God desires you live, walk and operate at the Godhead level. This can only be possible as you learn to live, walk and be led of His Holy Spirit. Amazing result oriented and fruitful life comes by deeper intimacy with the Holy Spirit.

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# Deeper Walk SPIRIT

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#### **Deeper Walk in the Spirit**

#### (Walking in the Spirit Series)

God desires that you dwell, walk and operate in His realm. He wants to relate with you at His own level, the Godhead level. That is the essence of the sacrificial death of Jesus Christ, His resurrection and ascension to the Father's throne room.

The scripture says:

"But God, who is rich in mercy, for his great love wherewith he loved us,

Even when we were dead in sins, hath quickened us together with Christ, (by grace ye are saved;)

And hath raised us up together, and made us sit together in heavenly places in Christ Jesus."

#### Ephesians 2:4-6

Every one that must relate effectively with God must learn to walk in the Holy Spirit. Apostle Paul placed much importance on a decisive walk in the Holy Spirit that he wrote the Galatians:

"This I say then, walk in the Spirit, and ye shall not fulfil the lust of the flesh."

#### Galatians 5:17

This is the right time and season God yearns for His church to walk in the Holy Spirit as to know what right moves to make as He has ordered them. It is only by His Spirit there would be divine revelation of what could be achieved per time. Apostle Paul by the Holy Spirit said:

"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."

#### 1 Corinthians 2:9-10

In this book, we shall journey through the realm of God's word to find help on how to successfully and fundamentally, live and make moves in and by the Holy Spirit.

#### **Born of the Spirit**

Meaningful relationship with the Holy Spirit begins with a personal transforming encounter with Jesus Christ. At your repentance and acceptance of Him as personal Lord and Saviour, the Holy Spirit comes and indwells your life. He is the Spirit of the Father and the Son. He brings you into the experience of assurance of salvation in Christ. He also expresses in and through you the abiding peace of God and overflowing joy of salvation.

By this personal encounter with the Spirit of God, He resumes His vast responsibilities as the scriptures enumerate.

Jesus said:

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

He will expound the scriptures in your heart and give you deeper understanding of them. He will also reveal Jesus to you through the pages of the scriptures. He will guide through with your pursuit of Christlikeness. He will pour in your heart deeper love for Jesus Christ and His word. Romans 5:5 says:

"And hope maketh not ashamed; because the love of God is shade abroad in our hearts by the Holy Ghost which is given unto us."

You must be born of the Spirit of God if you must experience intimacy with Him. It will give access to the operational realm of God's Kingdom. It would give you the impartation of the endless life of the Spirit (John 3:5-6). He would reveal to you the inheritance God has reserved for you in Christ (1 Cor 2:9-10).

#### **Salvation Prayer**

If you have not been born again and you wish to receive Jesus as personal Lord and Saviour, please say this prayer:

"Dear Jesus, I have decided today to make you my personal Lord and Saviour. I repent of my sins and renounce them now. Forgive and wash me with your precious blood. I believe in my heart and confess with my mouth that you are my personal Lord and Saviour. Let old things pass away from my life and let all things become new. Let your Holy Spirit dwell in me from this day. Give me peace and joy of salvation. Thanks for accepting and saving me. In your holy Name, Jesus, I pray. Amen!"

Beloved if you had done this with a sincere heart, congratulations. You have been born again.

#### Filled with the Spirit

Having been born of the Spirit of God, you must be filled with His fullness with the evidence of speaking in other tongues. Acts 2:4 said:

"And they were all filled with the Holy Ghost, and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance."

This was the second Christian experience the disciples of Jesus Christ and early Church converts yearned for. Apostle Paul asked some believers in Ephesus:

"Have ye received the Holy Ghost since ye believed? And they said unto him, we have not heard whether there be any Holy Ghost.

And when Paul had laid his hands upon them, the Holy Ghost came on them; and they spake with tongues and prophesied."

Acts 19:2,6

Being filled with the Holy Spirit with the evidence of speaking in other tongues (Baptism in the Holy Spirit), is the spiritual

doorway to the supernatural realm with its result oriented operations. Jesus said:

"But ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you: and ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judea, and in Samaria." Acts 1:8

Baptism in the Holy Spirit is the doorway to spiritual power. His fullness in you comes with supernatural impartation of divine energy. He brings you higher spiritual manifestation of fruitful living. He makes His voice and Jesus' presence more real to you.

The Apostles Peter and John witnessed the first outflow of Holy Spirit's miracle power in their personal ministries after they had received the infilling of the Holy Spirit (Acts 3:1-9). Jesus has also assured that every believer would receive the infilling of the Holy Spirit for effective and fruitful Christian living (Mk 16:16-18). Apostle Peter, by the Holy Spirit, said:

"For the promise is unto you, and to your children, and to all that are afar off, even as many as the Lord our God shall call."

Acts 2:39

#### **Be Filled**

You can be filled with the Holy Spirit with the biblical evidence of speaking with other tongues. The following steps could be helpful as you spend time in God's presence in your quest for this beautiful experience.

#### A. Only Believe

You must believe in Christ Jesus as your personal Lord and Saviour. You must also believe that the promise is to every believer in Christ. You must believe the promise is to you personally. Acts 2:38

#### **B**. Strong Desire

You must have a peculiar desire for the infilling of the Holy Spirit. You should have strong inner craving to serve God fruitfully and committedly. Have a burning desire to possess this divine inheritance for effective pursuit of destiny. Proverbs 10:24 says:

"The fear of the wicked, it shall come upon him: but the desire of the righteous shall be granted."

#### C. Knowledge of His Presence

You must believe that the Holy Spirit indwells your spirit and is ever present with you. Writing about His ever abiding presence, Apostle John said:

"But the anointing which you have received of him abideth in you, and ye need not that any man teach you of all things, and is truth and is no lie, and even as it hath taught you, ye shall abide in Him."

#### 1John 2:27

Build inward assurance that He is ever with you. Ever since He came down from heaven on Pentecost day, He has ever remained here on earth. By His presence right where you are, you will receive His infilling.

#### D. Ask in Faith

Ask the Holy Spirit to fill you with His fullness with expectation of faith. It is God's pleasure to infill you with the fullness of His Spirit. Jesus said:

"If ye then, being evil, know how to give good gifts unto your children, how much more shall your heavenly father give the Holy Spirit to them that ask."

Luke 11:13

Your faith demand gives Him pleasure. Your faith expression gratifies Him and motivates Him to gratify your pleasure (Hebrews 11:6).

#### E. Give Thanks in Anticipation

Having placed your demand by faith, give thanks in anticipation of His touch. As you give thanks, there would be a sudden change in your utterance as the Holy Spirit in-fills you. Go on and speak forth the new tongues with boldness and do not return to giving of thanks in known language.

You may not have the understanding of the new language the Holy Spirit has given you, but be confident that God is being glorified and the demonic kingdom of darkness is being devastated. 1Corinthians 14:2 says:

"For he that speaketh in an unknown tongue speaketh not unto men, but unto God for no man understandeth him, howbeit in the Spirit he speaketh mysteries."

