc., evaluating what's right for our lives. I enjoy mall hopping.

Nehemiah is an interesting book. Remember, "all scripture is given by inspiration of God and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness: *that the man of God [the people in the church]* may be perfect, thoroughly equipped to do all good works" (2 Tim. 3:16-17). Hard to do without having the gifts of the Spirit moving amongst us!!

The teaching of not making the house of God a place for everything else but prayer and setting the lame and blind free, is also told in Nehemiah 13. Nehemiah was out of town and Eliashib, the priest who had "charge of the chamber of the house of our God," allied himself with an enemy of God's people, Tobiah. This chamber was to be used for the things of God and the offerings that were to be given to the Levites and singers. That

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was the purpose. But God's purpose was changed in the hands of Tobiah (Nehemiah 13:4-9):

“The priest took out the things of God and gave them to Tobiah, (for his ‘stuff’ or man-made programs, or programs that were actually the enemy of God, and filled the chamber with what he wanted).

“When Nehemiah came back it ‘grieved him sore’: and he cast out all the household stuff of Tobiah. Then they *‘cleansed the chambers: and brought again the vessels of the house of God,’* the things God wanted in His place.”

This chapter recounts how upset Nehemiah was that there was selling and buying going on outside the gates, and they were lodging there to sell their wares, again “making my Father's house a house of merchandise.”

It is the right of every believer who sets foot in church to expect that holiness and righteousness is being taught there (not arrived at yet, but pressing forward to it); and that they can learn how to be set free from every bondage, and don't have to be held captive by the enemy in certain areas of their lives.

Yes, the church is for the sick, lonely, depressed, and ugly, and they need to be loved and accepted, but also to be what Christ died for them to be, changed for the glory of God.

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I mentioned this previously, but impressing it again: “Nehemiah cleansed the chamber of God.” I have wondered how many times pastors and leaders go into their sanctuary and do a cleansing (only takes a minute or two), and cast out any darkness that has been brought in. I saw this evil “thing” in our prayer room recently, and God said, Cast it out and off of your property. The gift of discerning of spirits is, to say at the very least, handy. Every room of the church (and your house) should be periodically cleansed, whether you “see” anything or not, just know it’s good to sweep the house clean.

**Interesting story:**

The following is from Bert M. Farias of *Holy Fire Ministries*:

“I am a big proponent of the supernatural power of God. I came into it when I was baptized in the Holy Ghost shortly after my conversion. I will never understand men who reason away or dumb down the supernatural workings of God and His sacred gifts. I realize there are religious fanatics who abuse and misuse God’s gifts and power, but that doesn’t do away with the real. Once you’ve tasted the genuine move of the Holy Spirit it’s difficult to settle for anything else.

“Jimmy Horton was a frontline soldier in the Vietnam War. While engaged in combat he often thought of how he longed to hear a tongue and interpretation. Jimmy was from a Spirit-filled church in America where they

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had constant manifestations of this and other manifestations of the Spirit.

“When is the last time you witnessed a tongue and interpretation in a meeting? When is the last time you witnessed a genuine healing or deliverance in a meeting or in the marketplace?

“Several years ago I was ministering in Gambia, West Africa. In one of the meetings, as the saints broke out in dancing and joy, a young man possessed by a demon was struck by the power of God on the streets next to the facility. He froze and couldn’t move. Finally the men brought him into the meeting, we cast the evil spirit out of him and ministered salvation and the Baptism of the Holy Spirit to him.

“As I interviewed him afterwards, he said that for 12 years he had been under the spell of Satan. From a very young age demons unveiled the spirit world to him as degree by degree many possessed him.

“I asked him many questions and won’t elaborate on the entire interview, but I want to enforce one main point that was very compelling to me. I asked him if he’d ever sought to be delivered from these demons. He said *he had visited many churches, but none could help him.* Instead of being helped, the demons in him often hurt the amateur exorcists.

“For example, in the largest charismatic church in the country the demon in this man slapped the pastor and ransacked his office, repeatedly telling him that this church had no power to set him free. ‘All this church does is talk about money and they don’t live holy,’ the demon said. Demons know churches and they know men.

“This incident made me wonder how many of our churches are really a threat to Satan’s kingdom? Many do not even believe in the supernatural; others profess to believe in it, but have no works to show for it.

“How much value do you place on these things? In a day when church leaders are moving into a seeker-friendly type of philosophy, *true Pentecost and the gifts of the Holy Spirit are no longer held in high esteem*. I asked an old time Pentecostal minister what he thought of seeker-friendly churches, and he frankly told me that he thought it was a slap in God’s face. *It’s telling God that we don’t need His precious gifts to get the job done. We can do it by ourselves and we don’t need His help.*”

**Good Warning from Shane Idleman:**

Lead pastor and founder of *Westside Christian Fellowship*. Written 7 books:

“I’m not referring to all churches collectively in this article, but to the large majority who have drifted away from God. The present condition of the churches leaves

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one to wonder if the lack of the fear of the Lord is contributing to her spiritually dead condition.

“A deathlike, deep slumber has overtaken the church: ‘I know your works, that you have a name that you are alive, but you are dead’ (Rev. 3:1). The beacon of light has faded, the salt has lost its savor, and the message of the Cross has been edited out of most sermons. We have lost our fervor for the truth. Have we considered that we may have offended God?

“You can mention God as long as you don’t mention His absolute truth, you can mention Jesus as long as He was just a good teacher, and you can embrace religion as long as it’s all-inclusive. Pastors are required to be politically correct rather than biblically correct to be accepted. The trend in churches is to be welcoming, but primarily affirming. Sermons are designed to tickle the ear but not convict the heart.

“Many Christians enjoy programs about the occult, vampires, witches, zombies, illicit sex and other perversions of the truth. Christians should not be entertained by darkness. Many go to church but would rather see a movie, and they are bored and disengaged during worship. Their social media posts resemble Hollywood, not the work of the Spirit. They choose friends who complement their worldly lifestyle, rather than friends who challenge them to live for God. They look forward to consuming alcohol and avoid prayer and Bible study. Their movie and video choices look

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no different than what the culture promotes. The things of the world are exciting and the things of God are dull. Their conversations at work include every topic except God. Their waking thoughts are either focused on wealth, pleasure or entertainment. They are dying spiritually and don't even know it. They have religion but not a genuine relationship.”

**Jim Cymbala,**

Pastor *Brooklyn Tabernacle* (excerpts):

“Not long ago I spoke at a large church and was waiting in the green room for the evening service to start. The people in charge handed me a copy of their run sheet—a schedule of what would happen when and who was supposed to do it. The leader then reviewed it with all of us in the room.

“Ok, the praise and worship will take 15 minutes; we'll follow with a missions video that runs for 4 minutes and 40 seconds. The soloist will sing for 4 minutes and 10 seconds, and then we'll have announcements for 2-1/2 minutes. After that, we'll proceed with prayer for the offering. And, Bob, make sure you don't pray more than a minute because last time you went a little long and we only have 6 minutes to collect the offering before Pastor Cymbala's introduction. Bob took out a pen and made a note on his copy of the script.

“The leader turned to me and said, ‘After the offering, John will introduce you for 90 seconds, and then you'll

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have 25 minutes to speak.’ I said, ‘For the sake of time, why not skip my introduction and just use one sentence?’ ‘No, no, no. We can’t do that, it’s all written out right here,’ the leader said. I said, ‘Well, is it ok if I lead the people in a time of prayer when I finish?’ ‘No, we’ve got the choir singing a patriotic medley after you finish.’

“It wasn’t so much the tightly wound service that struck me as odd; that’s commonplace nowadays. It was the prayer the leader offered after he finished going over the schedule: He said, ‘O Spirit of God, come and move among us with blessing and power. Have Your way as we yield ourselves to You.’

“The Spirit moving among us? Yielding to Him? Even God would have a difficult time breaking into that tight schedule! Sure enough, the service went off without a hitch, and the run sheet was followed exactly. And though we had a meeting, I doubt whether many had a meeting with God.

“Why are people looking at the clock when they should be enjoying God’s Word and presence? What is it about church services that gets people antsy? In God’s presence there is supposed to be an abundance of joy. Spending time with Him is exactly the thing that recharges our spiritual batteries to face life’s challenges. Why are we so eager to leave His presence?

“Unless, of course, His presence isn’t being experienced. The truth is, in too many churches people don’t experience God’s presence. The Sunday services are monotonous and predictable or theatrical and human-centered. Many are relieved when it’s over so they can move on to more important or more fun things.

“Many times all church leaders know is how to ‘do church.’ They are basically ‘technicians’ who know how to keep it moving, upbeat, funny and technically impressive with excellence in music. The worship of God is thus reduced to little more than a well-rehearsed production. Time for openness to the Holy Spirit, to have unscripted time in which the Holy Spirit might manifest Himself so that people could actually experience God Himself rather than just facts about Him is unthinkable! That would take the control out of our hands, and the well-rehearsed production would be ruined.

“No wonder so many are leaving the church and Christianity is declining. We don’t seem to want God Himself to visit us! We would rather have the human than the divine. We should be desperate for a manifestation of the Holy Spirit.

“This is why no strict order of service is outlined in Scripture for the Christian church. In the early church I’m sure there were things they wanted to see accomplished, but the meeting had to be open enough for the Holy Spirit to lead and direct as He saw fit.

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“We may have sophistication and technology in our services, but those early Christians knew the secret. They were the ones who had visitors leaving their meetings exclaiming, ‘God is really among you!’ (1 Cor. 14:25). It was the dependence on the Holy Spirit that made the early believers such a powerful witness for Christ in the pagan Roman Empire. They knew nothing of what we now call ‘doing church’; but they grew and we’re shrinking.”

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We (the husband and I) struggled along in our Christianity for many years, reverting more back to Egypt sometimes than the children of Israel did. Then someone we knew received the Baptism of the Holy Spirit, evidenced by speaking in tongues, at their church. You have to admit that sounds interesting, to all of a sudden speak in a language you've never learned. Come on, holdouts, isn't that intriguing? It's a sign, wonder, and miracle. Admit it.

This was back in the 70's. So, half-fearful, we traveled up to St. Luke's Episcopal church in Seattle where they were teaching it. At the service they cast a demon out of a person (yes, the priest in long robes dared do this). I didn't know anything about it, but I knew it was real and that people weren't making up languages and casting out devils because it was a new game you played in church. Like whoever casts out the most wins a Starbucks gift card.

After the service men prayed for my husband to receive the baptism, which he did. I didn't want people touching me and gathering around me at the time so when I got home, exhausted from all the supernatural

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stimuli that I wasn't used to, I went to bed and asked God to baptize me. And I think I said Please.

