

Walking in The Spirit

I. INTRODUCTION - WALKING IN THE SPIRIT

- A. We live in a world of spiritual realities. God wants us to be spiritually strong and fit much like we need to be physically. The way we do that is to sharpen our supernatural sensitivities through abiding in Christ, learning how to pray in the spirit, and how to be sensitive to the things of God.
- B. The Apostle Paul in addressing the early believers began to teach on these spiritual truths. Some of these believers were just learning about the things of the Spirit.
- “I thank my God always concerning you for the grace of God which was given to you by Christ Jesus,⁵ that you were enriched in everything by Him in all utterance and all knowledge,⁶ even as the testimony of Christ was confirmed in you,⁷ so that you come short in no gift, eagerly waiting for the revelation of our Lord Jesus Christ” (1 Cor. 1:4-7).***
- C. The word “utterance” means speech, communication. The word “knowledge”, means deeper more perfect enlarged knowledge of the new religion. The word “gift” is the word Charisma. It means spiritual endowment, miraculous faculty.
- D. The message of Jesus Christ was a completely new revolutionary idea in N/T times that completed rocked the establishment. Jesus was changing lives by the power of the Holy Spirit. People were learning how to get set free and live through the power of the Holy Spirit.

II. THE REVELATION OF THE WORD OF GOD

- A. First is the revelation of the Word of God. The Word has inherent power in it to transform your life.
- “For the Word of God is living and powerful, and sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing even to the division of soul and spirit, and of joints and marrow, and is a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart” (Heb. 4:12)***
- B. The word “living” is the word *energes* which carries the idea of being active and effective. As you the read the Word and study the Word, changes begins to take place on the inside of you, in your mind and spirit etc. You begin to see things from God’s perspective in the spirit realm.
- “Let the Word dwell in you richly in all wisdom, teaching and admonishing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing with grace in your hearts to the Lord” (Col 3:16)***
- C. The Word of God changes your thought life. We are told to present ourselves as living sacrifices to God (Rom. 12:1-2) by not being conformed to the this world, but by being transformed [*metamorphoo*] by the renewing of our mind.
- D. Here are 12 duties regarding the Word of God. It is to be read publicly (Deu. 31:11-13, Acts 4:16). Read privately Hab. 2:2, Rev. 2-3). Studied (2 Tim. 2:15, 3:16-17). Expounded (Neh. 8:8, Lk. 4:16-17). Searched (Jn. 5:39, Acts 17:11). Meditated day and night (Josh. 1:8, Ps. 1:1-2). Heard and practiced (Jas. 1:22-25, Josh 1:8). Desired (1 Pe. 2:1-3). Accepted without changing it (Deu. 4:2, 12:32, Rev. 22:18-19). Preached (Mk 16:15, 2 Tim. 4:2). Taught (Deu. 6:7, Matt. 28:19-20). Believed (Mk 1:15, Acts 4:4).

III. THE REVELATION OF THE POWER OF THE SPIRIT

- A. The Lord wants to show us how to operate in the power of the Holy Spirit. The Apostle Paul, in addressing the believers at Corinth explained that there is difference between the “natural” man and the “spiritual” man.

“And I, brethren, when I came to you, did not come with excellence of speech or of wisdom declaring to you the testimony of God. ² For I determined not to know anything among you except Jesus Christ and Him crucified. ³ I was with you in weakness, in fear, and in much trembling. ⁴ And my speech and my preaching were not with persuasive words of human wisdom, but in demonstration of the Spirit and of power, ⁵ that your faith should not be in the wisdom of men but in the power of God.” (1 Cor. 2:1-5)

- B. The Lord is raising up a Church in this hour that puts in reliance on the power of the Holy Spirit and not in the ability of man. Notice it says, “My speech” (logos – words), and “my preaching” (proclamation) was not with persuasive (enticing) words... but in demonstration (manifestation, a showing forth) of the Spirit and of power (dynamis – inherent power able to reproduce itself).
- C. These are powerful spiritual realities. You don’t have to muster up emotions in the your natural self in order for the Holy Spirit power to move. All you have to do is to rely on the Holy Spirit and let God be God and He will move through you to encourage you and to minister to others.

IV. REVELATION KNOWLEDGE VS. NATURAL KNOWLEDGE

- A. There is a difference between Holy Spirit “revelation” knowledge, and “natural” knowledge. We have to learn how to discern between the two. I am praying for greater sensitivity in the realm of Holy Spirit revelation knowledge.

“But as it is written: “Eye has not seen, nor ear heard, Nor have entered into the heart of man The things which God has prepared for those who love Him.”¹⁰ But God has revealed them to us through His Spirit. For the Spirit searches all things, yes, the deep things of God. ¹¹ For what man knows the things of a man except the spirit of the man which is in him? Even so no one knows the things of God except the Spirit of God. ¹² Now we have received, not the spirit of the world, but the Spirit who is from God, that we might know the things that have been freely given to us by God.¹³ 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. 2:9-13)

- B. I have noticed that are some people who have greater sensitivity in this area than others. The Lord wants to train us all to understand the ways of the Holy Spirit and to begin to move in a greater way in them. We have to separate the things that are according mans wisdom (natural man), and the things that are according to the Spirit.

““ But the natural man does not receive the things of the Spirit of God, for they are foolishness to him; nor can he know them, because they are spiritually discerned. ¹⁵ But he who is spiritual judges all things, yet he himself is rightly judged by no one.” (1 Cor. 2:14-15)