#### **<u>F.</u>** You Cannot Receive False Tongue

As long as you are standing on the platforms of holiness and God's righteousness, you cannot receive a negative spiritual language. Isaiah 54:14 says:

"In righteousness shall thou be established; and thou shall be far from oppression; for thou shall not fear: and from terror; for it shall not come near thee."

The devil cannot be found anywhere around you as the Holy Spirit in-fills you.

God cannot give fake spiritual manifestation because He is Holy and True (Luke 11:11-13). He is good and gives good gifts.

"Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above and cometh down from the Father of lights, with whom is no variableness, neither shadow of turning."

#### **James 1:17**

<u>Caution:</u> If you experience difficulty in receiving the baptism in the Holy Spirit, seek the assistance and laying-on of hands of an anointed, holy living servant of God. You could be filled as hands are laid on you by Holy Spirit filled believers. Acts 8:17 said:

"Then they laid their hands on them and they received the Holy Ghost."

Beloved, get ready for a deeper walk with the Holy Spirit after you have received His fullness. I command you to be filled with the Holy Spirit as you ask. In Jesus' Name. Amen!

#### **Live in the Spirit**

When you gave your life to Jesus Christ, making Him your personal Lord and Saviour, the Holy Spirit came and dwelt in your human spirit. At the same time your spiritual location changes. You become located in the Holy Spirit. Romans 8:9 says:

"But ye are not in the flesh, but in the Spirit, if so be that the Spirit of God dwell in you. Now if any man have not the Spirit of Christ, he is none of his".

Your life becomes hidden with Christ in His Holy Spirit. Colossians 3:3 says:

'For ye are dead, and your life is hid with Christ in God."

God places demand on you to walk in the Holy Spirit since He has become your abode. Galatians 5:25 says:

"If we live in the Spirit, let us walk in the Spirit."

You must live with the consciousness of this new abode. Visualize yourself in this transformed location. Refuse to be seduced into carnal identification with the sin dominated nature. You are in the Holy Spirit.

A conscious life in the Holy Spirit would give you victory over the pull of the force of the life of carnality on you. It would keep you confined in the operational walls of the Holy Spirit. It would keep you filled with the thought of God's word as the governing rule of your life. The word of God becomes the fashioned pillars of your life.

Living in the Holy Spirit also implies living in the realm of God's word. The Holy Scriptures were written by the Holy Spirit through Holy men of God (2Peter 1:21). It implies living your life on earth as principled by God's word. God's commands must become the determining factors of your actions.

Jesus' exemplary life of the Spirit on earth gives insight to the call to live in the Spirit. He was so conscious of His divine location that He awaited the directives of the Holy Spirit of the Father before the execution of responsibilities. He said:

"I can of my ownself do nothing; as I hear, I judge: and my judgement is just; because I seek not my own will, but the will of the Father which hath sent me. If I bear witness of myself, my witness is not true." John 5:30

This text typifies how surrendered Jesus was to the life of the Spirit He lived. It was life of yieldedness to the personality that possessed Him. He was absolutely submitted to the instructions of the Father by the Holy Spirit. He lived and walked in that realm.

Apostle Paul identified very strongly with life in the Holy Spirit and wrote:

"I am crucified with Christ: nevertheless I live; yet not I, but Christ liveth in me: and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by the faith of the Son of God, who loved me, and gave himself for me." Galatians 2:20

This is the yielded life nature of the Holy Spirit. That was why he could assuredly say the results of effective occupation in this transformation location of Him.

"And my speech and my preaching was not with enticing words of man's wisdom, but in demonstration of the Spirit and of power."

1 Corinthians 2:4

This could be likened to the words of Jesus that says:

"It is the Spirit that quickeneth; the flesh profiteth nothing: the words that I speak unto you, they are Spirit, and they are life."

John 6:63

He could say those because of where He was speaking from and the power that flowed from there.

Beloved, while in Christ, you dwell in the Holy Spirit. Desire to learn more about your new environment. Seek to dwell there by knowledge gained through divine insight in God's word. It is the only way to enjoy the life of God that flows through His Kingdom.

It would require much work on your mind to recondition it to imbibe the mentality of God's kingdom life nature. The renewal of the mind through supernatural impartation by God's word would put it in a ready posture to cooperate with new abode.

Romans 12:2 says:

"And be not conformed to this world: but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of God."

As you live in the Spirit of God, your new abode, may you enjoy the peace, righteousness and joy that flow from Him (Romans 14:17). May you also enjoy victory over the pressures of self will and its afflicting manifestations. In Jesus Name. Amen!

Your life in the Holy Spirit reflects in your attitude to natural issues. Your responses to physical challenges also announce how positive you are.

Apostle Paul said:

"The life I now live in the flesh, I live by the faith of the Son of God who loved me and gave himself for me." Gal2:20

He was emphasizing how much control he was encountering from within due to his new abode in the Holy Spirit.

One of the reflection of the submitted life in the Holy Spirit is patient waiting to hear His voice as He instructs and directs on the path to take in your righteous walk in Him. Everyone that lives in Him patiently awaits His instructions. You cannot live in the Holy Spirit without evident manifestations of His fruits in your life. You will consciously or unconsciously express His characters as found in Galatians 5:22-23:

"But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, meekness, temperance; against such there is no law."

As long as you dwell in Him and your spirit man is being filled with His word, you will express His character by divine impartation.

The expression of deeper dimensions of the Holy Spirit's power have to do with how much of His character you have grown into as you live in Him. You grow in Christian maturity as you grow in Him and dominion of His word.

It is a strong divine end-time call to live in the Spirit as to be able to contain and crush the wild and fast spreading dominion of the spirit of the flesh in the church and world today. One of the outstanding marks of God's mighty army these last days is the knowledge of the consciousness of the power that flows from living in the Holy Spirit of Jesus Christ and of the Father, and the victory that will accompany all that dwell there resulting from the radiant glory of His character that has become theirs.

Beloved, join this rising army and live in the consciousness of your new location in the Spirit and let the joy and demands of living in that realm dominate your mind and life (Colossians 3:16-17).

When you consciously live within the walls of God's word, you would be living in Holy Spirit's realm. Wait on His word and esteem it more than your necessary food. You will walk in amazing divine harvest (Psalm 1:1-3).

#### **Led By the Spirit**

God's pleasure is that you be led by His Spirit in whom you live. He says to you what He said by Apostle Paul to the Galatians:

"But if ye be led of the Spirit, ye are not under the law."
Galatians 5:2

Several believers are not led by the Spirit of God because they do not even have the understanding of their new abode in Him. With this unconsciousness, they do not even know whether He speaks to them or not. They walk and live with the mentality that He is just the third person of the Godhead who showed up as tongues of fire on the early disciples.

The Holy Spirit is the active person of the Godhead on earth today. He is the Spirit of the Father and of the Son. He is the unifying personality of the Kingdom of God. He is the Spirit that dwells in the Believer. Romans 8:9 said:

"But ye are not in the flesh, but in the Spirit, if so be that the Spirit of God dwell in you. Now if any man have not the Spirit of Christ, he is none of His."

You must acknowledge this new location in Him and desire strongly to be led by Him. He speaks to you very often but some

of the time you are either too busy working out your way, or very insensitive to recognize His voice. Some may prefer to be led through circumstances and situation they find themselves in, than endure the discipline of learning to recognize His voice.

