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Introduction

The greatest thing that God has done for us is to give us the Holy Spirit. It is for Him to pour out the Holy Spirit upon us and make it possible in our day to have the Holy Spirit in our lives. The Holy Spirit is the Almighty Spirit of God. He's the One Who communicates the presence of God. So many Christians have never really known the importance of that. That's what made Jesus 'the Christ.' It was the Spirit's indwelling that made Him who He was. That's the Spirit that makes us children of God today.

The Holy Spirit is the Third Person of the Trinity revealed to the Christian. He is one with the Father and the Son (1 John 5:7). He is neither less important nor less powerful. He is God and co-equal with the Father and the Son.

Right from the beginning of the Scriptures, we're introduced to the Person of the Holy Spirit; and throughout the Scriptures, we're further acquainted with Him, His power and His Person. In all of these, His ministry is clearly revealed – not to exalt Himself, but to lead us and reveal to us the Person of Jesus.

Ephesians 5:18:

The ministry of the Holy Spirit in the life of the Christian is so vital. This is why Paul, by the Spirit, gave us this all-important charge to continually be filled with the Holy Spirit. He also prayed concerning the communion of the Holy Ghost in <u>2 Corinthians 13:14</u>

This is talking about a relationship, a fellowship with the Holy Spirit, for He is a person, and you can maintain a relationship with Him. You can talk to Him and commune with Him. A lot of us have missed out on the blessings of such a communion because we've not taken time to understand the Holy Spirit. But when you know the Holy Spirit and recognize the importance of communing with Him, you'll constantly desire to have the fullness of the Spirit,

[&]quot;And be not drunk with wine, wherein is excess; but be filled with the Spirit;"

[&]quot;The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Ghost, be with you all. Amen."

and then you will experience the blessings of that wonderful fellowship.

In this book, I have highlighted seven vital blessings that the Holy Spirit brings into the life of every child of God who has allowed Him to fill them and occupy their vessels; seven blessings that will bring an amazing transformation in your life as you yield to the influence of the Holy Spirit!

Chapter One He Will Bring You God's Presence

T his is the first thing the Holy Spirit does in your life. He brings you God's presence, and when He does, you will no longer be in the dark.

The Holy Spirit has a beautiful identity. He is called 'The Angel of God's presence.' He is the One Who brings us the presence of God and makes it real to us.

Isaiah 63: 9,10a:

"In all their affliction he was afflicted, and **the angel of his presence** saved them: in his love and in his pity he redeemed them; and he bare them, and carried them all the days of old. But they rebelled, and vexed HIS HOLY SPIRIT..."

Can you see that? That Holy Spirit mentioned in verse 10 is called in verse 9 'The Angel of His presence.'

In the Old Testament, He represented the Father and the Bible calls Him 'The Angel of His presence.' The word 'angel' is translated from the word that also means 'messenger.' In other words, He is the Messenger or the Conveyor of God's presence. He is the One Who carries the presence of God from place to place all over the world, and He brings that presence to you now. That's the reason we can know Jesus is real; that's the reason we can believe in the Word of God. You may not have known this, but it's the truth.

When we pray, it's the Holy Spirit Who makes the divine presence real to our spirits, and then we seem to 'feel close' to a living God. We are spiritually overwhelmed by divine glory.

God is omnipresent, but His manifested presence is not everywhere.

The Holy Spirit is the One Who manifests God's presence. He brings to us an awareness of the power of God, and makes God's presence real to us; and that reality of His presence stirs up faith in us, which is the necessary spark for the miraculous.

God's presence in the life of the believer is very important. David understood the importance of that presence in his life. This is why he cried out to God not to take His Spirit away from him, after he had sinned with Bathsheba. He said in Psalm 51:11,

[&]quot;Do not cast me away from Your presence, And do not take Your Holy Spirit from me" (NKJV).

From this Scripture, we see that there's a connection between the presence of God and the Holy Spirit. However, no Christian need pray this prayer now, even when they happen to fall into sin, because the Holy Spirit has come to dwell in every believer, and the Lord Jesus said He shall abide with us forever (John 14:16).

Moses also recognized the importance of the divine presence. He never wanted to move without an assurance of God's presence.

"And he (Moses) said unto him (God), If thy presence go not with me, carry us not up hence" (Exodus 33:15).

This is what our lives ought to be like. We must always have an assurance of God's presence with us in everything we do, because in Him we live, and move, and have our being (Acts 17: 28a).

The Holy Spirit is the Angel of God's presence, and God's presence brings joy to the heart of the believer. The Bible says in *Psalms 16:11*, "Thou wilt shew me the path of life: in thy presence is fullness of joy; at thy right hand there are pleasures for evermore."

Joy is the fruit of the human spirit and it is independent of circumstances. You may have heard some news or experienced some events that should make you melancholic, but when you allow yourself to be filled with the Holy Spirit, He'll bring you God's presence where you'll experience the fullness of joy and pleasures evermore.

The Bible says, "For the kingdom of God is not meat and drink; but righteousness, and peace, and joy in the Holy Ghost" (Romans 14:17). The Holy Spirit brings to us the joy of God's presence.

Chapter Two He Will Teach You

"Now we have received, not the spirit of the world, but the spirit which is of God; that we might know the things that are freely given to us of God" (1 Corinthians 2:12).

This is one of the most profound things the Holy Spirit does for us. When He comes upon your life, God ceases to be a mystery. He's the One Who lets you know who God is. He teaches you the Word of God and guides you. You will never walk in the wilderness of life anymore, because there will be light all the time. Jesus said, "He that follows Me shall not walk in darkness but he shall have the light of life" (John 8:12).

He Reveals God's Word To You

The Holy Ghost unveils God's Word to us; He reveals the things of God to us.

In 1 Corinthians 2:14, we read that "...the natural man receiveth not the things of the Spirit of God; for they are foolishness unto him; neither can he know them, because they are spiritually discerned."