All of a sudden I felt a warm bath move down my body and I started singing in the Spirit in a different language to the tune of Kum-ba-ya. No-one had ever told me about the warm bath (since then I have heard of some) or that you could sing in a foreign language. Kum-ba-ya means "come by here My Lord, come by here."

I told my husband, praying in his newfound language in the living room, and he was delighted, so we bowed down and thanked the Lord for baptizing us. It was an awesome experience. Some may not have the manifestations I did, but just receiving a language you never learned is supernaturally delightful.

It changed our lives dramatically. To this day I am so thankful for the Holy Spirit. I was just telling the Lord again this morning how grateful I was for my language. I try to set aside time every morning (hopefully an hour) to speak in tongues because I know I am speaking the perfect solution to every mystery or problem we, my family or ministry, might have. God will sometimes give you the interpretation to your tongues, then or later at another time, if you ask.

Speaking in tongues (i.e. prayer language) is one of the most fruitful things I can do for myself and others because I don't have the answers for everything in life that people face but the Holy Spirit does.

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It's one of the easiest things you've ever done (especially easier than the labor room), but Satan has magnified that it's hard or not for today (if not today, when?), or your family won't like you any more, or it's not that necessary, or it's passed away. My gosh, look at the New Testament and believe and receive.

My children spoke in tongues at an early age just by being around it. Some we prayed for, others just did it on their own. Our little grandchildren don't think anything of it, and have just asked, what kind of a language is that? Children accept it while some Christians hysterically fight the baptism with religious fervor, thinking it's part of their religious calling in life. Or, as one prominent speaker says, you have to stay in the middle, don't be for it or against it, and just love everybody. Sounds ok but the real name of it is "fence-sitting."

The gifts of the Holy Spirit are life-saving. Many people have been spared harm and death because they were open to the warning of the Holy Spirit through their own spirit or another's.

I love the following section of Scripture on the Gifts of the Holy Spirit, (1 Cor. 12:4-11): Ready? Read:

“Now there are distinctive varieties and distributions of endowments (gifts, extraordinary powers distinguishing certain Christians, due to the power of divine grace operating in their souls by the

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Holy Spirit) and they vary, but the Holy Spirit remains the same.

“And there are distinctive varieties of service and ministration, but it is the same Lord [Who is served].

“And there are distinctive varieties of operation [of working to accomplish things], but it is the same God Who inspires and energizes them all in all.

“But to each one is given the manifestation of the Holy Spirit [the evidence, the spiritual illumination of the Spirit] for good and profit.

“To one is given in and through the Holy Spirit [the power to speak] a message of wisdom, and to another [the power to express] a word of knowledge and understanding according to the same Holy Spirit;

“To another [wonder-working] faith by the same Holy Spirit, to another the extraordinary powers of healing by the one Spirit;

“To another the working of miracles, to another prophetic insight (the gift of interpreting the divine will and purpose); to another the ability to discern and distinguish between the [utterances of true] spirits [and false ones], to another various kinds of [unknown] tongues, to another the ability to interpret [such] tongues.

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“All these [gifts, achievements, abilities] are inspired and brought to pass by one and the same Holy Spirit, Who apportions to each person individually [exactly] as He chooses.” Pretty good huh? Did you really read it?

The following Baptism of the Holy Spirit information is taken from excerpts by Billye Brim, Lynne Hammond, and Mahesh Chavada, on the value of speaking in your prayer language. In our ministry we are particularly interested in using tongues to speak out mysteries we didn't know, but that God wanted us to know, for our deliverance and the deliverance of others. There is a repeat of verses but they are given in a different context by the different personalities using their language.

The following verse is the main reason I like to speak in tongues, because I need to know a lot of things I don't know, about my life, my ministry, my family, and others:

“For he that speaks in an unknown tongue speaks not to men, but to God: for no man understands him; because in the [Holy] Spirit he utters secret truths and hidden things (mysteries)” (1 Cor. 14:2).

Mysteries prayed out in tongues brings revelation.

These notes are regarding the speaking in other languages for your own personal prayer life, which

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everyone can have. There is also the speaking in tongues in the general assembly which should have an interpretation. Not everyone has the assembly gifts, but just a few. But the promise of the Holy Spirit evidenced by speaking in another language is a promise to every believer.

My husband (Jack, the Man) has been a proven interpreter who has been interpreting privately and in churches for many years. You cannot believe (well, you should) how valuable that gift has been to our ministry and to everyone we have prayed for.

Some Bible verses are repeated in this book (in case you thought I didn't proofread), because they bear repeating as we don't always pay enough attention the first time, or other times. The words in [ ] are from yours truly.

[Beginning of quotes by those mentioned above]:  
The Lord told Lynne Hammond, *Living Word Christian Center*, one time when she was thinking about a decision for a long time: "Don't think, pray." When you don't know something in your life speak in tongues and pray the mystery out. The interpretation will come then or later sometime. Many times in our life we make decisions but aren't sure if it's God's will; in other words it's a mystery to us, but God wants us to know every decision for our lives and not be hit and miss.

You pray out the mysteries, or plans and purposes of God for your destiny, because you may not know your destiny and how to fulfill it. Or you may know in part but the rest is a mystery. Live more out of your heart where the spirit lives.

One alert watchman, praying, can save an entire house. The thief (Satan) who comes to steal, kill, and destroy will pass by a house where the watch lamps are brightly burning.

Tongues is a language of glory. Speaking in tongues is “spirit talk,” a language that connects us to the glory of God just as it did for those believers at Pentecost. It is a heavenly communication, a language that links us with the glory of God. It puts us in tune with His heart and mind. Speaking in tongues is the “native” tongue, the native “language” of heaven. The Holy Spirit gave birth to the Church on the Day of Pentecost, and part of that birth was tongues. The Church was born speaking in tongues.

The Church is the Bride of Christ, and part of the ministry of the Holy Spirit is to prepare the Bride for the coming of her Bridegroom. When Jesus comes to claim His Bride, she will appear before Him arrayed in the glorious garments of grace, faith, obedience, and holiness. By herself, the Bride can do nothing. It is the Spirit of God who anoints the Bride of Christ. As the day of the Bridegroom’s return approaches, the Spirit’s

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activity of preparation will increase. This is an awesome mystery.

There is a solid and unchanging biblical principle: We are given spiritual power for the purpose of bearing witness to Jesus. He said, “You shall receive *power* when the Holy Spirit has come upon you.” We don’t need plans or schemes or formulas based on human wisdom or ingenuity – what we need is power – spiritual power.

Paul, one of the most highly educated and brilliant intellectuals of his day, determined to know nothing among the Corinthians except *Jesus Christ and Him crucified*. That is the key. The secret to the “demonstration of the Spirit and of power” in Paul’s preaching and ministry lay not in his great learning or in “persuasive words of human wisdom,” but in the simple message of Jesus Christ and Him crucified.

The secret to the release of spiritual power in our lives, our churches, and our ministries is to keep ourselves focused on the simple and basic message of “Jesus Christ and Him crucified.” Do not focus on the gifts but on the Giver, not on the power but on the One who is the source of the power. He wants to release us as carriers of His glory and His power. Through the Holy Spirit He has anointed us to carry the light of His truth and life, a light that none of the powers of darkness can withstand. As believers, each of us has been ordained

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of God to carry the mantle of His power and authority and be vessels through whom He can reveal His glory.

As part of that mantle, the Lord has imparted to us specific “grace gifts” to equip us for our role as agents of His power. One of the most personally useful of these is speaking in tongues, a marvelous endowment of the Holy Spirit.

Speaking in tongues is the main avenue to our flying higher and swimming deeper in the things of God. It is a special prayer language that connects us with the glory of God, enabling us to pray in the Spirit when we do not know what or how to pray in the weakness and limitation of our human minds. There is no limitation to praying in the Spirit because it taps into the limitless mind of God.

**“Likewise the Spirit also helps in our weaknesses. For we do not know what we should pray for as we ought, but the Spirit Himself makes intercession for us with groanings which cannot be uttered. Now He who searches the hearts knows what the mind of the Spirit is, because He makes intercession for the saints according to the will of God”**  
(Romans 8:26-27).

When the Spirit came the first time on the Day of Pentecost, He came with tongues. As He came then, He still comes today.

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Speaking in tongues carries many benefits for our spiritual lives. For one thing, it helps us grow more intimate with God. The more we speak in tongues the more we become possessed by the Holy Spirit. When we are exhausted and weary, speaking in tongues refreshes us in a marvelous way. It is like being in a flowing river on a hot day. Speaking in tongues is one of the best ways to get refilled. Whenever we speak in tongues, we are magnifying and glorifying God because we are praying in the language of the Spirit – the language of glory.

**“But you, beloved, *building yourselves up on your most holy faith, praying in the Holy Spirit, keep yourselves in the love of God, looking for the mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ unto eternal life*”** (Jude 1:20-21).

Praying in the Spirit is a means by which we can build ourselves up, as well as our families, our homes and our churches. Speaking in tongues is not just some kind of badge we pull out once in awhile as proof that we have been baptized in the Spirit. On the contrary, it is a wonderful tool and awesome spiritual weapon that God has given us, one that we do not utilize nearly often enough.

The glory of the Lord came down on that first Pentecost (Acts 2) after the death and resurrection of Jesus. In a similar manner, the glory of God descended on Mt. Sinai not long after He led the Israelites out of slavery

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in Egypt. We can better understand the significance of Pentecost if we understand the significance of what happened at Mt. Sinai. In many ways, *Mt. Sinai foreshadowed Pentecost* (Ex. 19:18-; Deut. 33:2-). [You get the “foreshadowed” don’t you?]

Many church or group leaders have seen the glory cloud at some of their meetings. The appearance of this “glory cloud” is, in a small way, reminiscent of two related events recorded in Scripture: the *descent of the Holy Spirit on the Day of Pentecost* into the midst of the infant Church to infill and empower the believers, and the *descent at Mount Sinai of the “glory cloud” of God’s presence into the midst of the infant nation of Israel.*

Both involved the supernatural and direct presence of God with His people as well as divine-human interaction through speech. At Sinai God was establishing a nation, at Pentecost the Spirit of God was establishing a Church. Sinai was where God sought to connect directly with His people. Pentecost was the initial place where believers connected with the presence of God.

From their earliest days as a nation, the Israelites learned to associate the glory and presence of God with a cloud, smoke, and fire.

Mt. Sinai was the original “Pentecost,” where God was setting apart for Himself a distinct and unique people, “a kingdom of priests and a holy nation” who were to

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enjoy a unique relationship with Him and know His constant presence among them. On that day the glory of the Lord appeared to the children of Israel as a thick covering cloud and “like a consuming fire,” and out of that cloud and fire the Lord spoke.