#### **DISCERN HIS VOICE**

To discern the leading voice of the Holy Spirit, you need to understand the following factors and flow with them intimately.

A. You must be filled with the knowledge of God's word. Colossians 3:16-17 says:

"Let the word of Christ 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.

And whatever you do in word or deed, do all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God and the Father by him."

You must come under the dominion of God's word that it fills your love life, your choices, attitude, likes and dislikes, conscious and unconscious actions and reactions.

The Holy Spirit speaks God's word to you. He speaks from within the walls of the word of God-the Holy Scriptures. The deeper your fellowship with Scriptures, the more prone you become to being led by the Holy Spirit. The voices you hear through the books you read, things you watch and hear inspire you. They induce decisions and actions in you. The Holy Spirit speaks and inspires you through sweet communion with God's word.

He would lead you by His laws. Apostle Paul wrote to the Romans and said:

'There is therefore now no condemnation to them that are in Christ Jesus, who walk not after the flesh, but after the Spirit.

For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus hath made me free from the law of sin and death."

Romans 8:1-2

The Holy Spirit leads by His laws which are divine scripture commands. He is the Spirit of life. Jesus referred to the law of the Spirit when He said:

"It is the Spirit that quickeneth; the flesh profiteth nothing: the words that I speak unto you, they are Spirit, they are life."

He was simply saying to them, that the words He spoke to them were proceeds from the Holy Spirit of the Father that dwelt in Him

## .<u>B</u>. You must understand the three channels of Spiritual leadership.

- a) The Holy Spirit's Channel
- b) The Spirit of the Flesh Channel
- c) The Demonic Spirit's Channel

The Holy Spirit's spiritual leadership is pure and perfect and full of fruits of righteousness. We shall be dwelling much on this through the rest of this chapter.

The Spirit of the Flesh leadership is sensual and sinful. This is self and self pleasure displayed. This is demonically manipulated selfish and self-led leadership, expressing carnal desires. Such believers walk in carnality. They live in the Holy Spirit, not being led by Him and do not walk after Him. They are led by the spirit of lust.

When a believer walks in carnality, it is because he lives in the unconsciousness of his spiritual environment and expresses the influencing activities of the spirit that rules over his flesh (Galatians 5:19-21). The deception of carnality is thinking what you do is right because it pleases you and not to God's pleasure. You do a thing because it seems good but does not please God at that very moment (1Cor.3:1-5).

Jesus was pressured by the mother, Mary, to venture into carnality but He resisted it when He said to her:

## 'Woman, what have I to do with thee? Mine hour is not yet come." John 2:4

He was saying in essence to her, "I have not heard from my spiritual headquarters." It is the leading you have from within you that announces where you are led from. To Mary, there was a need to be met, and since the Son had spiritual gifting, evidenced by the prophecies that had gone forth about Him, He could provide the solution. That was like the temptation satan presented to Jesus, to turn stone to bread, to display His spiritual power. However, Jesus leaned on the inner voice of the Spirit of the Father that ruled His life.

Demonic spiritual leadership is forcefully domineering. It speaks against God's word and compels you to do things against your own will. Since you cannot control its influence, you find yourself responding to its prompts. Peter fell into the seduction of this demonic force when he tried to prevent Jesus from making positive responses to God's plan and purpose. Jesus, by the Spirit of God resisted it and said:

"Get thee behind me, Satan: thou art an offence unto me: for thou savourest not the things to be of God, but those that be of men."

#### Matthew 16:23

Peter was not Satan, but that was the domineering spirit at work in him at that moment.

Demonic spiritual leadership also functions through manipulation to keep you captured at your carnal domain. It would make you ride on yourself with the power to keep you locked out of submission to the Holy Spirit in whose domain you dwell. He knows the spiritual power you would operate for effective victorious living. It would keep you out of God's word to empower you for absolute carnal manifestations and activities to your hurt.

#### **Discerning the Leading Voice of the Holy Spirit**

The Holy Spirit is the personality that voices God's word to you. He speaks by various channels as shall be discussed in this chapter. These include:

#### A. Dreams

The Holy Spirit could speak to you through dreams in your sleep. He communicated Joseph's destiny to him on his dream (Gen 37:5-10). He spoke to Joseph regarding the virgin birth of Jesus in his dream (Matt.1:18-21).

#### **B.** Visions

The Holy Spirit could speak to you through visions. This is a situation whereby the Holy Spirit opens your spiritual eyes to see certain information in pictures with words, in understandable language. They are revelations, by the Holy Spirit, events and actions that God would want you to know. In Genesis 15:1, God spoke to Abraham in a vision and said:

## "Fear not Abram: I am thy shield, and thy exceeding great reward."

When Angel Gabriel appeared to Zecharias the Priest, he saw the angel in a vision and got the message from God in understandable language. His physical eyes may not have closed

because he was still in active physical service in the temple when the Angel visited. However, his spiritual eyes were opened to see into the spirit realm to obtain the message from God by the Angel (Luke 1:8-17). This is called an open vision.

Another instance of an open vision was the encounter Mary had with Angel Gabriel. Mary saw the Angel while her physical eyes were open, however, God opened her inner or spiritual eyes to behold in the spirit realm, the visitation and had a conversation with him (Luke 1:26-38)

Apostle Paul's experience with Jesus was an open vision during which the Lord Jesus Christ appeared unto him and gave him full details of his ministerial assignment (Acts 26:13-18).

Visions can occur while you pray with your eyes closed or open. It could occur in your dream and trance. Trance is a temporary suspension of your consciousness within which the Spirit of God gives you a vision (Acts 10:9-16).

Keep the record of your dreams and visions, it could be God speaking to you by His Holy Spirit. He speaks very much to me through dreams and visions. I have seen Jesus in visions a few times and He gave me certain ministerial instructions that have kept me on in my ministry today.

#### C. God's Audible Voice

The Holy Spirit could communicate with you by God's audible voice. Do not forget that God speaks by His Holy Spirit to you. When His audible voice comes to you, you actually hear it with your inner or spiritual ears. Apostle John the revelator said:

"I was in the Spirit on the Lord's day, and heard behind me a great voice, as of a trumpet."

#### Revelation 1:10

When God speaks audibly to you by His Spirit, you would almost believe you heard with your natural ears, but the truth is that you heard with your inner or spiritual ear. You are a spirit with spiritual shape and form but lives in a natural or earthly body to enable you relate with your natural or earthly environment.

Sometime ago, it was like God sat beside my bed and He said to me: "Chuks, I will use your spirit, I will use your body". It was so real that I looked around to see Him that spoke to me. However, it dawned on me that I had just heard with my spirit's ear.

In the encounter Apostle Paul had with Jesus Christ in his revelation, he and his men actually heard the audible voice of the Holy Spirit of Christ (Acts 9:3-5).

As Peter, James and John companied with Jesus, they had a vision of Jesus being transfigured and heard the audible voice of God by His Holy Spirit which said:

"...This is my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased, hear ye him. And when the disciples heard it, they fell on their face, and were sore afraid." Matthew 17:5-7

God speaks audibly by His Holy Spirit to us according to His pleasure. You do not need to choose it as the only way He should speak to you. Just build your spiritual sensitivity and get ready to hear Him speak to you as He chooses.