The things of God can only be spiritually understood. This is why you need the Holy Spirit in your life. He will teach you and unveil the things of God to your spirit.

Jesus said in John 14:26,

And also in **John 16:13**,

The Comforter is the Spirit of truth, which means the Spirit of reality. God's Word is truth, it is reality, and it is the Holy Spirit that guides you into

[&]quot;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."

[&]quot;Howbeit when he, the Spirit of truth, is come, he will guide you into all truth (reality): for he shall not speak of himself; but whatsoever he shall hear, that shall he speak: and he will shew you things to come."

that reality. In other words, all the things you can see or relate to in this world are but a shadow. If you want to know reality, it has to be by the Holy Ghost. He has to reveal the real things of life to you.

When the Holy Spirit comes into your life, He will show you things to come; you will no longer be in the dark. You will no longer walk in confusion but live each day in the light. You will face the future with faith and confidence. He is the Spirit of reality, Hallelujah!

Now you can know the things that are given to you of God; those things that God has made available through His gospel. You can know them, because His Spirit will enlighten you and then you can take advantage of them. He will teach you God's Word and bring understanding to you.

1 Corinthians 2:9-13:

"But as it is written, Eye hath not seen, nor ear heard, neither have entered into the heart of man, the things which God hath prepared for them that love him. But God hath revealed them unto us BY HIS SPIRIT: for the Spirit searcheth all things, yea, the deep things of God. For what man knoweth the things of a man, save the spirit of man which is in him? Even so the things of God knoweth no man, but the Spirit of God. Now we have received, not the spirit of the world, but the spirit which is of God; that we might know the things that are freely given to us of God. Which things also we speak, not in the words which man's wisdom teacheth, but which the Holy Ghost teacheth; comparing spiritual things with spiritual."

This is beautiful! God has given us the Holy Spirit so that we do not remain in ignorance. We can know the mind of God; we can understand the things of the Spirit of God, because we have the Holy Spirit to unveil God's truth to us.

God is not trying to hide anything from us. Those things which eyes haven't seen, and ears haven't heard, and the minds of men haven't comprehended; those things which God has prepared for those who love Him, are being revealed to us by His Spirit. God is no longer a mystery to us. He can be a mystery to those who don't have His Spirit, but for the Christian who has the Spirit of God, nothing is hidden anymore.

God Himself said, "Neither will I hide my face any more from them: for I have poured out my Spirit upon the house of Israel..." (Ezekiel 39:29).

God was actually saying. "I cannot hide from them any more because my Spirit is upon them."

There's an anointing the Spirit of God brings into your life; and that

anointing gives you insight into the things of God. It opens the mind of God to you and unveils the riches of His glory to you. God said, "I will no longer hide my face from them," because of the outpouring of His Spirit, Hallelujah!

That outpouring is still on today. I feel sorry for the man who doesn't have the Holy Spirit, for we're living in a day when you cannot live without the Holy Ghost.

But thanks be unto God because there's an opportunity today for every one to receive the fullness of the Spirit.

Acts 2:17-18:

"And it shall come to pass in the last days, saith God, I will pour out of my Spirit upon all flesh: and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, and your young men shall see visions, and your old men shall dream dreams: And on my servants and on my handmaidens I will pour out in those days of my Spirit, and they shall prophesy:"

When the Holy Ghost comes into your life, you will see visions and dreams. You will have revelations, and you will no longer be in the dark. The Holy Spirit will show you things to come. Before things happen in your life, you will know. You will have a direction in life; you will know where you're going! Through the anointing of the Holy Spirit, you will receive ideas, direction and guidance on what to do in this world of turmoil. Divine wisdom will come to you because of the anointing. Your mind will be anointed to think and receive revelation; and you will never run short of ideas as to what to do. The anointing puts you over, because you now belong in the Kingdom of wisdom and knowledge.

He Causes You To See

One very important aspect of the ministry of the Holy Ghost is that He "causes us to see"

John 16:8:

"And when he is come, he will reprove the world of sin, and of righteousness, and of judgment:"

The word 'reprove' is the same as 'correct,' and it embraces a number of biblical expressions in its meaning. Originally, it derives from two Latin terms meaning 'cause to see' in the New Testament. The words 'reproof,' 'conviction' and 'illumination' are used to communicate the ministry of the Holy Spirit, whereby He causes the individuals to 'see' (understand) truth.

A man without the Holy Ghost is a blind man. He may not know it but that's what blindness is all about. A blind man is not just someone who cannot see, he can see alright, but all he sees is darkness. It's the same thing in the realm of the spirit. A blind man in the realm of the spirit is one who doesn't know the things of the spirit, he can't see the things of the Spirit of God. But when the Holy Spirit comes into your life, you will no longer be blind because He will cause you to see what others can't see.

Every Christian needs to depend on this ministry of the Holy Spirit to help him understand truth and respond accordingly.

He Will Show You Things To Come and Guide You Into All Truth

Isaiah 30:20-21:

"And though the Lord give you the bread of adversity, and the water of affliction, yet shall not thy teachers be removed into a corner any more, but thine eyes shall see thy teachers: And thine ears shall hear a word behind thee, saying, This is the way, walk ye in it, when ye turn to the right hand, and when ye turn to the left."

This is the work of the Spirit. He is your guide. When you're going the wrong way, you'll hear His voice telling you, "Stop, you're going the wrong

way," then He'll take you in the right direction. You don't have to wonder and be confused at the crossroads of life any more. If you have the Holy Spirit dwelling in you, He will lead you in the right way to go.

1 John 2:27:

"But the anointing which ye have received of him abideth in you, and ye need not that any man teach you: but as THE SAME ANOINTING TEACHETH YOU OF ALL THINGS, and is truth, and is no lie, and even as it hath taught you, ye shall abide in him."