Centuries later, God appeared like another kind of fire among another group of people. Both events centered on the “thick presence of the Holy Spirit.” In both cases the glory of the Lord came down. At Pentecost the filling of the Spirit and speaking in tongues went hand in hand. This is why tongues is the prayer language of the Spirit, a heavenly language that connects us to the glory of God.

So comparing: There is Sinai, here Sion; there the trembling mountain, here the trembling house; there the flaming mountain, here the flaming tongues; there the noisy thunderings, here the sounds of many tongues; there the clangor of the rams horn, here the notes of the gospel-trumpet.

One major focus of the Spirit is the harvest, the empowering of the people of God to bring lost souls into His Kingdom. Another is the transformation of life through the power of the Holy Spirit. Pentecost is also about the anointing of a holy people set apart for God’s service. In this sense, Pentecost focuses on the building of holy character and the power to live as God requires from the indwelling presence of the Holy Spirit. All “unknown tongues” means is a tongue that is unknown

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to the speaker, it's coming out of his spirit instead of out of his mind. 2 Thess. 2:7 says the "mystery of iniquity" is at work. We pray in tongues if there is a mystery of iniquity that is binding someone and we want them delivered.

It says the "Spirit helps us with our infirmities." To the degree that you are believing in the Helper to help you is the degree that He will work powerfully and miraculously as far as prayer is concerned and you getting the answers from God you need for your own life or others.

Most people will pray for 3-1/2 minutes in tongues and then start to stop. Many say they have to pray 20-30 minutes before they feel an unction, a sense of the anointing of God. Some pray for hours in their language, depending on their calling and need. You may pray in tongues by yourself or with someone for say 15 minutes or longer one day and if you're not aware of the answer, pray about it again or again in tongues until you hear the answer.

You have to strengthen your inner man so God can make demands on you spiritually. That's why the scripture says "to build yourself up in the Holy Ghost" (Jude 20).

You pray on purpose because you're led to because you don't know. [I sometimes say, Lord, I pray for my family, our ministry and all that pertains to us, and then

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pray in tongues. I also speak in tongues throughout the day, even while shopping. My kids used to say, mom, not so loud.]

Don't get lazy and always resort to tongues. In a charismatic congregation if the leader says let's praise God three-fourths of the people will automatically start speaking in tongues. Or just pray without thinking. Some don't want to bother getting down into their heart and expressing their feelings for God but speak in tongues because it's easier.

God is a spirit and He seeks those who worship Him in spirit and in truth (Jn. 4:23-24). When we worship God it is important sometimes that we explain in English exactly what we have in our heart so we don't always resort to tongues so that tongues becomes a habit. *Have reverence for God, for the supernatural, for this voice miracle.*

Paul said, "I make mention of you in my prayers." In other words, just a short prayer for someone we know or even see on the street and mention them to God by asking that God's will be done in their life and that He would intervene and help them. We don't realize the power of the Holy Spirit in making mention, how God goes to work with angelic forces for someone, and we may never pray for that person again, just a mention.

“The Holy Spirit comes **to our aid in our inability to produce results**” (Rom. 8:26, ampl.). King James version says “**to help us in our infirmities.**”

You may be praying for someone or something, go as far as you can in your understanding, then you don't know how to pray but know there's more [so tell someone in the Trinity]:

Father, I prayed all I know to pray with my understanding, Holy Spirit come to my aid and bring the necessary results, the results I can't bring forth with my understanding.

Put your tongue to that situation [that natural tongue that loves to talk!]

Instead of meandering around, don't put your tongue on autopilot.

You go forward with purpose in your prayer.

Don't pray unconsciously.

Don't leave your mind out there to wander.

Put your mind and heart together and speak with your spirit language.

When you begin to pray you reverence the Lord. Many church people who are baptized start taking it for granted and after awhile they don't see it as supernatural, so once they begin to pray in tongues they don't reverence God.

It says “**when you speak in an unknown tongue you are speaking to God.**” So there needs to be courtesy and reverence. If you were having a conversation with someone or talking to them, it would be rude to be

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looking around, not paying attention, your mind somewhere else. If you're talking to someone you should be paying attention to them. It's rude to talk to God and not be paying Him any attention. Prayer always has purpose.

Tongues is the initial evidence of being baptized. Tongues is also given to Worship God. When we don't know how to pray to express ourselves in English any more, we worship and give thanks in tongues.

One of the reasons Christ died is so we would have the Comforter to help us. In Zechariah, the Holy Spirit is called the "Spirit of Grace and Supplication." The Holy Spirit is the one that gives you the grace to supplicate, the grace to pray.

"For no man understands him; howbeit in the Spirit he utters secret truths and hidden things." Or "mysteries." That word "mysteries" in the Greek is translated "plans and purposes." We are destined for a plan. The plan and purpose of God is down on the inside of your heart. It is not in your head. At times the Holy Spirit will want to pray about those plans and purposes that you don't know. When you sense that, yield yourself to the Holy Spirit and allow Him to pray out for things.

**"Yet when we are among the full grown, spiritually mature Christians who are ripe in understanding, we do impart a higher wisdom, the knowledge of the divine plan previously**

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**hidden, but it is indeed not a wisdom of this present age or of this world or of the leaders and rulers of this age, who are being brought to nothing and are doomed to pass away.**

**“But rather what we (the church) are setting forth is a wisdom of God once hidden and now revealed to us by God – which God devised and decreed before the ages for our glorification, that is *to lift us into the glory of His presence*” (I Cor. 2:6-7).**

He said this wisdom and this knowledge that we are bringing forth from us, the wisdom and the knowledge of the church that we are to have that is being revealed to us by God is going to lift us into the glory of His presence.

**“None of the rulers of this age or the world perceived and recognized and understood this, for if they had they would never have crucified the Lord of glory.**

**“Yet to us God has unveiled and revealed to us by and through His Spirit, for the Holy Spirit searches diligently, exploring and examining everything, even sounding the profound and bottomless things of God (the divine counsels and things hidden and beyond man’s scrutiny)” (1 Cor. 2:8,10).**

Has anybody ever prayed about the **profound and the bottomless things of God?** If you haven't you should.

The Holy Spirit is searching, diligently exploring, examining everything, even sounding the profound and bottomless things of God, the divine counsels and things hidden **beyond man's scrutiny.**

**“For what person perceives, knows and understands, what passes through a man's thoughts except the man's own spirit within him? Just so no one discerns (comes to know and comprehend) the thoughts of God except the Spirit of God,” -11.**

Where are those thoughts of God? It says they are in man himself.

**“Now we have not received the spirit that belongs to the world, but the Holy Spirit Who is from God, given to us that we might realize and comprehend and appreciate the gifts bestowed on us by God, -12.**

**“And we are setting these truths forth in words...” -13.**

We are setting forth these plans, this revealing of God on the glorification of the church, the plan of God, the purpose of God.

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**“We are setting forth these truths in words not taught by human wisdom but taught by the Holy Spirit, combining and interpreting spiritual truths with spiritual language to those who possess the Holy Spirit,” -13.**

Another purpose for tongues and that is the Holy Spirit will want to pray about the plans and purposes of God, for your life, for my life, but also for the life of the church, the body of Christ. There is a way that you can **pray out your own destiny**. How far could you pray out your destiny in English? Parts you may know, but what about the parts you don't know?

The only way the Holy Spirit can pray in the earth is through man; the only vehicle that the Holy Spirit has is through a man. God calls the Holy Spirit an intercessor in Rom. 8 and Jn. 15. We become the facilitator of His intercession or the frustration of it, depending on how much we cooperate or don't cooperate.

There is a river, “out of his innermost being shall flow rivers of living water” (Jn. 7:38). There is a vast supply in every person, and God is needing your supply, the supply of the Spirit.

Another purpose of tongues is found in 1 Cor. 14:4:  
**“He who speaks in an unknown tongue edifies and improves himself.”**

The word “edify” means “to charge, to build up, to fortify.”

**“But you, beloved, build yourself up on your most holy faith, make progress, rise like an edifice higher and higher praying in the Holy Spirit” (Jude 20).**

I’ve had amazing, astonishing experiences, setting myself up to build myself up and charge myself in the Holy Ghost. Not intercession, not supplicating, not praying, but setting myself to charge myself, setting myself to pray in tongues to edify my own self, to charge my spirit, especially before services and prayer meetings.

The more that you enlarge your capacity for prayer the Holy Spirit can put more on the inside of you. You carry things in your spirit to pray about. Not a weight, but you carry people, you carry ministries, on the inside of you. If you don’t know what to pray about, pray and get your spirit man activated until you know. The Bible says to be strong to apprehend, so you can also be weak to apprehend when you didn’t know.

You don’t get faith by praying in tongues, faith comes by hearing and hearing by the Word of God. But sometimes you need for your faith to be charged in a particular situation.

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Pray in tongues until you get uncomfortable. I'll tell you how long you'll be comfortable, which is about 20 minutes. After that your flesh will start thinking about all the things you have to do, and that you're wasting your time. You might have to tell the devil that "he who speaks in an unknown tongue speaks to God." [I haven't found this particularly but I walk while I pray so it keeps me alert, and it doesn't hurt to get your exercise at the same time.]

Ephesians 5 says we need to be strengthened in our inner man. Your spirit man needs to be built up in God, and praying in the Holy Spirit is one way. Isa. 28:11, 12 says, "With stammering lips and another tongue will He speak to this people and teach them His lessons. This is the true rest, the way to true comfort and happiness that you shall give to the weary and this is the true refreshing."

You have to put confidence in the Holy Spirit to help you in your praying.

**“Are you so foolish? Having begun your new life spiritually with the Holy Spirit, are you now reaching perfection by dependence on the flesh?”**

**“Then does He Who supplies you with His marvelous Holy Spirit and works powerfully and miraculously among you do so on the grounds of your doing what the Law demands,**

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**or because of your believing in and adhering to and trusting in and relying on the message that you heard?” (Gal. 3:3,5).**

**For as in one physical body we have many parts, members, and all of these parts do not have the same function or use. So we, numerous as we are, are one body in Christ and individually we are parts one of another...Having gifts that differ according to the grace given us, let us use them: (He whose gift is prophecy let him prophesy, according to the proportion of his faith)” (Rom. 12:4-6).**

We have used this scripture many times in talking about there being different measures of faith, teaching on healing, prosperity...different measures of faith. But actually here, in context, this scripture is speaking about faith to minister, talents and qualities, *the grace that God has given you in your own heart for your own calling.*

It said the Holy Spirit will work miraculously among you according to your measure of faith. As you school yourself in tongues your capacity to receive more in your language will grow more and more. You will grow as your faith grows and you will be able to reach further and further into your own heart, and you will gain a greater capacity.