#### **D. Inward Witness**

This is the inward knowledge of information that the Holy Spirit places on your spirit, whereby you know and have the details of that information. You may know how the information came but the knowledge of it fills your mind from your spirit. Apostle Paul said in Romans 8:16:

"The Spirit Himself beareth witness with our spirit that we are the children of God."

We know in us that we are children of God with the joy of salvation overflowing our lives by the inward witness of the Holy Spirit. This knowledge is the function of your conscience. We shall discuss this further in the chapter on sensitivity to the Holy Spirit.

Your conscience is the discerning organ of your human spirit that distinguishes between right and wrong. It voices out your wrong actions as received by your human spirit from the Holy Spirit. Apostle Paul said:

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

When you go wrong, you become aware of it because your spirit through the conscience voices it out and communicates with your mind where the consciousness of condemnation registers. Apostle Paul by the Holy Spirit, wrote of the witness of the conscience and said:

"For when the Gentiles which have not the law do by nature the things contained in the law, these, having not the law, are a law unto themselves.

Which shew the work of the law, written in their hearts, their conscience also bearing witness, and their thoughts the mean while accusing or else excusing one another."

#### Romans 2:14-15

Beloved, when your conscience expresses a witness, know it stems from the Holy Spirit and should be strictly and promptly obeyed.

#### **Understanding Holy Spirit's Leading Voice**

Effective discern of Holy Spirit's leading voice would place the demand on you to understand a few vital and helpful factors in this chapter. It is assumed in this chapter that you have received Jesus as your personal Lord and Saviour with a burning desire to explore the presence of the Holy Spirit of Jesus Christ in whose world you now live.

<u>A</u>. Be filled with the Holy Spirit with the evidence of speaking in other tongues.

<u>B</u>. Be filled with the Desire to hear His leading voice. Prophet Habakkuk said:

"I stand upon my watch, and set me upon the tower, and will watch to see what I shall answer when I am reproved." Habakkuk 2:1

Strong desire to hear Him would put you in ready attitude posture. You would submit to whatever demand God's word would place on you to hear His voice. King David expressed this strong desire to fellowship with God's leading voice when he said:

"As the hart panteth after the water brooks, so panteth my soul after thee, O God. My soul thirsteth for God, for the living God: when shall I come and appear before God?"

#### Psalm 42:1-2

It was the craving hunger of his heart to be with God and hear Him speak to him. This also reflected in Psalm 27:4 where he said:

"One thing have I desired of the Lord, that will I seek after, that I may dwell in the house of the Lord all the days of my life, to behold the beauty of the LORD, and to enquire in His temple."

Beloved, your desire is a paramount key to a sacrificial pursuit to hear the leading voice of the Holy Spirit.

"Through desire a man, having separated himself seeketh and intermeddleth with all wisdom."

#### Proverbs 18:1

<u>C</u>. Be Filled with the Knowledge of Him by His Word You must come under the dominion of God's word to have the revelation of Him and His voice. Colossians 3:16-17 said:

"Let the word of Christ 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.

And whatsoever you do in word or deed, do all in the Name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father by Him."

This is what I call word dominion. Since God's voice would always convey His word, your being filled with it would keep you in His leading voice realm. Your intimacy with His word would lead to intimacy and familiarity with His voice. Jesus said:

"My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and the follow me." John 10:27

"And a stranger will they not follow, but will flee from him: for they know not the voice of stranger."

John 10:5

God's word must fill your love life, your choices, attitudes, likes and dislikes, conscious and unconscious actions and reactions. They all must be controlled by the spirit of His word, else you would respond positively to strange voices. Until Prophet Samuel had the revelation of God's word, he was responding to it with a wrong action (1Samuel 3:4-8).

D. Be Humble

Humility is a vital factor of divine relationship and leadership. Psalm 25:9 says:

"The meek will he guide in judgement: and the meek will he teach his way."

Meekness kept Moses in the shadow of God's voice. He spoke mouth to mouth with Him as with a friend (Numbers 12:3,7). He never lacked divine direction and guidance. He lived in submission to God's will and word and moved in the power of His voice.

Meekness prepares the platform for the Holy Spirit to entrust you with His leading word. James 1:21 says:

"wherefore lay apart all filthiness and superfluity and of naughtiness, and receive with meekness the engrafted word, which is able to save your souls."

Humility or meekness is same as submission: As you submit to the leading voice of the Holy Spirit, may you encounter supernatural harvests that accompany it in Jesus' Name. Amen!

#### E. Understand His Peace

Effective flow with leadership of the Holy Spirit has to do with proper understanding of the nature of His peace as His leading tool. God's peace in your heart is the sure sign of Holy Spirit's dealings with you. Psalm 85:5 says:

"I will hear what God the LORD will speak: for he will speak peace unto his people, and to his saints: but let them not turn again to folly."

Jesus Christ is the prince of peace and His words bring peace to the receiver. His commands bring peace to the afflicted and oppressed, sets the captive free, heals the wounded, raises the downcast, comforts the mournful, blesses the accursed, empowers the barren to bear fruits and settles the outcast. Truly, "Great peace have they which love thy law, and nothing shall offend them."

A characteristic nature of the peace of God is defined in the text above. It simply says His peace is not confusing and would not put you under unnecessary pressure. It would not put you in doubtful situation. You would know for sure that there is no contention with the information you have received because of the inner accompanying peace. Apostle Paul in Philippians 4:7 said:

"And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guide your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus." (New Int'l Version).

God's peace in your heart comes with assurance and would not make you restless. It would come with inner supernatural strength (Daniel 10:19).

When the Holy Spirit speaks to your heart, His accompanying peace is the sure sign that you have heard Him speak.

#### **Sensitivity to the Holy Spirit**

If you must successfully walk in the Holy Spirit, you must learn to be sensitive to Him. Since He lives and operates in the spiritual realm, you must learn to pick signals from Him.

Sensitivity is all about training your mind to cooperate with your spirit to receive information from the Holy Spirit by it, since you live in Him (Galatians 5:25, Romans 8:9).

Jesus by sensitivity to the Holy Spirit knew what the will of the Father was at every moment (John 5:21). He knew when to lay hands on the sick (Matt.8:1-4), when to anoint the sick with spittle (John 9:6-7), when to speak healing word to the sick (Matt.8:5-13) and when to allow the sick to touch His garment (Matt 9:20-22).

Train your mind to know the word of God. Exercise yourself in the Holy Spirit and you will get acquainted with Him and stay informed of what to do and the right time and way to get it done.

#### **TOOLS FOR SENSITIVITY**

At New Birth, you are born with the ability to receive signal from the Holy Spirit. However, the clarity of the ability increases with growth and maturity in Christ.

The Scripture gives the understanding that man is a spirit, having a soul and lives in a body.

"And the very God of peace sanctify you wholly; and I pray God your whole spirit, and soul and body be preserved blameless unto the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ."

#### 1Thessalonians 5:23

#### **HUMAN SPIRIT'S NATURE**

At the new birth, the human spirit is perfect and becomes the dwelling place of the Holy Spirit. In its perfect nature, it can receive information from the Holy Spirit.

The human spirit has three main functions: The Conscience, Intuition and Communion.