What does it mean by "...ye need not that any man teach you...?"

Ephesians 4:11,12:

"And He gave some apostles; and some prophets; and some, evangelists; and some, pastors and teachers. For the perfecting of the saints, for the work of the ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ."

Didn't He just say you don't need anybody to teach you? So why is He anointing teachers? Is God contradicting Himself? Well, this lets you know He's not telling you nobody can teach you. What he's saying is that only the unction can teach you; only the teacher anointed by God's Spirit can teach you under the unction. This means, therefore, that it's the unction that's teaching you when a teacher of the Word teaches you. God will not contradict Himself.

There are several ways that the unction teaches you. The same unction teaches you all things. You will not be ignorant anymore because He will teach you. You may not have been to college but He will teach you. You will no longer be an ignoramus when the Holy Ghost lives in you. He becomes your Teacher. Jesus said when the Spirit of truth comes, He shall teach you all things. He didn't say 'some things,' but ALL THINGS. Glory to God!

Anything in this life, anything about life, anything about God, ANYTHING at all, the Holy Ghost can teach you if you will ask or let Him. He will open up the Word of God to you and unveil the realities of God to you. He will be your Teacher. He will let you know what to do.

When the Holy Ghost takes over your life, you will be different.

Chapter Three He Will Bring You Ability To Produce Righteousness

When the Holy Spirit comes to live within you, He will come with the ability to produce righteousness. Righteousness is the nature of God, which when imparted to the human spirit, produces the rightness of God in the human spirit. It gives man right standing with God; it gives him the ability to stand in the presence of God without a sense of guilt, inferiority or condemnation. It means a rightness in

God. The righteousness of God is wrought in you.

When the Holy Spirit comes into your life, He will give you the ability to do things right, to change things, to make things work.

Acts 1:8:

"But ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you: and ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judaea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth."

Power is the dynamic ability to cause changes. You receive the dynamic ability to cause changes when the Holy Ghost comes into your life. That dynamic ability is a power that works within you. Like a dynamo, it has the ability to reproduce itself.

This means that if the circumstances of your life don't favour you, you can change them. This is one of the rights of a child of God. If you're a child of God, you should never be disadvantaged in life. Never!

Jesus said, "Ye shall receive power after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you." That power is the dynamic ability to cause changes. You can effect changes in your family, in your body, at your work, in your finances, in your city; you can effect changes everywhere! He said you shall receive **power** – the dynamic ability to cause changes – when you receive the Holy Ghost.

Jesus said, "...I will come to you" (John 14:18). Here, He wasn't

referring to the rapture or second advent but to the Holy Ghost, because He said He would ask the Father to send us another Comforter, One just like Him, called alongside to help us; and that One is the Holy Ghost. This means that you will not be helpless. Nothing should happen in your life to make you say, "I am helpless."

Jesus said you would receive the dynamic ability to cause changes. If you want things to change in your life, your spouse, your children, your job, your school, your country, in anything or anywhere, you will receive the dynamic ability to cause those changes when the Holy Ghost comes upon your life!

We're not helpless. The trouble is that a lot of people don't have the Holy Ghost, and then, a lot of those who have the Holy Ghost don't even know who He really is and what He can do for them. They haven't put that power to work.

Now it's up to you to put the power of the Holy Ghost in you to work everywhere and in everything you want to see changes. All you need is to decide the changes you want and let Him work through you.

When that anointing of God's Spirit starts working through you, there's no demon hatched out of hell that can stand it. This is the way it should be for every child of God. You've got to have the anointing of God's Spirit working through you and in your life everyday.

Someone may say, "I always have unclean dreams. Every time I close my eyes to sleep, it's one nightmare or the other. I don't know what to do about it."

What you need is the fullness of the Spirit.

This is the reason for prayer. When you pray you can be full of the Spirit. There are things you can't do until the Spirit of God helps you do them. The Bible tells us that Jesus Christ offered Himself to God through the Holy Ghost (Hebrews 9:14).

After He received the Holy Ghost at the River Jordan, Jesus was led up of the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted. The Holy Ghost got a hold of Jesus and took Him to the wilderness, not to have a great time, but to be tempted of the devil.

The Holy Ghost can take charge of your life, and when He does, it doesn't matter what the process is, it's the product that counts. Remember, His thoughts towards you are thoughts of peace and not of evil (<u>Jeremiah 29:11</u>).

Understand this: it doesn't matter what happens to you, if you're in the will of God, you can rejoice! No matter how deep they take you, He will go down there with you. The Bible lets us know that in Israel's affliction, He was

afflicted (<u>Isaiah 63:9</u>). It also assures that even when you go through the water, it will not overflow you; and when you go through the fire, you shall not be burned (<u>Isaiah 43:2</u>), Hallelujah!

Do you remember the three Hebrew boys, Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego? King Nebuchadnezzar ordered that they should be thrown into the fiery furnace because they refused to bow down to his image (<u>Daniel 3:18-20</u>). When they were thrown into the furnace, only their bonds were burnt up, but their clothes were still on, and they stood up on their feet in the furnace.

King Nebuchadnezzar was shocked at what he saw and asked his counselors, "Do you see what I see? How many men did we throw bound into the fire?"

They answered him, "Three, sir."

"But I see four men, loose, walking in the fire unhurt; and the fourth one is like the Son of God," he said (<u>Daniel 3:24</u>).

That fourth One is still with us today. He is called the Angel of His presence. When you go through the fire, He's with you. When you go through the water, He's right there. When you have trouble on the job or in your home, He's right there. If you have trouble with your finances, He's right there with you! He's not in there to suffer with you through that situation. No! He's there to help you change it. He's there to bring you out of the mess!

There are Christians who are struggling to stop drinking alcohol. They want to stop but they've found it so difficult. Some others may have problems with food. They don't have any control over their appetite for food. Yet for some others, their problem is sleep. They can sleep anywhere and everywhere. They can't sit for five minutes without falling asleep. Sometimes, it seems that there are as many problems as there are Christians.