*Interpreting your tongues:* This is critical because God has chosen this generation to be on the finish line, the final run of the race. We have to understand the plan and purpose of God for each one of us. Where is the plan of God for you? In your heart. Your part of this great plan that God has for this time and hour is in your heart, the very best things in your whole life are down in your heart, the hope of the world seeing the very glory of God is lodged down on the inside of you.

There is a way that I can be the very most that I could be in Christ Jesus and that is not going to come out of my mind but it is going to come out of my heart, and speaking in tongues has a lot to do with that.

Then there will be times on the inside of you that you just don't know. When you don't know, you pray in tongues, so you pray for that person in tongues, you release your faith and pray for that person, because when you pray in an unknown tongue you pray the perfect will of God, so we would be making request for that person.

I have done this over the years, hour after hour, because I understand that this word "mystery" is "plan." It means plan, so I can pray the plan of God for my life. I may not know what that plan is but I can pray that plan for my life. You start speaking in tongues, you reach down on the inside of your heart, when we're speaking to Him we want to reverence Him. You draw up out of your heart, and here is what you do concerning the

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mystery or the plan of God for your life and you hook into that plan or that mystery by faith. And you begin to pray out that plan.

As you pray become aware that these were expressions, these were sentences, this was the wisdom of God for me and toward me, the very plan of God for my own life. I would be lifting that plan up to Him and as I lifted it up to Him, as I gave that plan back to Him as He gave it to me, because tongues is supernatural, and that He would begin to perform it in my life.

The next part of that is another step would start to take place in me: **“He who speaks in an unknown tongue should pray that he would interpret.”**

I found as you begin to pray that plan and that purpose of God, you can ask for the interpretation. It may come then or another time. We have not spent enough time doing this in our lives. (See 1 Cor. 14:13.)

It doesn't do much good to pray a mystery and not know what the mystery is. There is a mystery and plan inside of you. As you pray them you will begin to interpret. Bring a plan into fruition by first praying that mystery out, and then it will be revealed and made known to you with your understanding.

God is not hiding the plan from you, the plan of God in your heart, for you, your family, the body of Christ.

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He's not making it a big secret. Read 1 Cor. 2:6-. Those mysteries will pass through your thoughts to where you understand. You will have enlightenment.

**“Now we have not received the spirit that belongs to the world, but the Holy Spirit Who is from God, given to us, that we might realize and comprehend and appreciate the gifts of divine favor and blessing so freely and lavishly bestowed on us by God” (1 Cor. 2:12).**

It says we've received the Spirit so we can *know*.

**“And we are setting these truths forth (the plans of God) not taught by human wisdom but taught by the Holy Spirit, combining and interpreting spiritual truths with spiritual language to those who possess the Holy Spirit” (-13).**

As you begin to exercise your resource of supernatural power from heaven, speaking in other tongues to God, God then begins to reveal to you hidden truths of that plan.

*How does interpretation come in your prayer life?*

How would God interpret to you? Sometimes interpretation will come at that very moment and it may come to where you'll just know, all of a sudden you'll know.

Sometimes interpretation will come, you'll be speaking in tongues, and English words will be intermingled in the tongues. Sometimes a phrase, sometimes one word and you'll pray that word over and over again. This manifestation happens to me more than any other. I'll get a few English words, I don't sit there and try to get the interpretation, it just comes, it's just revealed. You don't have to press any buttons, pull any levers, it just comes to you, and sometimes it will start with just a few English words, some of the English words you may not know but some of them you'll begin to know, there will be a *revealing*.

James 5:7-8 says that the Lord waits for the precious fruit of the earth, and that touched her heart so she began to pray for that precious fruit of the earth (souls) and a word came to her "poverty." Then the words "open the door Lord, open the door."

That doesn't make sense in the natural unless God reveals, but all of a sudden I got the interpretation, and this is what pushed me over where prosperity is concerned in my life, this is what makes me go after prosperity, from that revealing. An enlightenment came into my heart that I could be a hindrance to these souls or I could be a helper, a facilitator to get those souls into the kingdom.

I realized that churches could be a hindrance to those souls coming in if they weren't prosperous, if they stayed in poverty, because it takes money for preachers

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to preach. All of a sudden I knew that I had to be prosperous, and I did not want to be one who hindered the precious fruit of the earth from coming in.

Or, you can pray, go about your business, and awhile later will start having these formative thoughts about what you were praying, it will just come to you, you'll find yourself thinking of something you didn't know before. That's *interpretation of that prayer*.

Sometimes here in church meetings we'll speak in other tongues for a long time, and nothing will happen that day, but the next time we get together we'll get down to pray and we'll start praying concerning the plan of God and instead of praying in tongues we'll start speaking with our understanding. You didn't know what you were going to say next. You just start praying this out. There's an element of the spirit of prophecy there. It becomes inspired utterance. While you're praying you'll be teaching yourself something.

The Holy Spirit is like a living lamp illuminating our hearts. Our hearts are full of great secret chambers where He will come and shine His light. Where there has been death, darkness, and depression, light will start flooding in.

Pray in tongues as much as you can. Usually at least 30 minutes is needed for us to prime the pump and prepare the way for joy unspeakable and full of glory to come into our hearts. Begin to pray in tongues daily, even if

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it is only for a few or fifteen minutes. Gradually increase the amount of time you pray in the spirit. If you pray faithfully and consistently for 40 days you will see a big change in your life. Also when you spend time you are building yourself up in your most holy faith according to Jude 1:20.

The Holy Spirit is the administrator of all the gifts and treasures of God and He makes all the resources of the Kingdom of Heaven available to believers. He holds the key that opens the door to the Lord's blessings, and says to us, "Go on in and get whatever you want."

The Baptism of the Holy Spirit draws us into the supernatural realm of signs and wonders. Flowing in the Spirit's power we can preach with authority, cast out demons, heal the sick, and through speaking in tongues, pray in the language of heaven. If we desire to walk in the way of the Holy Spirit we cannot be halfhearted: we must be prepared to be *changed*. The Holy Spirit brings transformation.

Psalms 29 is a song about the voice of the Lord that one author believes also describes the aspects and effects of speaking in tongues. As we speak in tongues, pray in tongues, and sing in tongues, we give God the glory due His name.

Revelation 1:15 describes the voice of Jesus, our resurrected Savior and our Bridegroom, as "the sound of many waters." Jesus plainly states in John 7:37-38

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that for anyone who believes on Him, out of his heart (not mind) rivers of living water would flow. In the very next verse John makes it clear that Jesus was referring to the Holy Spirit. Speaking in tongues is the manifestation of the living river of the Holy Spirit coming out of the believer's spirit and it is powerful!

Paul said, **“I thank my God I speak with tongues more than you all”** (1 Cor. 14:18). With these simple words Paul reveals a major secret of the power and vitality of his “inner man,” his personal spiritual life, and his relationship with the Lord.

Tongues is one of the great mysteries of God. I don't understand it, but I'm going to continue to speak in tongues because it is a pathway of glory. We each have a melody in our hearts, a harmony with God that is uniquely ours, and He wants us to sing it. The more we sing, the more He will begin to reveal some of the mystery. As we get in harmony with God, making melody in our hearts, He will release more of the Spirit of revelation, with words of wisdom, words of knowledge, even prophetic songs.

Whatever song the Lord gives us, we need to take it up and sing because it connects us to the heart and mind of the Father. Praying in the Spirit and making melody in our hearts will allow us to see more of the glory atmosphere around us. It will be permeated with miracles: Healings and restoration miracles will come forth even more than before. Singing the melody of

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God charges the atmosphere around us. As we become conscious of that charged atmosphere and walk in it, we will begin to speak prophetically and creatively in a way that will help change people's lives.

Jesus said, "As the Father has sent Me, I also send you" (John 20:21b). Wherever He went during His earthly ministry Jesus never simply accepted the atmosphere as He found it. He brought His tune into every situation and changed the atmosphere. Into an atmosphere of death He sang life; into an atmosphere of disease He sang healing; into an atmosphere of despair He sang hope. Jesus sang His tune into every situation. He did not allow that situation to sing its own tune or to call out its own melody.

Change is an inevitable part of life yet there is something about the human soul that has difficulty going through metamorphosis without suffering. Only through struggle does a butterfly fulfill its destiny and release its full glory by coming out of the cocoon.

The "spirit man" in each of us is eternal, and it is that part of us that the Lord is conforming to the image of Christ. He is training us for eternity. No matter how bad circumstances may get or the struggles we all face, this life is only temporary. In the light of forever, our present difficulties are insignificant. If we let them, however, our struggles will serve to strengthen and mature us and help us fulfill the destiny God has for us. The pressures of life can squeeze us until the glory of

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the Lord that is inside us comes out. The Spirit of God is our wind, the divine “breath” that enables us to go the distance.

*The spirit realm abhors a vacuum. When individuals, churches, or cultures reject the Holy Spirit, they create a vacuum which the spirit of antichrist rushes to fill.*

We need to breathe the clean, pure air of the Holy Spirit, and praying in tongues is a cleanser that helps purge the spiritual “grunge” that has built up in our hearts. Praying in the Spirit is like walking on the beach at sunrise or climbing to the top of a mountain and taking in great draughts of the clear alpine air. As we pray, the sickening, toxic fumes from the devil begin to dissipate. Speaking in tongues is a way to allow the Holy Spirit to saturate and fill every pore of our being, body, soul, and spirit. It helps establish a holy atmosphere around us and those for whom we pray.

The hidden power of speaking in tongues is that it allows us to touch the very heart and mind of God to move heaven and earth in response to our prayers. It enables us to sing the melody of Heaven and bring a taste of divine glory into our everyday experience.

*To summarize:*

- 1. When we speak in tongues we keep a commandment of the Lord (1 Cor. 14:15, 37).**

2. **When we speak in tongues we spiritually build an edifice of faith for our lives** (1 Cor. 14:4; Jude 20; Proverbs 4:23).
3. **When we speak in tongues we walk in obedience to the Lord and experience more of the power of His Spirit while fulfilling His great commission** (Mark 16:17-18).
4. **Our prayer language calls forth the secret truths and hidden things only known in the intimate places of heaven** (1 Cor. 14:2).
5. **When we speak in tongues we convey the glorious acts of God** (Acts 2:11b).
6. **When we speak in tongues it is a literal “jumpstart” in the Spirit activating an explosion of faith into every area of our life.** The one author said that they have experienced tremendous miracles in their ministry and whenever he confronted a faith challenge in his life he would immediately start speaking in tongues. It was his mustard seed release of faith for every challenging situation.
7. **Whenever we speak in tongues we offer perfect prayer to the Lord** (Romans 8:16-17, The Message).