#### 1. The Conscience

This is the discerning organ of the human spirit that distinguishes between right and wrong. It voices out right and wrong actions of man as prompted by the Holy Spirit. Apostle Paul by the Holy Spirit said:

"The Spirit himself bears witness with our spirit, that we are the children of God"
Romans 8:16

The Holy Spirit speaks this to your spirit and your conscience voices it out to your mind for natural understanding.

In expressing the function of the conscience, Apostle Paul said:

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

When you go wrong, you become aware of it because your spirit through the conscience voices it out and communicates to your mind where the consciousness of condemnation registers. Romans 2:14-15 says:

"For when the Gentiles, which have not the law, do by nature the things contained in the law, these, having not the law, are a law unto themselves.

Which shew the work of the law written in their hearts, conscience also bearing witness, and their thoughts the mean while accusing or else excusing one another."

Beloved, when your conscience expresses a witness, it stems from the Holy Spirit and should be obeyed strictly. As a Believer, you should obey it promptly.

#### 2. The Intuition

This is the sensing organ of the human spirit. It is direct sensing in the spirit, independent of any outside influences.

The supernatural is known through the intuition and the mind gives the understanding. In demonstration of this vital function of human spirit, Acts 18:5 said:

"And when Silas and Timotheus were come from Macedonia, Paul was pressed in the spirit, and testified to the Jews that Jesus was Christ."

Apostle Paul sensed the pressure in his spirit and understood he was to preach to the Jews in Corinth. He also perceived by intuition that harm would come to him and his company in their voyage to Rome. He said:

"...Sirs, I perceive this voyage will be with hurt and much damage, not only of the lading and ship, but also of our lives."

Acts 27:10

This sensing function of the human spirit must be accompanied with inner peace as signal of divine knowledge passed on by the Holy Spirit to it.

#### 3. The Communion

This is the function of the human spirit that is responsible worship relationship with God. It is the level at which man worships God. The soul and body cannot understand worship neither can they really worship God, but the human spirit can.

Your spirit relates with God and coordinates the soul and body to submit to worship. God is a spirit and could only be reached in the spiritual realm (John 4:24). Since your spirit is domiciled there, then it could reach God in worship relationship. It could fellowship with Him through the ministry of the Holy Spirit.

Apostle John, by the witness of his spirit could confidently say of the communion he had with God:

> "That which we have seen and heard declare we unto you, that ye also may have fellowship with us: and truly our fellowship is with the Father, and with his son Jesus Christ."

> > 1John 1:3

THE HUMAN SOUL NATURE

The human soul has three main faculties which are the Mind, Volition and Emotion.

#### 1. The Mind (Intellect)

The Mind is the faculty of the soul that serves as instrument for thoughts and expression of intellectual power. It is the seat of intelligence and brings you to the knowledge of what has been received from the Holy Spirit through your human spirit. King David said:

"I will praise thee, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made; marvellous are thy works: and that my soul knoweth right well."

Psalm 139:14

The faculty of his soul responsible for his knowledge is the mind. Proverbs 19:2 says:

"Also that the soul be without knowledge, it is not good."

Once again, your mind is the seat of knowledge and intellectual awareness.

#### 2. Volition

This is the faculty of the soul responsible for decisions, power to choose and express willingness or unwillingness. King David, in his expression of the function of this faculty of the soul said:

"I delight to do thy will, o my God. Yea, thy law is within my heart." Psalm 40:8

"I will delight myself in thy statutes: I will not forget thy word."

#### Psalm 119:16

Whenever you make a choice, you are exercising your volition. When Joshua asked the Israelites to choose whom they would serve, he was placing a demand on them to put their volition to work (Joshua 24:15).

#### 3. Emotion

This is the faculty of the soul through which you express love, hate, joy, anger, sadness or happiness. The function of this faculty can be divided into three categories:

- a) Emotion of Affection.
- b) Emotion of Desire.
- c) Emotion of Feeling and Sensing.

#### (a) Emotion of Affection.

This is the emotional realm of love and relationships as seen in the friendship between Jonathan and David. The scripture said:

#### "...the soul of Jonathan was knit with the soul of David, and Jonathan loved him as his own soul." 1Samuel 18:1

#### (b) Emotion of Desire

This aspect of emotion could be observed as expressed in King David's desire for the presence of God. He said:

"My soul longeth, yea, even fainteth for the courts of the LORD: my heart and my flesh crieth out for the living God."

The people of Judah also expressed strong desire to serve the Lord in 2chronicles 15:15:

"And all Judah rejoiced at the oath: for they had sworn with all their heart, and sought him with their whole desire; and he was found of them: and the Lord gave them rest round about."

#### (c) Emotions of Feeling and Sensing

King David vocalized the feelings of his soul when he said:

"Why art thou cast down, o my soul? And why art thou disquieted within me? Hope thou in God: for I shall yet praise him for the help of His countenance."

Psalm 42:5

#### 4. Human Body

The body is the housing of the human spirit and soul. Through it the spirit and soul find expression. It has no power to express itself nor can it desire anything, but simply responds to the dictates of the soul. Jesus explained this when He said:

"But I say unto you, that whosoever looketh on a woman to lust after her hath committed adultery with her already in his heart."

#### Matthew 5:28

Some may live ascetic life in pursuit of holiness without a renewed mind by God's word. Apostle Paul expressed the only way to personal transformation and said:

"I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service.

And be not conformed to this world: but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of God."

#### Romans 12:1-2

The body cannot present itself but must be presented by the spirit and soul in their functional agreement. It is when your mind is affected by God's word that your body will reflect the glory of God's word.

Beloved, by the knowledge you have been exposed to so far, you need to build up your sensitivity to the Holy Spirit as to flow with Him better in His own realm.

#### **Growth in Sensitivity to the Holy Spirit**

Experiencing deeper walk in the Spirit would demand a steady growth in sensitivity to Him. The deeper the walk in Him, the more the breakthrough and successes you encounter in life and ministry. To increase your sensitivity to Him, the following principles would be of strong relevance.

1. Strong Desire to Hear His Voice

Strong desire precedes supernatural answers to prayers. Divine responses are results of presumed desires of your heart, poured out to God in prayers. Jesus said:

"Therefore I say unto you, what things so ever ye desire, when ye pray, believe that ye receive them, and ye shall have them."

Mark 11:24

Proverbs 10:24 also said:

"...the desire of the righteous shall be granted."

Prophet Habakkuk, in pursuit of hearing God's voice with a strong desire said:

"I will stand upon my watch, and set me upon my tower, and will watch to see what he will say unto me, and what I shall answer when I am reproved."

Habakkuk 2:1

In response to his burning desire, the voice of God came clearly to him. He said:

"And the Lord answered me, and said, write the vision, and make it plain upon tables, that he may run that readeth it."

#### Habakkuk 2:2

As you develop passionate desire for divine direction, may the voice of the Holy Spirit become very clear to you in Jesus Name.

Your desire puts you under pressure to apply all available knowledge of divine wisdom to obtain divine attention and mercy. This is because:

"Through desire a man, having separated himself, seeketh and intermeddleth with all wisdom."