You may even be reading this book now, and you know you're in one such situation. Hold on! There's a Spirit in you, the One Whom you haven't given the right of way. There's a Spirit in you that has a ministry. He was sent for a purpose. He was not just sent to help you talk in tongues. Now, that in itself is a miracle, but it must extend to other areas of your life. When you're speaking in those tongues, you don't even know which word is coming out next, yet He takes charge of your tongue and makes you speak those blissful words. The One Who makes you speak in those tongues that you never learnt can take charge of your legs; He can take charge of your hands and take charge of your eyes, Hallelujah!

The Spirit of God can actually make you do the things God wants you to do

in your life. He gives you not only the will, but also the ability.

Philippians 2:13 says "...it is God which worketh in you both to will and to do of His good pleasure." Not only does He make you willing, He can make you do. But many of us haven't come to that point in our lives with the Holy Ghost. We're still trying to do a lot of things on our own, trying and failing. But that struggle will come to an end when you recognize the working of the Holy Spirit in your life and give Him the right of way.

Jesus said, "... Follow me, and I will make you fishers of men" (Matthew 4:19). He didn't say, "Follow Me and try to become," He said, "I will make you."

He is the One with the ability. The responsibility of making you become rests with Him. All you're required to do is follow Him. There's no extra effort needed on God's side, and no extra effort on your side. All that is needed is for God to say it and for you to agree with what He has said about you.

Chapter Four He Will Give You Rest

The Holy Spirit will give you rest. I don't know how to say this strongly enough, but when the Holy Spirit comes, He will give you rest from trouble, He will give you rest from war. There could be wars raging within us sometimes. We're troubled because there's bad news coming from afar; we're troubled because of the circumstances of our lives, and because of things that are happening to us. We're troubled because of one thing or the other. Some are even troubled about their jobs, they're afraid of losing what they have. There may be so much trouble, so much war in and around you, but He will give you rest in your soul.

Jesus said, "Come unto me all ye that labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn of me; for I am meek and lowly in heart: and ye shall find rest unto your souls" (Matthew 11:28-29).

The Holy Ghost is the One carrying on in the earth today the ministry which Jesus started. And just as Jesus said, He will give you peace, not as the world gives, but peace in the midst of turmoil. He will give you rest from struggle, He will give you rest for your soul.

John 14:27:

"Peace I leave with you, my peace I give unto you: not as the world giveth, give I unto you. Let not your heart

be troubled, neither let it be afraid."

When the Holy Spirit dwells in you in His fullness, He will give you peace and rest, and you will no longer be afraid or troubled.

Isaiah 32:17,18:

"And the work of righteousness shall be peace; and the effect of righteousness quietness and assurance for ever. And my people shall dwell in a peaceable habitation, and in sure dwellings, and in quiet resting places;"

The righteousness of God in your life produces peace, quietness, and assurance in you. People will wonder at you because they can't fathom how you can have so much peace and rest when everything seems to have gone wrong. But this is one of the things you enjoy when the Holy Ghost comes into your life

and you allow Him to work in you.

There are people who can't sleep at night, but if the Holy Spirit lives inside you, you will have rest in the midst of the troubles and storms of life.

The Bible says, "When men are cast down, then thou shalt say, There is lifting up..." (Job 22:29). You will be the one to lift others up. Because you have His peace, it will flow from you to others and you will help the fearful and downtrodden.

Jesus is the One Who said, "Peace, be still," and there was a great calm. He hushed the sea to sleep (Mark 4:39). He can calm your spirit and bring rest to your soul. He said, "Peace I leave with you, my peace I give unto you: not as the world giveth, give I unto you. Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid" (John 14:27). And you know something? If the world can't give this peace, the world can't take it from you. You will have rest for your soul!

Chapter Five He Will Restore, Renew And Refresh You

The Holy Spirit will restore you, renew you and refresh you. You will never run out of power, you will never run out of ability. The psalmist said,

"The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not want. He maketh me to lie down in green pastures..." (Psalm 23:1-2).

This particular Psalm inspires me greatly. David had a revelation of the Holy Spirit that was uncommon to the time in which he lived. He recognized the place and the working of the Spirit of God in his life. He said, "The Lord is my shepherd." Over in <u>2 Corinthians 3:17</u>, the Bible tells us that "the Lord is that Spirit." This is the Holy Ghost, He is the Shepherd and Bishop of your soul (<u>1 Peter 2:25</u>). He guides you and pilots your life. He leads you to the green pastures and makes you lie there. This means that He brings you to a place of plenty and causes you to abide there. And in that place of plenty, you will have peace, because he also said,

Yes, He will restore you; He will renew you; He will refresh you!

Ephesians 2:10:

"For we are God's [own] handiwork (His workmanship), recreated in Christ Jesus, [born anew] that we may do those good works which God predestined (planned beforehand) for us [taking paths which He prepared ahead of time], that we should walk in them [living the good life which He prearranged and made ready for us to live]" (The Amplified Bible).

In other words, the Holy Ghost will take charge of your circumstances. He can handle your day. You may have met with people that you shouldn't have

[&]quot;...he leadeth me beside still waters. He restoreth my soul: he leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for his name's sake. Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil: for thou art with me; thy rod and thy staff they comfort me" (Psalm 23: 2-4).

met in your life. You may have found yourself in a place you should never have been in your life. You may even be in a job you should never have taken up in your life, or have friends that you were never supposed to meet in your life.

This is all possible when you walk in your own strength and without His guidance. He said, "taking paths which He prepared ahead of time that we should walk in them, living the good life which He prearranged and made ready for us to live." This is the life He has brought us into. He can handle your life. You're not a child of chance. The people you meet are not supposed to come into your world as an accident.