- 8. When we speak in tongues we pray for things beyond our knowledge and comprehension (Romans 8:26).**
- 9. Speaking in tongues causes our spirit to stand side by side with the Holy Spirit, laying hold of all the promises of God regarding our inheritance in Christ Jesus. Using our prayer language we validate the claim of our inheritance as a child of God (Romans 8:16-17).**
- 10. Speaking in tongues is a holy instrument given by God for rest and refreshing to all believers to circumvent the effects of weariness and stress (Isaiah 28:11-12).**
- 11. Like an athlete training for a race, speaking in tongues causes our inner man to be toned and invigorated for the race set before us (Ephesians 3:16).**
- 12. This love language of the Bride can woo those who don't know Christ and cause them to believe (1 Cor. 14:22; Mark 16:17).**
- 13. Praying in the Spirit is a compass in your life pointing true north, always assuring us of the Lord's presence through every challenge (Acts 10:45-46).**

- 14. Exercising my prayer language releases the essence of wisdom, guidance, and discernment** (1 Cor. 14:2; 1 Cor. 2:7).
- 15. There is an ease in thanksgiving and a heartfelt rejoicing as we proclaim the goodness of God in this heavenly language** (Eph. 5:19; 5:18; 1 Thess. 5:18; Psalm 100:4).
- 16. When we speak in tongues, allowing the Holy Spirit to take charge, our tongue is brought under God's control** (James 3:8; Romans 10:9).

**The Baptism is a separate experience from the Salvation experience:**

“And (Jesus) being assembled together with the apostles, commanded them that they should not depart from Jerusalem, but wait for the promise of the Father which you have heard Me say, For John truly baptized with water, but you shall be baptized with the Holy Ghost not many days hence. But you shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you: and you shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judaea...and unto the uttermost part of the earth” (Acts 1:4-5,8).

And so they all met in the upper room in Jerusalem:  
**“And they were ALL filled with the Holy Ghost, and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance”** (Acts 2:1-4).

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“Now when the apostles which were at Jerusalem heard that Samaria had received the Word of God, they sent unto them Peter and John: Who, when they were come down, prayed for them, that they might receive the Holy Ghost: *(For as yet he was fallen upon none of them: only they were baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus.)* Then laid they their hands on them, and they received the Holy Ghost” (Acts 8:14-17).

“While Peter yet spoke these words, the Holy Ghost fell on all them which heard the word. And they of the circumcision which believed were astonished, as many as came with Peter, because that on the Gentiles also was poured out the gift of the Holy Ghost. For they heard them speak with tongues, and magnify God. Then answered Peter, Can any man forbid water, that these should not be baptized, which have received the Holy Ghost” (Acts 10:44-46).

“Paul said to them, **Have you received the Holy Ghost since you believed?** And they said to him, We have not so much as heard whether there be any Holy Ghost. And he said to them, to what then were you baptized? And they said, To John’s baptism. Then said Paul, John baptized with the baptism of repentance, saying to the people that they should believe on him which should come after him, that is, on Christ Jesus. When they heard this, they were baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus. And when **Paul had laid his hands upon them, the Holy Ghost came on them; and they spoke with tongues, and prophesied**” (Acts 19:2-6).

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[End of quotes from pastors mentioned above.]  
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[Side Note: Receiving the baptism is not some loud uncontrollable experience. When you have prayer, if you will just open your mouth and start to speak, believing for your language, you will receive it. The only thing you have to do is open your mouth and utter a sound and then it will increase. It is not hard. Then you can speak or not speak in your language any time you want. You have complete control over it. God will do everything but pry your mouth open. Open and receive.]

**From book “Drawing Near” by John Bevere,  
*Messenger International*.**

When I pray or commune with God in tongues, I find that ideas, revelations, wisdom, or teachings simply come to my mind. The best way I know how to describe it is they just bubble up like trapped air being released from the depths of the sea and surfacing. The ideas bubble up from deep within my inner man and surface in my mind or understanding. Scripture tells us: “The Spirit of man is the candle of the Lord, searching all the inward parts of the belly” (Prov. 20:27).

We must keep in mind that the Holy Spirit does not speak to our heads, but to our spirits. That is the part of our being that He illuminates. As we pray in the Spirit

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and ask for the interpretation, the wisdom or counsel of God bubbles up from our hearts to the realm of our understanding or mind. “Counsel in the heart of man is like deep water, but a man of understanding will draw it out” (Prov. 20:5).

What is counsel? It is wisdom that is applied to a specific situation. Why do people go to counselors? To get the wisdom – which is a mystery to them – they need for a certain circumstance. Notice the only one who can draw out the counsel of God, which is likened to living water coming from a deep well, is the person of understanding, or the one who knows the ways of “The Counselor.” The Holy Spirit knows all mysteries (unrevealed counsel, knowledge, and wisdom) of the kingdom. Jesus cried out:

“He who believes in Me, as the Scripture has said, out of his heart will flow rivers of living water.

But this He spoke concerning the Spirit, whom those believing in Him would receive” (John 7:38-39).

According to Proverbs the water coming out of our heart is the counsel or mysteries of God, and Jesus tells plainly that its source is the Spirit of God. He is the fountain of living water (Jer. 2:13).

“We speak the wisdom (or counsel) of God in a mystery...that we might know the things that

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have been freely given to us by God. These things we also speak, not in words which man's wisdom teaches but which the Holy Spirit teaches, comparing spiritual things with spiritual" (1 Cor. 2:7, 12-13).

So the wisdom or counsel of God is deep water and is often a mystery to the natural mind. Yet Jesus tells us this living water will come forth by the Holy Spirit. How? Paul tells us clearly:

“For he who speaks in a tongue does not speak to men but to God, for no one understands him; however, in the spirit he speaks *mysteries*” (1 Cor. 14:2).

There it is! That is how a person, who possesses understanding, draws out the counsel of God. How often I have come to places in Scripture that were a puzzle to me. I have unanswered questions that come to mind. The understanding is a *mystery* to me. Most always I simply say, “Holy Spirit, I don't understand this, would You please show me...” Then I pray in tongues and either at that time or a while later, after I've ceased praying in tongues the revelation of the hidden truth bubbles up into my mind or understanding.

Numerous times I've been writing a book and hit what seemed to be a dead end. The direction I am to continue is a mystery to me. I then start praying in tongues and in a matter of time, usually minutes later,

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the wisdom comes forth like a damn breaking open, and I type for several more hours. There have been times when I've been at a loss for understanding what has transpired in my life or the life of someone close to me. It's a *mystery* to me. I ask the Holy Spirit to please show me His wisdom or view on the circumstance. After a time of praying in tongues, if it was information that He wanted me to have, it comes.

There were situations where certain members of my family have needed prayer, and it was hidden to my own understanding, but the Spirit of God came on me to pray for this family member in tongues, and then later I found out the divine assistance or prevention of harm that was given.

*Mysteries* are things hidden to our natural mind. It could be where I'm to go to church, what ministry I am to be a part of, what house to buy, how to pray effectively for the president or other leaders...as you know, the list is endless.

The area of *mystery* that seems to weigh down most believers is direction. That is the primary reason people go to counselors. But you never have to worry over what to do again. God promises, "If any of you lack wisdom (what to do), let him ask of God, who gives to all men liberally" (James 1:5). We can ask how? By praying in tongues about our situation. At times when I've not known what to do, and then prayed in tongues,

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every time an inspired idea came bubbling up from my heart and it was the wisdom I needed for the situation. This is how we have functioned in the ministry over the years. When I've lacked direction for what to do I have prayed in tongues for a period of time and all of a sudden divine inspired ideas begin to flow. My wife and I began the ministry years ago; every major decision we've made has come through praying in the Spirit. Today we have over thirty employees with offices in three continents. God has given us the privilege of touching millions of lives with His Word and presence. We've not had to borrow any money in fourteen years and now have substantial physical and personnel assets to help us effectively serve God's people.

Our peace has flowed like a river. We have been in times where it seemed like we should be in utter panic in judging the circumstances that surrounded us. Yet as we prayed in tongues and committed our works to Him, peace has abounded in our lives. We read:

“For with stammering lips and another tongue He will speak to this people, to whom He said, ‘This is the rest with which You may cause the weary to rest,’ and, ‘This is the refreshing’” (Isaiah 28:11-12).

Building Our Inner Man:

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In recent times my heart has cried out for God's people to enter into greater intimacy with the Holy Spirit for reasons such as the above examples. Our response to His cry for nearness will become more and more crucial. As time progresses it will not be enough to have only an understanding of the Scriptures, which even the Pharisees possessed. *We must develop sensitivity to what the Spirit of God is **saying**, rather than only what He **has said**.* Jesus lived this way. He said, "By myself I can do nothing; I judge (make decisions) only as I hear" (John 5:30). The Amplified Bible brings this out clearer:

"I am able to do nothing from Myself (independently, of My own accord – but only as I am taught by God and as I get His orders)...I decide as I am bidden to decide. *As his voice comes to Me, so I give a decision*" (John 5:30).

As He was, even so should we be responsive to the Spirit of God. I believe God's desire is for us to become more aware of His realm than what is transpiring around us in the natural world. Praying in tongues builds our inner man that we may be sensitive to the Holy Spirit, "He who speaks in an unknown tongue edifies himself."

[End of quotes from John Bevere].

Speaking of being aware of what the Holy Spirit is *saying*, present tense, reminds me of what I heard a famous preacher saying as I was listening to Christian

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broadcasting while putting on my makeup (love doing two things at once). He said that your knowledge of the Word can sometimes keep you from listening to the promptings of the Holy Spirit. We know we need to know the Word, say the Word, etc., but sometimes our knowledge of it will keep us from hearing the Holy Spirit. The Holy Spirit is given to us to deliver our life from destruction and to save and to keep our life.

Example: A man he knew stopped at a hotel before traveling to a meeting. The next morning he heard a couple of times the prompting to wait before leaving. He started quoting scripture that the Lord has always kept him and delivered him from evil, and that his trust was in Him, etc. So he took off with his faith in the Word, and had a terrible accident with long repercussions.

It was the job of the H.G. to execute the benefit package to deliver him (and us) from destruction and evil, but we can let the scriptures cancel out the promptings. I believe when I pray the blood of Jesus over me every morning that I am safe from harm, but I still have to listen to the promptings of maybe, don't turn that way, go another way. The Spirit will give us a right-now word, like wait 10 minutes. Don't hold to a confession of faith instead of prompting. You don't work up a prompting, it will just come, and if you're always open to the Spirit you will hear it and obey it.