Proverbs 18:1

2. Increased Time of Meditation on God's Word

Meditation on God's word is the key to its domineering influence over your life. By it your decisions and actions become influenced and directed. God said to Joshua:

"This book of the law shall not depart out of your mouth; but thou shall meditate therein day and night, that thou mayest observe to do according to all that is written therein: for then thou shall make thy way prosperous, and then thou shall have good success."

Joshua 1:8

Careful observance and result-oriented performance of God's instructions are made possible by consistent and constant meditation on them. At such moments they mould your character and form the basis for your actions.

Your sensitivity to the Holy Spirit becomes heightened as you meditate on His words. His style of language communication would easily make you recognize His voice when He speaks you would be able to assess it by all scripture standard as contained in this book.

Meditation simply means robbing minds with God since He is His word (John 1:1). At such moment, your spirit and mind would be in ready posture to receive signals from the Holy Spirit. He responds to genuine meditation in righteousness (Proverbs 8:20-

21). You would then be likened to a tree planted by rivers of water with constant encounter with fruitfulness in all season (Psalm 1:2-3).

In the process of meditation on God's word, your human spirit becomes so sensitized that actions, proposals, programmes and plans on God's mind, become revealed and engraved on it.

#### 3. Delight in Doing His Will

To delight means to find great pleasure or satisfaction in something. In this case, you find satisfaction in doing His pleasure. It is the burning and craving desire in your heart to do what His Word says. At this point the instructions of the Holy Spirit become your pursuit. King David said:

"I delight to do thy will, o my God: yea thy law is within my heart."

#### Psalm 40:8

If you must take delight in doing His will, you must create hunger within you for the revelation of His will to you and the grace to do accordingly. Only doers of His will shall be rewarded and not mental acceptance without heart performance (James 1:22,25).

King David in His passionate quest for the revelation of God's will and his delight to do it said:

"One thing have I desired of the LORD, that will I seek after; that I may dwell in the house of the LORD all the days of my life, to behold the beauty of the LORD, and to enquire in his temple."

#### Psalm 27:4

When the pursuit and performance of His will becomes your pleasure and the pressure on your spirit, then you would be ready for the guidance of the Holy Spirit at all times (Proverbs 3:5-6).

#### 4. Set Affection on Things Above.

You must have a set affection on divine treasures. Get your spirit and soul saturated with the treasures and beauties of heaven. Having a craving hunger and desire to please God and be with Him someday (Colossians 3:2). King David said:

## "My soul thirsteth for God, for the living God: when shall I come and appear before God."

#### Psalm 42:2

This is an outpoured heart cry flowing from a heart with affection for the Lord. In this state, you will touch the Holy Spirit in you for fellowship relationship and communication.

A deepened affection for the Holy Spirit would create stronger intimacy with Him. This would also mean that in pursuit of divine assignments, your purpose emotionally and spiritually must be set on Him. Refuse and reject distractions that could draw you out of sensitivity to Him as was the case with the young prophet, oll who got disconnected from the Holy Spirit because he was distracted by the counsel of the old prophet and died (2Kings 13:11-26).

As you develop flaming love for God, His Kingdom and His righteousness, you will surely stay connected with the Holy Spirit for instruction and guidance.

#### 5. Attentiveness to the Inner Man

The Inner Man is the human spirit who houses the Holy Spirit and through whom He operates to access the mind for awareness. You must pay attention to it. Listen for information for direction coming through it from the Holy Spirit. Psalm 46:10 says:

#### "Be still and know that I am God."

This text calls for you to attentively listen to the inner man without being in a rush. You must meditatively listen for divine guidance and patiently wait for divine details.

#### 6. Praiseful Living

Praiseful living would fill your atmosphere with divine presence always. It would keep your spiritual atmosphere ever ready for operational activities of the Holy Spirit. It would also keep your mind sensitized to the outflow of divine signals from the spirit's realm. Ephesians 5:18-19 says:

"And be not drunk with wine, wherein is excess; but be filled with the Spirit; speaking to yourselves in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody in your heart to the Lord."

Through spiritual worship, your life style, and sensitivity to the Holy Spirit will become heightened and your responses to him better.

Prophet Elisha walked in the Holy Spirit and in constant sensitivity to Him through praise and worship (2Kings 3:14-15).

#### 7. Praying in Tongues

Much prayers in tongues will sensitize you to the presence of the Holy Spirit in you. It would sharpen your spirit and mind to receive better from Him. Jude 1:20 says:

"But ye, beloved, building up yourselves on your most holy faith, praying in the Holy Ghost."

Praying in tongues is part of praying in the Holy Ghost. It would build up your spiritual sensitivity and help your mind to submit to your spirit for communication relationship. Apostle Paul said:

## "He that speaketh in an unknown tongue edifieth himself." 1Corinthians 14:4

The longer you pray in tongues, the more you sensitize your spirit and soul for supernatural releases by the Holy Spirit.

Sometime ago, the Holy Spirit woke me up at midnight with an instruction to pray in tongues. As I did, He gave me the revelation of a man who was about to die. At another time, I had a prayer session with a brother and we prayed in tongues for about an hour at the end of which the Holy Spirit instructed we should pray for another hour in tongues. At the end of the second hour, He spoke to me with the revelation of what we would encounter in the service we were to hold that evening.

Beloved, pray in tongues until the answer comes because it keeps your spirit in a ready position to hear the instructions of the Holy Spirit. Laudable breakthroughs in life and ministry accompany your responses that are made to clear instructions from Him. He would always guide you through what would yield increase.

"However, 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."

1Corinthians 2:12

# Chapter 9 Walk After the Spirit

You must make positive responses to the Holy Spirit as He leads you. Apostle Paul by the Holy Spirit said:

"There is therefore now no condemnation to them which are in Christ Jesus, who walk not after the flesh, but after the Spirit.

For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus hath made us free from the law of sin and death."

**Romans 8:1-2** 

The Spirit-life is expressed through obedience to divine instruction. As you yearn to hear Him and follow His voice, you will always receive directives and flow in the higher realm of spiritual victory. You will live the domineering life of the Spirit of God.

#### PILLERS OF EFFECTIVE WALK AFTER THE HOLY SPIRIT

Effective walk after the Spirit would place a strong demand on you to be constantly sensitive to Him. You must keep your spiritual antennas high up in the spirit realm. You must have a constant expectation of being led of the Spirit. Keep your spiritual watch on as you live daily. Prophet Habakkuk said:

"I will stand upon my watch and set me upon the tower, and will watch to see what he will say unto me, and what I shall answer when I am reproved."

Habakkuk 2:1

Everyone that follows after the Spirit keeps His spiritual watch on to know when signals come. Jesus kept watchful moments as He expected to receive directives from the realm of the Holy Spirit. He would do nothing except as directed by the personality of the Holy Spirit that indwelth Him (John 8:29).

Covenant obedient life is another vital pillar of deeper walk after the Holy Spirit. Strong obedient walk in divine instructions will keep you walking after the leadership of the Holy Spirit. Abraham's covenant obedient walk with God kept him yearning for divine leadership. He followed after divine direction and ensured appropriate spiritual guidance before making any meaningful move in life (Genesis 12:1-5).

Prophet Ezekiel followed after the voice of the Holy Spirit and had outstanding manifestation of His transforming power (Ezekiel 37:1-10). Every transforming moment was the manifest power of effective response to divine leadership and command.