The best place to be is in God's perfect will for your life. When you're in God's perfect will, it doesn't matter what you face; it doesn't matter how big the giant is; it doesn't matter how high the mountain is; it doesn't matter how deep the valley is, you're more than a conqueror. No wonder David said, "Yea though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I fear no evil: for thou art with me; thy rod and thy staff they comfort me" (Psalm 23:4).

The Holy Ghost is here to help you. He has already pre-arranged the circumstances of your life. He can take care of your circumstances, He can take care of everything about your life. He knows what to put out of your life. He knows what to do about the thoughts that come to you. He says He will cause you to do His will. This is why every child of God must have the Holy Ghost. You need the fullness of the Holy Ghost in your life.

In 2 Corinthians 4:16, He said, "For which cause we faint not; but though our outward man perish, yet the inward man is renewed day by day." Yes, you can be renewed everyday by the Word of God and the working of the Holy Spirit.

Psalm 103:5:

"Who satisfieth thy mouth with good things; so that thy youth is renewed like the eagle's."

He says He will renew your youth as the eagle's. The eagle is a very unique bird. It sheds its feathers as it grows, and new feathers take the place of the old ones. The Holy Ghost will renew your youth, your strength and vitality, like the eagle renews itself. He will make you like the tree spoken of in **Psalm** 1:3:

[&]quot;And he shall be like a tree planted by the rivers of water, that bringeth forth his fruit in his

When the Holy Spirit lives in you, He will restore you, He will renew you and He will refresh you.

I was watching Kenneth Hagin at age eighty, dancing all over the platform, running by the power of the Holy Ghost. AT AGE EIGHTY! But then I've seen some seventy-year-olds, even sixty-year-olds who can't stand straight. They've become so feeble and shaky, and they say, "You know I'm an old man now." But at eighty years old, Papa Hagin was still running, he was still jumping, he was still shouting and singing! Why? It's because of the Holy Ghost!

At age 120, the Bible records that Moses' eyes were not dim nor his physical stature abated (<u>Deuteronomy 34:7</u>). He wasn't ready to die. God had to tell him, "Moses, go up the mountain and die!" (<u>Deuteronomy 32:48-50</u>).

And you know what? The man walked up the mountain and after he had seen all the land God had promised the children of Israel, he said, "Okay Lord, I'm ready."

God said, "Alright then, go ahead and die" and Moses laid down and died. That's what the Bible says about Moses (<u>Deuteronomy 34:1-5</u>).

He was 120 years of age, yet he wasn't shaking, he wasn't sitting in the rocking chair, looking at everybody passing by and saying, "I'm retired now." No sir, not Moses! At that age he still had so much strength that he could climb up and down the mountains and see all the land of Israel for miles and miles around with his unaided eyes.

The One you serve is called the Ancient of days.

If you're alive at seventy, eighty or even more, you're just beginning in life. Moses started his ministry at the age of eighty. It's time to serve God. Don't go back to the village and sleep off. No, if you go back to the village, keep preaching Jesus. If you have gray hair on your head, shake it for Jesus!

Don't expect to die. Don't look at the grave and say, "I'm going down there soon." No way! If you want to die, you tell everybody, "I want to die." Don't die by accident, don't die by any gunshot, don't die for anybody, because somebody already died for you and everybody else, so you don't die until you choose to die.

The Holy Spirit will restore you, He will renew you, He will refresh you. Everyday when you get up in the morning, say, "Thank God, I'm refreshed, I'm stronger than ever!"

Think about Caleb. He said, "Forty five years ago God made me a promise..." now he was eighty-five, but he said, "I'm as strong this day as I was forty five years ago, both for war, for going out and coming in" (Joshua 14:6-13).

Jesus said, "I will pray the Father and He shall give you another Comforter." In the Greek, that was rendered "Allos Parakletos" which means "another one that is exactly like Me, to go along with you." Jesus meant another One that is exactly like Him, called to go with you, to travel alongside you. He looks like Jesus, He talks like Him, He loves like Him. He will help you like Jesus would and be with you just as Jesus said.

The Holy Spirit is your Strengthener. When you're out of your own strength, there's another strength working on the inside of you that you can draw on.

You may think you can't take the pressure any more, but if you have the Holy Ghost, happy are you.

When your strength fails, the devil may think he's done with you and you're out, but you're not out, for that's when the STANDBY takes over and causes His strength to rise within you. Then you begin to speak words of power and the devil can't understand it.

No wonder Paul said, "But we have this treasure in earthen vessels, that the excellency of the power may be of God, and not of us. We are troubled on every side, yet not distressed; we are perplexed, but not in despair; Persecuted, but not forsaken; cast down, but not destroyed;" (2 Corinthians 4:7-9).

Psalms 16:11:

[&]quot;Thou wilt shew me the path of life: in thy presence is fulness of joy; at thy right hand there are pleasures for evermore."

Acts 3:19b:

"...times of refreshing shall come from the presence of the Lord;"

God's presence brings joy to the heart of the believer and refreshes him. It doesn't matter how drained you may feel spiritually, mentally or physically, you can be refreshed in God's presence.

In His presence there's no room for spiritual drowsiness, no room for dryness, no room to be cast down, because the Holy Spirit stirs up the joy of God in our hearts.

Chapter Six He Will Turn Your Wilderness Into A Fruitful Place

 $m{T}$ his is one of the most beautiful evidences of the presence and influence of the Holy Ghost in your life.

Isaiah 32:15,16:

"Until the Spirit be poured upon us from on high, and the wilderness be a fruitful field, and the fruitful field be counted for a forest. Then judgment shall dwell in the wilderness, and righteousness remain in the fruitful field."

This lets us know that we become productive when the Spirit of God comes upon our lives. The anointing of God's Spirit makes us productive, it makes us fruitful. The anointing affects our lives and causes these things to happen in us. Things may go bad and cause your life to be a wilderness, but that is until the Spirit is poured upon you from on high. It is the Spirit that changes things.