[End of prompting story].

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The Greek word for edifies is *oikodomeo*. Its pure definition is “to build a house.” Our bodies are the temples of the Holy Spirit. Paul tells us that “you are God’s building.” We are His house. Therefore when we pray in tongues we are enlarging our dwelling place for the Holy Spirit. We are giving Him more room to occupy. So when we pray in tongues we enlarge our ability to contain His presence and power within our lives.

Many believers’ spirits are weak, as they have not built up their inner man. They are quicker to see things through natural eyes rather than through the eyes of their heart. Their outer man dominates their lives. Their inner man can be compared to a person who sits around all day on a couch, watching TV and eating potato chips. Oh they may be diligently working in life and ministry but their inner man is neglected. These believers often say to me, Why don’t I ever seem to hear God? The reason is simple. Again, God communicates to our spirits, not our heads. If our inner man is not built up then we are not able to hear clearly.

We have all about us evil manifestations of Satan’s kingdom, and believe me, they are serious and organized about their calling to destroy us. So we *need* (and people deserve) the manifestations of God’s kingdom by the Holy Spirit to combat all the evil. So we *need* everything God offers and the Baptism of the

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Holy Spirit is the defensive /offensive sword of the Spirit that we have in our possession and arsenal for the warfare of life.

You do not get “cleaned up” before you ask for the baptism. The Holy Spirit is given to clean you up. He’s the “Helper.”

I worked on the phone lines at a large church by Seattle, and would pray for people to receive tongues over the phone. Yes, that works too. Jack and I have prayed for many people over the years to receive the baptism with the sign of speaking in tongues, and not one person has not received it. (I told you it was easy.) You can receive it by yourself.

Before praying you should renounce and confess any spiritual activity of darkness. Ask God for the gift, open your mouth to say anything not in English, even da, la, malo (you know what I mean), just any sounds to get your tongue going and just let it go. You can’t figure it out so just move your tongue and it will come. Even if it’s just a few words, keep saying them. If you are a Christian, the gifts in you are calling out to be baptized in the Holy Spirit so they can be used to help other Christians. If you have a congregation of 100, there are 100 or more gifts there that the Holy Ghost wants to activate.

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After typing all this I am getting hungry to speak in my spirit language for a while, which I am going to do right now. See you for Part IV.

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# PART IV.

## VARIOUS WISDOMS FOR YOUR SPIRIT

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## PART IV. VARIOUS WISDOMS FOR YOUR SPIRIT

Don't Limit God's Power:

When Adam and Eve were sneaking around the Garden, hiding from God after disobeying Him, God called to them, "Adam, where are you?"

Adam answered, "Well, er, I hid from you because—well, um, I was naked."

God responded with this galaxy-shaking question: "Who told you that you were naked?" (See Genesis 3:10).

God is saying to us today, Who *told* you that having a small spirit won't hurt you and diminish your life? Who *told* you not to dare search out the magnificent depths and riches of heaven and the spirit realm? Who *told* you miracles, signs, and wonders aren't yours today?

Think of it. There was Adam, the first human, moving in a world of physical and spiritual perfection! Adam romped and played with and communed with God all day long. And then one day, in spite of the immense and unfathomable riches that were his, he committed the one act he was told not to ever do. Adam listened to the wrong voice. "*Who told you that you were naked?*"

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*Where did you get such an idea? Who told you?"* You can hear the holy furious heartbreak that is contained in those words. Who told you tongues isn't for today? Who told you it was of the devil? God asks us the same question when we limit His power, when we doubt the miracles He wants to rain upon us, when we choose a middle-of-the-road spiritual life.

It would be so enlightening to the world if the church taught firmly many basics of the Bible that would help them: The absolute importance of love; the Baptism of the Holy Spirit and the gifts; holiness without which no man shall see the Lord; and John 10:10, "The thief (Satan) comes to steal, kill, and destroy; I (the Lord) am come that they might have life and have it more abundantly."

That verse tells you if something bad, evil, a sickness, or accidents happen, it is from the thief. If good things are happening, health, prosperity, etc., it is coming from the Lord. Many people are confused about the two and understanding this clears up many things on who to blame for what.

**Tommy Tenney, author of *The God Chasers* book:**

The church for too long had this stained glass image that you have to be cleaned up before you come in – that's like telling people outside the hospital you have to be healed before you can get inside.

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We've lost our credibility – we need to throw open our doors with hospitality towards humanity. Some churches will never have revival because they don't love people. They don't understand that Jesus loved people so much that He gave His blood for them. If you don't love people until you can weep over the same things He weeps over, you will never be able to rejoice over the same things He rejoices over.

We need credibility in two dimensions: in heavenly and in earthly so when we say to humanity 'Come' they will come. And know they will be delivered and loved.

We host the word "revival" and overpromise but underproduce. It's cheaper to put up a sign that says "revival" than it is to pay for and birth revival. It's cheaper to send out birth announcements than have the baby.

Many churches send out birth announcements and people come and see a little of God and a lot of man. It's false labor pains. There's no baby. The world is getting tired of the display of man and no encounter with divinity. So we have lost our credibility. There is no presence and glory of God. When it really does break out and revival is birthed, they will come by the millions all over the world. We need to have a passion for heaven and a compassion for man. When these intersect you will have revival.

The next stage of revival is going to open up among the poor and the hurting, *if* the church decides we're going to help hurting humanity and we start reaching out to feed and clothe: doing things we normally should have been doing anyway.

Then when we really have a visitation from God we can pick up the phone and call humanity and say, Come meet Him. They'll say o.k. I'll do the blind date thing. Why? Because I was hungry and you fed me, naked and you clothed me, hurting and you helped me (see Mt. 25:34-46).

God is looking for a church that takes hurting humanity to heart and will use the gifts and fruit of the Spirit that will be operated because of the compassion in the hearts of believers, who will desire and seek the gifts because those are what delivers hurting humanity. Compassion will desire miracles to help others. Compassion will desire every gift in their church to help humanity. You have to be exposed to the pain in order to take it away. We don't want to look at starving children, but when the church reaches out and can effectively set people free, we will develop a credibility with the community. When they see that visitation of God to take care of the poor and needy, those who have money will give to help us.

Jesus is just God and just Man wrapped up – needs worship and something to eat. Two dimensions – spirit and biscuits. Your community just needs clothes and

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help. Church is known for always trying to raise money. Why don't we change our image and raise our credibility. Instead of selling car washes, how about free car washes. Pump life into a community. Be Givers instead of Takers.

Then sound the chord that attracts heaven: God loves you and is looking for a Bride. The church becomes that heavenly matchmaker that says to humanity, Come meet Him, and they will say, Yes, I'll trust you, when I was hurting you helped me – and all of a sudden His Bride comes marching down the aisle. The church has always been one way or the other: either spiritually passionate or socially active. Get both together: passion for Him and compassion for humanity.

[Thank you Tommy.]

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I heard **Kenneth Copeland** of *Believers Voice of Victory* say on a tape recently:

“If you have made a decision to follow after God, and have the ears to hear His Word and yet are unable to do what His Word says to do, i.e., praying, praising, healing, etc., that is a big red flag that a spirit is involved. A spirit that is an anointing thief. The anointing that is the burden-removing, yoke destroying, power of God. You must cast the demonic spirit out and fast. If you can't, then go to your church and have them help you. *If you go to a church that doesn't cast out*

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*demons, then move from there now! It's time to stop playing church."*

His main thought was we need the gifts of the Spirit. Maybe stay in your church and try to pray and influence to call the gifts in.

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Whether you like poetry or don't care, the following poem is fun, truthful, and sad to read:

## **The Church and the World**

The Church and the World walked far apart on the  
changing shores of time  
And the World was singing a charts rock tune, but the  
Church a hymn sublime  
'Come, give me your hand' called the laid-back world  
'and dance with me this day'  
But the love-cleansed Church hid her blood-bought  
hand and solemnly said 'No way'  
'I will not give you my hand at all, and I will not walk  
with you  
Your way is the way of Eternal Death and your words  
are all untrue'  
'Ah, walk with me! Just a little way' said the World  
with insistent air  
'The space I'm at is a pleasant place, and the night-life  
is magic there

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You've been battling with me for far too long, and let's  
face it, you've been so alone  
Don't you think it high time that we called a truce, and  
you found some place here for a home  
Your life is so narrow and thorny and tough – see how  
mine runs so easy and smooth  
Why be so repressive and out of it? In the finest of  
circles I move....  
My way, you see, is a fun, fast one, and my gate is so  
broad and so wide  
There is room enough for you and me to travel it side by  
side....'

Half shyly the Church approached the world, and gave  
him her hand of snow  
And the fake world grasped it and drew her close, and  
whispered in accents low---  
'Your dress is too simple to please my taste. I've got all  
kinds of things you can wear  
See these silks and chiffons and synthetic stones and  
this dazzling disco gear?'  
The Church looked down at her plain white robes, and  
then at the glittering world

And blushed as she saw his superstar style and his smile  
contemptuous curled  
'I can change my dress' she said to him 'After all, I am  
under grace'  
And her pure white garments were stripped away, and  
the World gave her wealth in their place

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‘Now your house is passe’ said the proud grey World  
‘Let me build you a place like mine  
With a barbecue pit for the parties we’ll throw and a  
mirror-tiled bedroom so fine’.  
So the parties began and the dancing went on in the  
place that was once made for prayer  
And the Church felt relief that the battle was over and  
that she at last has no care...

But an angel of mercy flew over the Church and  
whispered ‘I know thy sin’....  
Then the Church looked up, and anxiously tried to  
gather her children in  
But some were down at the discotheque, and others  
were off at play  
And some were drinking in gay night bars, so she  
quietly went her way  
Then the sly world gallantly said to her ‘Your children  
mean no harm  
Just having “some fun”’ he said and he smiled, so she  
took his proffered arm  
And smiled, and went back to gathering flowers, as she  
chattered and walked with the World  
While millions and millions of precious souls to the  
horrible pit were hurled

‘There are preachers you have that bother me’ said the  
world with a contemporary sneer  
‘It seems they keep trying to frighten my kids with tales  
that I don’t want them to hear—

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They talk about “sinning” and “breaking God’s heart”  
and this horror of “endless night”

And the awful rude way they reject my suggestions is  
terribly impolite—

Now I have some men of a much better breed,  
contemporary, brilliant and fast

Who can show us all how we can live as we like and go  
to Nirvana at last....

The Infinite Spirit is within us all, and is peaceful,  
enlightened and kind---

Do you think It would take one child to Itself and leave  
any other behind?