Covenant Obedience would require absolute submission to the leading instruction and purpose of the Holy Spirit. This reflected in the earthly life and ministry of the Lord Jesus Christ who said:

"I can of mine own self do nothing: as I hear, I judge: and my judgement is just; because I seek not mine will, but the will of the Father."

John 5:30

He lived to follow after definite directives of the Holy Spirit who brought Him the revelation of the Father's will.

Active Service Commitment would expose you to the instructions of the Holy Spirit that would draw you after His leadership. When you actively co-labour with Him, He would work much on you to receive directives from Him, and grant you the grace to execute them timely. While Apostle Paul was in active service, he enjoyed the leadership of the Holy Spirit who, after preventing him from preaching in certain places, gave him a definite directive to preach in Macedonia. The scripture said:

'And a vision appeared to Paul in the night; there stood a man of Macedonia, and prayed him, saying, come over into Macedonia, and help us."

Acts 16:9 In the 1990s, the Holy Spirit sent me to Oke-Ogun, the northern area of Oyo State, to run city wide crusades. He said specifically to me: "Go break the powers of darkness over the territory." I held twenty four city-wide crusades in the area after which He sent me to Ashanti Region of Ghana where I held twenty-five city-wide crusades in twenty-five cities with Ghana Pentecostal Council and Ghana Council of Churches. As I followed His voice in active service, He gave me notable breakthroughs and successes.

After the completion of Ghana Crusades, He sent me to Jamaica and Brazil where I preached in over forty cities in five years. Glory to God!

When you actively stay committed to His instructions in service, you will always hear Him speak more to you on other issues at the right time.

Be swift to hear if you must follow after the leadings of the Holy Spirit. Have quick listening ears (James 1:19). This calls for sensitive listening and hearing. King David said:

"God hath spoken once; twice have I heard this; that power belongeth unto God."

Psalm 62:11

In sensitive listening and hearing, you listen with attentiveness and certainty, putting all force of discerning Holy Spirit's voice to work. This particular moment, you shut out possible interferences to listen with assurance and understanding. This level of certainty in receiving and following after the Spirit's leading happens when you withdraw into God's presence in prayers with fasting and meditation on His word. It could happen at other times but these factors facilitate it because you are set to sensitively seek God's face and intervention.

Following after the voice of the Holy Spirit will always bring outstanding supernatural manifestations and results to God's glory.

Another vital factor in following after Holy Spirit's leadership is focused pursuit of vision. Vision is Holy Spirit's revelation of purpose in God's mind to a person as divine assignment for his pursuit.

A person with the burning fire of God's vision in His heart, strongly desires step by step leading voice of the Holy Spirit. Since you bear the burden of God's heart on your heart, His Spirit will put you under pressure to run with the vision and seek more instructions for its accomplishment.

Pursue divine purpose with focused attention on definite divine instructions and you will never lack Holy Spirit's leading voice.

Beloved, as you soar on the wings of the Spirit by spontaneous positive response to His commands, may you enjoy abundance, success and outstanding grace that accompany obedience. In Jesus Name, Amen!

Holiness is another crucial factor of effective walk after Holy Spirit's leading. He builds deeper intimacy with you as you seek a deeper walk in holiness. This reflected Moses' words to Korah when he said

"...Even tomorrow the LORD will shew who are his, and who is holy; and will cause him to come near unto him: even him whom he hath chosen will he cause to come near unto him."

#### Numbers 16:5

God, by the Holy Spirit draws you into deeper relationship and walk with Him as you pursue holiness. Hebrews 1:9 says:

"Thou hast loved righteousness, and hated iniquity; therefore God, even thy God, hath anointed thee with the oil of gladness above thy fellows." It keeps Him committed to you. You will always have Him guide you with instructions and grace to follow after Him.

Holy Living is sweet as it makes you God's choice friend. You will have the witness of His love and fellowship in your heart overwhelmingly. The peace, joy and the revelation of His abiding presence will be so real that you would agree with Him when He said:

"Blessed are the pure in heart: for they shall see God."

Mat.5:8

"Follow peace with all men, and holiness, without which
no man shall see the Lord."

Heb.12:14

One significant fact with God as you pursue His holiness is that you will never lack spiritual power, authority and manifestations. Stay connected to Him by an ever increasing hunger for holy living.

#### **Blessings of Spirit Led Life**

Holy Spirit led life is noted for outstanding impacts. All that walk in His leadings will enjoy life full of results that would bring God pleasure.

The first impact of the Spirit led life is the manifestation of God's kingdom Sonship. You would express the power and authority of His Kingdom. Romans 8:14 says: "For as many as are led by the Spirit of God, they are the sons of God."

You would function in agreement with divine timing. Your actions as ordered by the Holy Spirit would produce timely results and blessings. Jesus was led by the Holy Spirit and had timely results accompany His moves and actions. His timely arrival at the wedding in Cana of Galilee, and timely demonstration of Holy Spirit's power, brought about timely miracle that gave the wedding guests timely supply of wine (John 2:7-11).

Prophet Elijah, led by the Holy Spirit, moved by divine instructions and had great manifestation of God's power that brought supernatural abundance to the widow of Zarephat amidst raging famine (1Kings 17:8-16).

The widow of the son of a prophet obeyed the command Prophet Elisha as he spoke by the Holy Spirit, and had supernatural abundance that paid her debt and gave her family future sustenance (2Kings 4:1).

When you are led by the Spirit of God, you would bring notable changes in lives and situations. Your presence would bring people into transforming encounters with God's power. Such was the case with Prophet Ezekiel whose timely responses to the instructions of the Holy Spirit brought strong impartation of life and restoration to dry bones (Ezekiel 37:1-10).

If you are led of the Spirit of God, you would accomplish divine purpose. You would fulfil divine assignment and mandate for your life. You would say like Apostle Paul:

"I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course, I have kept the faith."

2Timothy 4:7

His leadings would bring you to spots of meaningful and result oriented pursuits in life and ministry.

Holy Spirit's leadership in your life will bring supernatural help your way. In the heat of famine, Prophet Elijah obtained supernatural help by his obedience to the directives of the Holy Spirit (1Kings 17:1-6).

Through my crusades and conferences in nations of the world, I have always rested on divine direction and have always had tremendous divine help in every area. Sometimes I have had my international flights and several local flights within foreign nations properly paid for by others, including hotel bills. What tremendous help, Glory to God!

When He leads you, you will never be stranded. There could be difficulties but they all will appear for your experience, equipment and upliftment.

When the Holy Spirit wants to draw you through deeper depths in Him, He brings you through difficult moments to enable you grow through in Him for stronger future assignments. The hardness you endure now will produce the stronger spiritual man He needs for higher spiritual and natural operations.

When you live by the leading voice of the Holy Spirit, you will enjoy divine protection. He will order your steps away from the snares of your enemy. You will be protected from demonic insurgence and attacks (2Kings 6:15-17).

His leadings will bring you through divine victories in battles of life, spiritually and physically. When Jehoshaphat was confronted with his dreaded enemies, he cried to God in prayers, and He gave him directives by His Holy Spirit which brought him and his people victory (2Chron.20:13-22). He would always lead through victories, giving strategies for winning each battle.