This Holy Spirit is the One Who unveils to us the glories and blessings of God the Father. He is the One Who takes us into the presence of the Father and makes the blessings of God a reality in our lives.

I wish that many people would understand what the anointing does. Remember, the anointing of God's Spirit has to do with the presence of God. So when <u>Isaiah 32:15</u> says, "Until the Spirit be poured upon us from on high," it means, "Until the anointing comes upon us."

But we're not those waiting for the anointing to come upon us. If you have received the Holy Spirit of God, then the Spirit has been poured upon you from on high. When the Spirit is poured upon us from on high, we don't need to struggle to make the wilderness become anything, it just becomes!

You may look at your life and there's so much unproductivity. You may look at your life and wonder, *How far have I gone, what have I achieved in my life?* Maybe when you look at your home, it's all a desert, your finances are

no better, your health is deteriorating by the day and your life seems unproductive in every way.

Your life can only remain a wilderness until there's an outpouring of the Spirit upon you.

Isaiah 32:13,14,15a:

"Upon the land of my people shall come up thorns and briers; yea, upon all the houses of joy in the joyous city: Because the palaces shall be forsaken; the multitude of the city shall be left; the forts and the towers shall be for dens for ever, a joy of wild asses, a pasture of flocks; UNTIL THE SPIRIT BE POURED UPON US FROM ON HIGH..."

There could be dryness and unproductivity in every way, the situation may be as hopeless as it could ever be. But these can only go on until there's a release of God's presence.

When the Holy Ghost comes to live inside you, He will turn your wilderness into a fruitful field; water will spring up from your desert. You will experience productivity and growth in every area of your life. You will move forward. There will be a bursting forth on your right hand and on your left.

You may be thinking right now, *I'm not experiencing dryness in my life;* my life is not unproductive. Well, thank God for you. But there's something better. **Your fruitful field can become a forest.** Read <u>Isaiah 32:15-16</u> again and you will observe this. This means you can be more productive spiritually and financially. Your life can affect more people for Jesus. You can move from experiencing divine healing to divine health. There's always something better for you in Christ!

Isaiah 44:2-4:

"Thus saith the LORD that made thee, and formed thee from the womb, which will help thee; Fear not, O Jacob, my servant; and thou, Jeshurun, whom I have chosen. For I will pour water upon him that is thirsty, and floods upon the dry ground: I will pour my spirit upon thy seed, and my blessing upon thine offspring: And they shall spring up as among the grass, as willows by the water courses."

This should gladden your heart. God is interested in helping you. He wants to help you lead a better life.

"Water" in verse 3 refers to the Holy Spirit. When you thirst for the fullness of the Holy Ghost, you will receive it. God said He would pour His

Spirit upon your seed, and His blessing upon your offspring.

These do not refer only to your children. Your seed is anything that proceeds from you. Your thoughts, your ideas, your job, and your money are all your seed, for they represent you. And when God pours His Spirit upon your seed, you become more productive than ever before. They will spring up as among the grass and as willows by the water courses. No wonder the Lord Jesus said, "...If any man thirst, let him come unto me, and drink. He that believeth on me, as the scripture hath said, out of his belly shall flow rivers of living water (John 7:37-38).

He not only makes you productive, He causes your productive life to affect others positively. If rivers of living water will flow out of your belly, surely they

must affect you and those around you.

Yes! When the Spirit comes, He turns your wilderness into a fruitful field and your fruitful field into a forest.

Get ready for increased productivity in your life!

Ezekiel 36:27-29:

"And I will put my spirit within you, and cause you to walk in my statutes, and ye shall keep my judgements, and do them. And ye shall dwell in the land that I gave to your fathers; and ye shall be my people, and I will be your God. I will also save you from all your uncleannesses: and I will call for the corn, and will increase it, and lay no famine upon you."

Understand what God is talking about here. He says, "I will put My Spirit within you, and I will get rid of the mess from your life, and then I will call for the corn." This is prosperity. When the Holy Ghost starts living in you, He'll call for the corn. There are a lot of God's people who are broke in their lives. There are too many of God's people who're walking empty and they're wondering why. *But prosperity comes through the Holy Ghost!*

In the Church of Jesus Christ, there's been a lot of preaching about prosperity. We've said, "When you give, God will give back to you." But you see, it doesn't end there. That's not the exact truth, it's only half-truth. Truth has to be all-truth. So many of God's people give; for example, they put in their offering and it doesn't seem to come back to them multiplied like God said it would. The problem is with them.

Let me tell you this: When you sow your seed, if the rain doesn't fall and there's no water, something will go wrong with the seed. The Bible says, "Ask ye of the LORD rain in the time of the latter rain; so the LORD shall make bright clouds, and give them showers of rain, to every one grass in the field" (Zechariah 10:1). This is talking about the Holy Ghost!

When you sow your seed and give to God, if it's going to come back, it's going to be as a result of the rain, and your prayer is what makes the rain to fall.

This is the mistake a lot of Christians have made. They do not pray, they just give and they expect. That's gambling in the Church, that's using God's Word for gambling! When you give to God, you must recognize that He is Almighty God. Then you pray in the Holy Ghost and water your seed; you believe in your seed; you believe in the God that brings it back; you believe there's a harvest from your seed.

When you pray in the Holy Ghost, you're watering your seed and your heart, which is the ground of faith. When you do that, you'll have such a great harvest, there'll be no room enough to take it all, praise God!

But we just wait there and say it's going to come back, and when it doesn't, we feel frustrated. There's no difference between that and the gambler out there on the street. But when you start praying about it, that's where the difference is.

God is not a computer; He's a rational being and we must relate with Him as such. When we give to Him, we talk to Him, we relate with Him and expect from Him and pray to Him. There's a relationship involved in this. But when that relationship is not there, there would certainly be problems.