Go, train up your speakers to fit with the times, adopt to  
the relevant way

Everyone likes entertainment today, and it’s only the  
good shows that pay.’

So she called for those of the swift repartee, the gifted,  
flamboyant and learned

While plain good men who had preached the cross were  
out of their pulpits turned

Then the Church sat down in her ease and said, ‘I am  
rich and in goods increased

I have nothing I need and nothing to do but to laugh and  
to dance and to feast’

And the sly World heard her and laughed within, and  
mockingly said aside

‘The Church has fallen, the beautiful Church, and her  
shame is her boast and her pride’

And an angel drew near the mercy seat, and whispered  
in sighs her name  
And the saints their anthems of rapture hushed, and  
covered their heads with shame  
And a voice came down from the hush of Heaven, from  
Him who sat on the throne  
'I know your works and what you have said and I know  
that you have not known  
You are poor and blind and naked and sick, with pride  
and ruin enthralled  
The expectant Bride of a heavenly Groom, now the  
Hooker of all the world  
You have ceased to watch for your Savior's return and  
have fallen from zeal and grace  
So now, in tears, I must cast you out and **blot out your  
name from its place.**'

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Speaking of poems, and not to be outdone, I found this poem I'd written years ago and thought it was pretty good for someone who doesn't particularly like or read poetry. We use His name after every prayer. That name has great power, and should be treasured when you use it.

## The Name of Jesus

There are principalities, there are powers  
There are giants in the land like towers  
They say, "You can't stand against me"

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But at the Name of Jesus they have to flee!  
and that's the key  
You call  
They fall  
They roar, they scowl, they frown & look  
To see if you're dead after they've overtook  
They'd love to see you cry and sigh  
But at the Name of Jesus Oh my!  
Not you, but they fry (I testify)  
ashes under His feet – Amen?  
I repeat  
ashes under His feet.

Now it may not seem quite this way  
So you waver, tremble & sway  
Trying to stay alive and well  
While they come at you pell-mell  
But the Name of Jesus will take them away!  
They can't stay  
And eventually you'll be o.k.  
Eventual-ly  
You see – it's happened to me.

These powers and doubts and problems assail  
But if you use the Name of Jesus you'll never fail  
Call on Him while He is still near  
For He promises you a life *with* problems, but *no*  
fear  
And if you'll just pray and inquire  
Why is this happening to me?

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He'll take you through that fire.  
And for newness of life, this is the key:  
    You've gotta pray just to make it today  
    You've gotta pray just to make it today.  
    So even a song of rap knows the way out  
    of the trap.

You get down on your knees and say please,  
Jesus, Jesus, deliver me from sin  
Cleanse me from every evil whim  
I feel defeated & sad, cause I'm so bad  
    (or at others you're mad)  
    But He says, Through My Name I'll  
    deliver you, save you, rescue you,  
    strengthen you, I'll be with & in you Why? -  
    Because My Word says so, & it's always true.

At times you'll feel like you're dead in your track  
Lying there flat on your back  
Looking up from this watery grave  
With no-one there to even comfort, let alone save

But then you remember what you've been told  
Come to the throne of grace – be bold  
Take the anointing that's in His Name  
You'll then stand, never to be the same  
And you'll change from glory to glory  
As you believe His Names in the gospel story  
    An evident token  
    your yokes will be broken

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Out of death and lies you'll rise  
Ready to meet Him in the skies  
And at that meeting  
you'll shout the greeting  
Hallelujah, Glory! It was worth it all  
I'm so glad I heard You call  
and believed You when You said  
you'd deliver me & raise me from the  
dead.

Oh but that enemy can be so strong  
And is always saying that to evil we belong  
But through the Name of Jesus if we say no, no, no to  
this wicked foe  
We'll finally come to really know  
that though the enemy says Jesus' Name is  
naught in God's net he'll soon be caught  
He'll go down down to the pit  
to the very bottom of it  
there to burn and sit  
Because our foe said 'no' to Jesus' Name  
and caused us the shame and blame  
And while our Tormentor is in this eternal flame  
the saints of God will joyously sing  
And the anthem of His people ring...  
The Name of Jesus is so sweet  
I love its music to repeat  
forever in that holy throng  
with our Jesus where we belong.

I remember, like it was yesterday

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In this Bible – all the battles, the ruckus, & the fray  
But in these battles it is clearly understood  
The continued war between evil and good  
Like when David killed Goliath with one good swing  
Because the Name of Jesus was in his sling  
    At Goliath's head came this rock  
    To stop this heathen's mouth of mock  
        That Name was at him hurled  
        and Goliath fell & unfurled  
            And while everyone stared at this  
            sight and the surprising outcome of  
            this fight  
    Our brother David grew mighty in fame  
    Because through this Name the giant was slain.

And what did Peter state to the man at the Gate  
He said, "Arise & walk – legs be straight"  
And these next words always thrill our soul  
"This man, through faith in His Name, was made  
perfectly whole"  
    no more to be carried & wheeled  
    at just the Name of Jesus he was healed.

So why should I worry, why should I fret?  
And even though our troubles aren't all over yet  
The battle has already been won, is over & done  
    by God's precious Son  
He cancelled out all the ravages of sin  
And has given us His Spirit-filled life within  
His Name is forever written in our heart  
For that brethren, we should praise Him & shout

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Bless the Lord, O my soul  
and all that is within me  
Bless His Holy Name  
and never from this Name depart.

So we exalt this wonderful Name of Jesus today  
In our celebration of His glorious birthday  
Rejoice and be glad – for what does this Word say?  
That He took nothing and made us, Kings & Priests, out  
of clay

He took us out of the dust, all of the races  
and made us to sit with Him in heavenly places  
Glory to His Name  
Honor to His Name  
Power to His Name

And remember, take a look in the Ephesians book  
It says His Name is above every name that is named  
Not only in this world, but also in that which is to come  
So today we can say, Thank You God, for the gift  
of Your Son.

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# PART V.

## THE GIFTS ARE LIFE-SAVING (A personal testimony)

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**Part V.**  
**THE GIFTS ARE LIFE-SAVING**  
**(A Personal Testimony)**

**My personal testimony on the value of the gifts of the Spirit:**

People that have operations are famous for loving to talk about their operations whether anyone wants to hear or not. I will talk to you about mine because it proves the necessity to have the gifts of the Spirit operating in someone (just anyone sometimes) that you know. This was in the early 1970's.

I am 81 now (that operation worked good!). I was 38, had four children and thought that was the end of childbearing. In discussing it with our pastor, he suggested that my husband and I should go before the Lord (like kneel & pray by your bed I guess) and ask Him if we should have any more blessings (kids) to add to our heritage. My children were spaced years apart as pregnancy didn't come easily. But we knelt before the Lord and asked Him about it.

That was an anointed prayer because I was pregnant right away with a boy and a year later to the date I delivered a girl. This was against all the warnings then that you shouldn't have babies in your 40s, and my doctor was emphatic that I was asking for problems.

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It's good to go before God and ask, and then you have more faith to receive the answer. We knew it was God, dangers or not.

Those late in life babies are Luke and Angel, now in their 40s, who live nearby, and have given us precious grandchildren. They have graduated from college and have been working in their dad's accounting office. What if we hadn't believed God years ago? We are involved in the lives of our children and grandchildren, and believing has huge rewards for the rest of your lives and eternity. Hear and obey.

With four children at home, I finally had Luke. I say finally because at 7 months he insisted on trying to be born and I insisted he stay where he was longer. I had to lay down for days (oh, is that hard) until he gave in to stay unborn. Then, just to show he was in charge, refused to be born, and finally a little over 9 months the almost 9 pound kicker decided to obey the laws of nature.

So, the hard to get pregnant Nancy was pregnant again, and delivered again, everything normal. Back then they didn't have the ultrasounds to see if it was a boy or girl, but our pastor indicated this pregnancy was a girl and to name her Angelia (Angel for short). I was delighted that God was so involved with our family. In the delivery room they were asking if I wanted a boy or girl. I said kind of proudly, well I know it's going to be a girl because I'm a believer in God and our pastor said

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it was going to be a girl. It was fortunately true, so off to home with feedings, bleedings, and changes we went.

My husband was away starting a new business, and for some stupid reason I thought I could handle everything. In those days women were work warriors and didn't have help, manicures, pedicures, massages...we just worked and did it all, including canning, cooking, sewing, and shopping. We were wonderful women back then, filled with power and might, endurance and strength!

I brought newly born Angel home who preferred eating every hour, and Luke (1 year) was protesting in his crib that I had the nerve to hold another child besides him, and *that* was in my stomach. So this went on all night. (In those days we didn't break down with sensibility and call people in the middle of the night: we just figured we would make it through.) I will say now I should have had someone with me. But anyway, I kept bleeding clots of blood all night but didn't realize I was hemorrhaging. In the morning I called a nurse friend and told her about the blood clots. She dropped the phone, hopped in her car, raced to my house and whisked me away to the hospital. (She brought her daughter to care for the rest of the kids.)

It turned out I had lost so much blood I was almost bloodless (I wish I could remember the amount), but I know it scared everyone because they rushed me in the operating room so fast the bed was bumping against the

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door frames. I remember sensing ‘emergency’ but then was knocked out for a D & C. and then had a hospital stay of a few days. They had called my husband and said to get to the hospital, your wife is dying.

After a few days the doctor said he wasn’t going to give me a hysterectomy as I wasn’t bleeding enough. So home to the fray of babies, bottles, and no sleep (but remember, we were tough). And, I’ll add this to show how spiritual I was, no matter what was happening I always felt so relieved that I knew God and He would take me through anything.

Our pastor’s wife, a prophetess, told me I should have the hysterectomy operation within 10 days. I believed her because the Word says, Believe His prophets and you shall prosper. So I made an appointment with my doctor. He said I didn’t have enough signs for him to operate, sorry. A few days later he called and said he could do it by a certain date, which was 11 days. As much as I wanted it done with my own doctor and environment, we said no because the prophecy said 10 days.

Meanwhile, we were going to move from Kent, Washington to Menlo, Washington at the direction of the Lord. So Jack checked with the little old hospital in South Bend, Washington, and a little wizened doctor there said, sure, I’ll operate on your wife. I went to talk with him and he said, are you bleeding? No, I just think I should have the operation. Well, you don’t have any

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signs to warrant an operation but I'll be glad to cut into you, we don't have many operations here. And our anesthesiologist needs practice and a few drinks to steady his nerves before an operation where there is blood and stuff (well, not said quite like that).