Chapter Seven He Will Bring Excellence Into Your Life

If you believe in Jesus Christ with all of your heart and believe in His written Word, then believe also in the Holy Ghost, and He will bring excellence into your life.

Daniel had an excellent spirit.

Daniel 6:3:

"Then this Daniel was preferred above the presidents and princes, because an excellent spirit was in him; and the king thought to set him over the whole realm."

You can have an excellent spirit. The Holy Ghost is the Spirit of excellence. When He comes into your life, there will be excellence in your mentality, there will be excellence in your work. There will be excellence in your health. There will be excellence in everything that concerns you, just as the Psalmist said, "The Lord will perfect that which concerneth me..." (Psalm 138:8).

The Bible tells us in 3 John 2, "Beloved, I wish above all things that thou mayest prosper and be in health, even as thy soul prospereth."

This is the Spirit of excellence at work. Excellence means that you're prospering spiritually, mentally, physically and in every area of life. What does it mean to prosper? It means to do well, to have over and above, to walk in a high level with God. It means to be in a high class with God, where you can think like God and live like Him.

The Holy Spirit will bring excellence into your life, and your health will also be excellent. It will not be fever one morning, high blood pressure the next day. No! He will bring excellence into your life.

Psalm 1:3:

"And he shall be like a tree planted by the rivers of water, that bringeth forth his fruit in his season; his leaf also shall not wither; and whatsoever he doeth shall prosper."

When you have this Holy Spirit in your life, you will be like a tree that is planted by the rivers of water. You will bring forth fruit in season, that means, every time you're supposed to bring forth fruit, it will not fail. In other words, there'll never be a time when you're unable to receive a harvest. He says also, "Your leaves shall not wither, and lastly, "Whatsoever you do shall prosper."

Anything you put your hand upon to do will turn into success. Why? Because the Holy Spirit – the Spirit of excellence – is in your life.

Ezekiel 36:30-32:

"And I will multiply the fruit of the tree, and the increase of the field, that ye shall receive no more reproach of famine among the heathen. Then shall ye remember your own evil ways, and your doings that were not good, and shall lothe yourself in your own sight for your iniquities and for your abominations. Not for your sakes do I this, saith the Lord GOD, be it known unto you: be ashamed and confounded for your own ways, O house of Israel."

Can you see what God is saying here? He's saying, "I'm doing this, not because you paid the price or you did something about it. It's not because you look good; it's not because you prayed so much; it's not because of anything you did, but I'm doing it because it's been My plan all along."

Now read what He says next:

"Thus saith the Lord GOD; In the day that I shall have cleansed you from all your iniquities I will also cause you to dwell in the cities, and the wastes shall be builded. And the desolate land shall be tilled, whereas it lay desolate in the sight of all that passed by. And they shall say, This land that was desolate is become like the garden of Eden; and the waste and desolate and ruined cities are become fenced, and are inhabited. Then the heathen that are left round about you shall know that I the LORD build the ruined places, and plant that that was desolate: I THE LORD HAVE SPOKEN IT, AND I WILL DO IT." (Ezekiel 36:33-36).

God has said, "I will do it!" This is what He wants to do for you. This is what His Spirit will accomplish in your life, if you let Him.

Chapter Eight Be Filled With The Spirit!

Every one that has come to God and is born again must be filled with the Spirit. You must have the Holy Spirit, otherwise, you cannot live the God-life.

If you've not received the Holy Ghost, lift up your hands right now and say, "Father, I receive the Holy Ghost. I receive Him into my spirit, I receive Him into my soul, I receive Him into my body, I receive Him into every fibre of my being, every bone of my body, every cell of my blood!"

If the Spirit of Him that raised up Jesus from the dead dwells in you, He that raised up Christ from the dead shall also quicken, (that is, vitalize), your mortal body (Romans 8:11).

This is Paul's recipe for health. If you had trouble in your body, you will say, "Father, this body is now yours, it is the temple of the Holy Ghost. Come and dwell in this body." And I tell you if He comes to live within you, every devil will have to leave your body, every pain will have to vacate your body, every infirmity will have to go. It doesn't matter what's gone wrong with your body, this is what you need.

When Paul said, "Be filled with the Spirit," he wasn't referring to water rising up, what he meant brings to mind John the Baptist's words when the people told him they found Jesus baptizing. John said "I told you before that I'm not the Christ; I told you that He is before me and the latchet of His shoes I'm not worthy to untie." Then he said, "He must increase but I must decrease" (John 3:30).

This is the principle. When Paul said, "Be filled with the Spirit," he wanted you to know that God is in you. Let Him increase while you decrease. When you speak, let it be the voice of God. When you stretch forth your hand, let it be the hand of God. Don't see yourself as a mere man but as one who is born of God and filled with Him. Let Him increase; let His divinity in you increase and your humanity decrease. Be filled with the Spirit. When you're filled with the Spirit, there's boldness because divinity has increased!

He is in you, not as a cloud, not as some water moving around in your belly; He's not a ball of fire burning on the inside. He is in you, working in you, looking through your eyes, talking through your mouth, touching through your hands, walking with your legs and living in your body!

The Holy Spirit is committed to you as He was committed to Jesus. He was

committed to bringing Him up, training Him and seeing to it that He succeeded in His ministry to the Father. If you will let Him in your life, He will succeed with you. He is experienced in His work. There's no new problem He cannot solve, and there's One Who has gone ahead of us as our example. His Name is Jesus. The Holy Ghost worked with Him. And He will work with you too, if you will only let Him.

Yes, these are seven things He will perfect in your life today if you will only let Him, and you will let Him now. Be filled with the Spirit!

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Scriptures

1 John 5:7

7For there are three that bear record in heaven, the Father, the Word, and the Holy Ghost: and these three are one.

2 Corinthians 13:14

14The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Ghost, be with you all. Amen.