Before the big cut, we returned to Kent to collect the babies (two other children were with family members). Our oldest son drove us to a house in Menlo that my husband had rented. So here I was with a baby, a one year old, and moving into a strange old house. The kitchen had no counter space, and the bed was creepy. Our oldest daughter came to help. But the satisfaction of obeying the Lord overcame all the weird inconveniences. In the middle of adverse circumstances, I felt safe.

So the next morning off to the hospital to have an operation two doctors told me I didn't need, but one prophetess said I did. There was no question in my mind. Before the operation-by-God, the doctor asked me if I wanted my ovaries and appendix left in or could they put them in a jar. (You understand my humor by now.) I called my nurse friend and she said, Keep your ovaries (they're a blessing) and tell him to remove your appendix, it's the law now if a woman is having a hysterectomy.

After the operation I woke up in pain and a brand new six-inch incision (I just went and measured). You people have things (like almost everything) easier now.

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Operations were much more intrusive in 1972 than they are now. My cut is truly ugly. Lazer would be my choice now rather than a butcher knife. The doctor said you won't be wearing a bikini – like I could care less: survival was my goal.

A report came in from the pathologist shortly after the operation that **my appendix was filled with cancer cells**, and it was good it was removed when it was (remember 10 days). Now, who knew all that but the Lord, and how was He to reveal it but through the gifts of the Spirit from a baptized in the Spirit Christian.

A week later the prophetess told us that she had received a Word from the Lord before the operation that said the “seeds of an early death had been planted in me.” I didn't know that, but it was a blessing to hear that later. A day after 10 the cancer may have spread. I went into the operation by faith, and I am still alive and well today with no cancer cells. Actually, obedience is almost fun compared to death.

It wasn't easy moving in the middle of having babies, going to a strange hospital with an old doctor with a mixed reputation who was a stranger, instead of my familiar lovely home and nice alert doctor with a certificate on the wall. But all that was ringing in my spirit was obey the Lord and everything will be all right.

So, obviously we need the gifts of the Spirit. Think of all the manifestations of evil everywhere, the confusion,

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disruption of families, disruption of God's laws and creation, murders, drunkenness, debauchery (good word). We are surrounded by the works of the devil.

So, where does that leave Christians? **We need to manifest the power and might and miracles of the Lord** to show that our God can do great exploits and to show that good can overcome evil, and that Christians are the head and not the tail, and that our God reigns. We need to show off how great our God is. And something for you to be even more aware of is the **fruit** of the Spirit, because the Word says, "By their fruits you shall know them" (Mt. 7:16,20). I want to do both and have been praying more earnestly to be changed into the likeness of God. It's about time we showed out instead of evil getting its way and showing the world how strong and mighty it is. And here we are, fighting over whether tongues is of the devil, and hiding in our pews rather than speaking against evil (in a wise manner of course).

We need everything God offers. So open your spiritual eyes, get baptized in the Holy Spirit, get delivered from your sins and iniquities, and blast off for God.

**An interesting testimony from Peggy Joyce Ruth**

From August 2015 Voice of Victory magazine by  
Kenneth Copeland Ministries:

(She has published eight books, most of them on Psalm 91). Brief excerpts:

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She was healthy and had a good life. She was a Christian, not baptized in the Holy Spirit and not deep in the Lord. In planning her day she remembered the Buddhist woman who'd moved into an apartment behind them. She thought that she should tell the woman about Jesus.

The woman said "Come in, I'll be glad to listen to what you have to say, so long as you give me equal time." A chill went up the back of Peggy's neck as she stepped into the apartment. It was dark, lit only by candles and incense. She told the woman about Jesus.

"Now it's my turn," the woman said. As soon as she spoke, darkness fell over Peggy's mind. It felt as though her brain had short-circuited, blitzing in every direction. Somehow she got out of the apartment, struggling without success to clear her mind and get it to focus. For the first time in her life Peggy felt paralyzed with fear.

The following years were filled with fear, shock treatments, psychiatrists, doctors. She went to pastors but they didn't know how to help her, in fact avoided her. They also recommended antidepressants for the rest of her life. She didn't connect it to the visit to the Buddhist woman because of lack of training on deliverance.

She and her husband eventually received the Baptism and that gave her a new lease on life. She was free for

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two years. Then the same fears returned. The torment was worse than before. She felt herself falling into a pit.

Someone suggested Peggy go see a pastor who dealt in deliverance. “I won’t be a demon chaser!” her husband said. But as the torment got worse, he finally said, “I’ll try anything.”

The pastor exercised his authority to break the power of oppression over Peggy, and all the fear and confusion left. The pastor told them how she could stay free and gave them stacks of teaching tapes by Kenneth Copeland and other ministers. The Lord taught her about spiritual warfare. She learned how to resist and that God was good, which she had never heard. So she maintained her victory.

For 10 long years, from 1961 to 1972, Peggy had been in torment. In 1976, God called her and her husband to start a church in Brownwood, Texas, helping other captives find freedom.

(The main point here is you need the Baptism and you need the gifts of the Spirit for deliverance from fear, torment, and every darkness.)

To remind you, the following is how we and the Church are to be and operate in. Takes a lifetime, but let’s press into it:

Pray for the seven spirits of the Lord:

The Spirit of the Lord

The Spirit of Wisdom

The Spirit of Understanding (Revelation)

The Spirit of Counsel

The Spirit of Power

The Spirit of Knowledge

The Spirit of the Fear of the Lord

(Isaiah 11:2)

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There are nine gifts of the Spirit, listed in Part II also, but pay attention:

Wisdom

Knowledge

Faith

Gifts of Healings

Working of Miracles

Prophecy

Discerning of Spirits

Diverse Kinds of Tongues

Interpretation of Tongues

(1 Cor. 12:8-11)

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The Fruit of the Spirit (“by our fruits we’re known,” super important):

Love

Joy

Peace

Patience

Kindness

Goodness

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Faith  
Gentleness  
Self-Control

(Gal. 5:22-23)

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Another personal experience I have had in the churches at various times, and it's usually when the Word is being taught: I start getting anointed all over, my face feels flushed, and my heart is palpitating. I know that means that the Lord wants to say something to the church, that He has a message to give through tongues and interpretation. (Even now when talking about it my face feels warm.) But I squelch it down, knowing that the ushers would come get me and usher me out. I can see my family now, red with embarrassment, even though outside the church they love to hear the messages.

**“To Him be glory in the church..”** (Eph. 3:21). Yeah for the Church, who gets to show His glory to the world.

I've enjoyed talking to you through this book. It's been hard to write at times, but it's probably been harder for you to read, so we're even. I want to say to all of you: May God bless you richly, and the Blessing of the Lord be upon you, your family, your church and your ministry. And by all means, head for church, or Church. Love you, Nancy

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## General Guideline For Praying for People for the Baptism

These three pages in the back of this book are given to help you in receiving or praying for someone for the Baptism in the Holy Spirit. We used this on prayer lines at a large church, but you can shorten or change it how you feel when talking and praying with someone.

### **The Baptism in the Holy Spirit:**

1. *Have you confessed Jesus as Lord?* (Rom. 10:9, 10).
  
  2. *Who the Holy Spirit is:*
    - a. He is our Comforter and Teacher. He helps us in our everyday situations. “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 14:26).
  
    - b. He gives us power, abundant strength and ability to be an overcomer and live a victorious life. “But ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you” (Acts 1:8a).
  
  3. *What happens when you are filled? You will speak in tongues.* “And they were all filled with the Holy Ghost, and began to speak with other
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tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance” (Acts 2:4).

4. *The Holy Spirit is already here for every born-again person. You need not wait or work for Him.* “Then Peter said unto them, Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the Name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins, and you shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost. For the promise is to you and to your children, and to all that are afar off, even as many as the Lord our God shall call” (Acts 2:38,39).
5. *Your mind will not understand or gain anything from tongues. It will sound foolish to the natural mind. You’re speaking mysteries to God, not to man.* “For he that speaks in an unknown tongue speaks not to men, but unto God: for no man understands him; howbeit in the Spirit he speaks mysteries” (1 Cor. 14:2).
6. *Speaking in tongues is an act of your will. God will not force you to do it, or do it for you.* “For if I pray in an unknown tongue, my Spirit prays, but my understanding is unfruitful. What is it then? I will pray with the Spirit, and I will pray with the understanding also: I will sing with the Spirit, and I will sing with the understanding also” (1 Cor. 14:14,15).

7. *If you ask for the Holy Spirit in faith you will receive.* “If you then, being evil, know how to give good gifts to your children: how much more shall your heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to them that ask him” (Lk. 11:13).
8. *Ask the person if they have any questions. If not, are they ready to receive the Holy Spirit?* (Then pray for them, encouraging them to just open their mouth with any utterance.
9. *Praying in tongues regularly will build (edify) or charge up the spirit man.* “But you, beloved, building up yourselves on your most holy faith, praying in the Holy Ghost” (Jude 20).

They need to be baptized in water if they haven't been (Acts 22:16; Col. 2:12).

Look up the following verses: Acts 1:4-9; 2:1-18; 2:34-41; 8:14-17; 10:44-47; 19:1-6. Acts 8:13-24 is the story of Simon wanting to purchase the gift of the Holy Ghost.

And then Paul's (who wrote most of the New Testament) famous statement: “*I thank God I speak with tongues more than you all*” (1 Cor. 14:18).

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## Nancy has authored:

***“Get a Better Life”*** - mainly for women on how to obtain a better family, home, and social life.

***“Twinkle Twinkle Little Star”*** - mainly for women on how to appreciate and fulfilled in their own life.

***“The Chocolate Cake Principle: Feasting on the Presence of the Lord”*** – will help you appreciate and obtain the presence of the Lord. Published by Xulon Press.

***“Multiplying the Bread of Life”*** - expanding & enriching your prayer life.

***“Remember Love”*** - good advice on love (which never fails!).

***“Christ in Hell”*** - treasures about Christ’s burial in hell after the Cross.

***“Life in the Death Rattle”*** - a real death and life family experience.

***“Get the Hell Out so Heaven Can Come in”*** - deals with deliverance

***“Victory is the Eye of Every Battle”*** -how to avoid battles and get through them.

***“The BLESSING: What did God Speak?”*** - The Blessing spoken to Mankind.

***“Bad Sex Stuff”*** - this booklet title speaks for itself.

***“Angels”*** study - everyone is interested in angels.

***“Don’t Wake up in Hell Thinking You Were on Your Way to Heaven”*** - scary.

***“The Packed Empty Church...”*** - good teachings on the Baptism of the Holy Spirit.

There have been publishing offers on all these books, and some have been published, but we prefer spending our funds on self publishing. We provide them free to prisoners and others who may not have access to our web site. These books have been featured in five *Charisma* magazines, *Ministry Today*, and *Discipleship Journal* magazines. (See next page.)

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