Isaiah 63:9

9In all their affliction he was afflicted, and the angel of his presence saved them: in his love and in his pity he redeemed them; and he bare them, and carried them all the days of old.

Isaiah 63:10

10But they rebelled, and vexed his holy Spirit: therefore he was turned to be their enemy, and he fought against them.

Psalm 51:11

11Cast me not away from thy presence; and take not thy holy spirit from me.

John 14:16

16And I will pray the Father, and he shall give you another Comforter, that he may abide with you for ever;

Exodus 33:15

15And he said unto him, If thy presence go not with me, carry us not up hence.

John 14:18

18I will not leave you comfortless: I will come to you.

Hebrews 9:14

14How much more shall the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered himself without spot to God, purge your conscience from dead works to serve the living God?

Jeremiah 29:11

11For I know the thoughts that I think toward you, saith the LORD, thoughts of peace, and not of evil, to give you an expected end.

Isaiah 63:9

9In all their affliction he was afflicted, and the angel of his presence saved them: in his love and in his pity he redeemed them; and he bare them, and carried them all the days of old.

Isaiah 43:2

2When thou passest through the waters, I will be with thee; and through the rivers, they shall not overflow thee: when thou walkest through the fire, thou shalt not be burned; neither shall the flame kindle upon thee.

Daniel 3:18-20

18But if not, be it known unto thee, O king, that we will not serve thy gods, nor worship the golden image which thou hast set up.

19Then was Nebuchadnezzar full of fury, and the form of his visage was changed against Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego: therefore he spake, and commanded that they should heat the furnace one seven times more than it was wont to be heated.

20And he commanded the most mighty men that were in his army to bind Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego, and to cast them into the burning fiery furnace.

Daniel 3:24

24Then Nebuchadnezzar the king was astonished, and rose up in haste, and spake, and said unto his counsellors, Did not we cast three men bound into the midst of the fire? They answered and said unto the king, True, O king.

Mark 4:39

39And he arose, and rebuked the wind, and said unto the sea, Peace, be still. And the wind ceased, and there was a great calm.

2 Corinthians 3:17

17Now the Lord is that Spirit: and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is liberty.

1 Peter 2:25

25For ye were as sheep going astray; but are now returned unto the Shepherd and Bishop of your souls.

Psalm 23:4

4Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil: for thou art with me; thy rod and thy staff they comfort me.

Psalm 1:3

3And he shall be like a tree planted by the rivers of water, that bringeth forth his fruit in his season; his leaf also shall not wither; and whatsoever he doeth shall prosper.

Deuteronomy 34:7

View commentary related to this passage

7And Moses was an hundred and twenty years old when he died: his eye was not dim, nor his natural

Deuteronomy 32:48-50

48And the LORD spake unto Moses that selfsame day, saying,

49Get thee up into this mountain Abarim, unto mount Nebo, which is in the land of Moab, that is over against Jericho; and behold the land of Canaan, which I give unto the children of Israel for a possession:

50And die in the mount whither thou goest up, and be gathered unto thy people; as Aaron thy brother died in mount Hor, and was gathered unto his people:

Deuteronomy 34:1-5

Deuteronomy 34

1And Moses went up from the plains of Moab unto the mountain of Nebo, to the top of Pisgah, that is over against Jericho. And the LORD shewed him all the land of Gilead, unto Dan,

2And all Naphtali, and the land of Ephraim, and Manasseh, and all the land of Judah, unto the utmost sea,

3And the south, and the plain of the valley of Jericho, the city of palm trees, unto Zoar.

4And the LORD said unto him, This is the land which I sware unto Abraham, unto Isaac, and unto Jacob, saying, I will give it unto thy seed: I have caused thee to see it with thine eyes, but thou shalt not go over thither.

5So Moses the servant of the LORD died there in the land of Moab, according to the word of the LORD.

Joshua 14:6-13

View commentary related to this passage

6Then the children of Judah came unto Joshua in Gilgal: and Caleb the son of Jephunneh the Kenezite said unto him, Thou knowest the thing that the LORD said unto Moses the man of God concerning me and thee in Kadeshbarnea.

7Forty years old was I when Moses the servant of the LORD sent me from Kadeshbarnea to espy out the land; and I brought him word again as it was in mine heart.

8Nevertheless my brethren that went up with me made the heart of the people melt: but I wholly followed the LORD my God.

9And Moses sware on that day, saying, Surely the land whereon thy feet have trodden shall be thine inheritance, and thy children's for ever, because thou hast wholly followed the LORD my God.

10And now, behold, the LORD hath kept me alive, as he said, these forty and five years, even since the LORD spake this word unto Moses, while the children of Israel wandered in the wilderness: and now, lo, I am this day fourscore and five years old.

11As yet I am as strong this day as I was in the day that Moses sent me: as my strength was then, even so is my strength now, for war, both to go out, and to come in.

12Now therefore give me this mountain, whereof the LORD spake in that day; for thou heardest in that day how the Anakims were there, and that the cities were great and fenced: if so be the LORD will be with me, then I shall be able to drive them out, as the LORD said.

13And Joshua blessed him, and gave unto Caleb the son of Jephunneh Hebron for an inheritance.

Isaiah 32:15

15Until the spirit be poured upon us from on high, and the wilderness be a fruitful field, and the fruitful field be counted for a forest.

Isaiah 32:15-16

15Until the spirit be poured upon us from on high, and the wilderness be a fruitful field, and the fruitful field be counted for a forest.

16Then judgment shall dwell in the wilderness, and righteousness remain in the fruitful field.

Romans 8:11 (King James Version)

¹¹But if the Spirit of him that raised up Jesus from the dead dwell in you, he that raised up Christ from the dead shall also quicken your mortal bodies by his Spirit that dwelleth in you.

John 3:30 (King James Version)

³⁰He must increase, but I must decrease.