When He leads, you will enjoy powerful utterances with notable results. Jesus said to His disciples never to worry about what to say in defence of the gospel in the presence of persecuting kings and authorities, for He would empower them with irresistible utterance.

# "For I will give you a mouth and wisdom, which all your adversaries shall not be able to gainsay nor resist." Luke 21:15

I was preaching in a city in Ghana and the Holy Spirit said to me to command a crippled woman on a wheelchair to get up and run in Jesus Name. As I commanded, she responded and was healed.

Somewhere in Brazil, He instructed me to command a woman with goiter to check her body for she had been healed, as I did, the goiter miraculously left her neck and she was completely healed. Glory to God! Spectacular supernatural manifestations accompany divinely ordered utterances. Ezekiel 37:1-10

Stay connected with the Holy Spirit and lean on His leadership for there lies result oriented activities of life.

A highly significant impact of the Spirit led life is victory over flesh led life. Through your responses to the operational laws of life of the Holy Spirit, you would conquer carnality and enjoy life of freedom in Him (Romans 8:1-2).

He would quicken your mortal body to overcome the pressures of decay and affliction. He would ensure you are led into activities that would subdue and crush your weakness.

He would unveil the mind of God regarding divinely seasoned programme for timely actions and results. He would ensure you enjoy stress-free pursuits of divinely appointed God's kingdom programmes and activities (1Cor 2:9-10).

He would lead you through divinely appointed harvests where you would encounter no loss. He would show you ripe and ready harvest (1Cor 2:9-10). I have watched people run against divine programme for their lives and have observed how much wastage they incurred. Until the Holy Spirit leads, you would make fruitless efforts to drag Him along. He has the divine mandate to take the lead in your life and not to be led by you.

You may have excellent strategies for achievable goals, with enough resources for outstanding success, yet struggle in pursuit because you have not secured directives from Him. You must let Him take the lead (Isaiah 32:15).

The Holy Spirit cannot lead you through a pursuit He has not conquered securedly for you. He leads restfully through settled green pastures as the Psalmist has said:

"He maketh me to lie down in green pastures: he leadeth me beside the still waters."

Psalm 23:2

Lean on His leadership and enjoy the comfort of inner divine strength. Watch Him drive you through limitless deliverances and breakthroughs.

"For thus saith the Lord God, the Holy One of Israel; In returning and rest shall ye be saved; in quietness and in confidence shall be your strength: and ye would not."

Isaiah 30:15

As He leads you, circumstances, adversities, not even aging would prevent your fruitfulness, for He has assured you will still bring forth in old age (Psalm 92:14).

Moving in leadership direction of the Holy Spirit will keep you dwelling in His secret place and overshadowed by His might (Psalm91:1).

Beloved, covet deeper walk in the Holy Spirit and pursue the knowledge of deeper depths in Him. You will encounter stronger satisfaction in your relationship with Jesus Christ and greater fulfilment and pleasure in His Kingdom assignments.

Those who walk in the Spirit decide to walk against the dictates of the flesh. They rebel against the pressure of living the carnal life of self pleasure. They live and operate by His operational laws which express His delight and the things He wants done. They could say like Apostle Paul:

"For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus hath made me free from the law of sin and death." Romans 8:2

# Chapter 11 Walking in Carnality

A walk in carnality simply means living in the self pleasure of your self will. You are origin of your personal desires, decisions and pursuits in life though you live in the Holy Spirit, you are not subject, by choice, to his leadership authority, instructions and guidance (Romans 8:8-9).

When you live in carnality, you become very mindful of carnal things and issues, and become motivated, directed, instructed and strongly led by what you see, hear and touch. God's word would not become your final authority for responses, even when you consider it, it would be because it sooths your self-willed purpose.

You cannot be led by the Holy Spirit because you have a self determined programme to run in life. His instructions and guidance would seem to you either too tough to obey or out of place and out of your will-pattern.

The Deception of carnality is thinking what you want to do is right because it pleases you and not God. You actually do a thing because on itself it is good, but does not please God at that moment.

When you live in carnality, you would oppose spiritual values because they would seem unattainable and oppressive. Very often, you would be confrontational in all spiritually reasonable conversations. You will not notice your faults and frailties but find boastful pleasure in exhibiting them. However, the scripture says:

"For to be carnally minded is death; but to be spiritually minded is life and peace.

Because the carnal mind is enmity against God: for it is not subject to the law of God, neither indeed can be.

So then they that are in the flesh cannot please God."

Romans 8:6-8

The expressed activities of carnality are as Apostle Paul wrote in Galatians 5: 19-21.

"Now the works of the Flesh are manifest, which are these; Adultery, fornication, uncleanness, lasciviousness;

Idolatry, witchcraft, hatred, variance, emulations, wrath, strife, seditions, heresies;

Envyings, murders, drunkenness, revellings, and such like: of the which I tell you before, as I have also told

## you in time past, that they which do such things shall not inherit the kingdom of God."

A life of ungodly walk in carnality will never lead you to joyful accomplishment of divine purpose for your life, it would rather lead to sudden termination of life in frustration, sorrow, misery, and death.

From the text above, you could observe that a walk in carnality would expose you to the invasion of lustful and seductive spirits. You would be under demonic manipulation of marine spirits that are responsible for those. You would be constantly lured to where you would be captivated into immoral activities that would push you away from a treasured relationship with the Holy Spirit. You would stray from His shield and domain (Proverbs 7:6-23).

When you walk in carnality, you would never be led by the Holy Spirit but by what you see, hear, touch and feel sensually. Your steps would never be ordered by God as against divine indication in Psalm 37:23 that says:

"The steps of a good man are ordered by the LORD: and he delighteth in his ways." God would never be attracted to the activities of a carnal man no matter how beautiful they have been packaged. Spiritually induced results are not products of carnally induced activities, but of Holy Spirit inspired and ordered pursuits. Strong and devoted commitment to self-assumed and programmed pursuits in life would produce frustration and un-necessary struggles. Since you do not have the needed divine back-up, you could break down health wise.

Zeal expressed in carnality in pursuit of spiritual assignments, cannot move the Holy Spirit to get involved. Operations at that level would make you his enemy since it is beneath His operational level and laws.

"Because the carnal mind is enmity against God: for it is not subject to the law of God, neither indeed can be.

So they that are in the flesh cannot please God."

Romans 8:7-8

# Chapter 12 Deeper walk of the spirits

Gods desires you relate with His Spirit deeply daily. The deeper your relationship and walk in Him, The stronger you express the reality of His supernatural existence and presence. The impact of His life on you, will reflect on your response to issues of life. Your presence anywhere will become influential with supernatural occurrences happening through you as it was with Jesus Christ during His earthly ministry.

In prophet Ezekiel's encounter with the Holy Spirit, he was brought through His realms which I have called "Deeper water of the Spirit" (Ezekiel 47:1-12). From this text, some spiritual laws of successful deeper walk in The Holy Spirit could be observed. These laws, if properly observed would help you so far through deeper realms of His spiritual operations and activities.

## Spiritual Laws Of Deeper Walk in the spirit (Ezekiel 47:1-12)

#### 1. Law of connection

Deeper walk In the Holy Spirit would demand a constant connection relationship with Him. The initial connecting point with Him is at the New Birth encounter when you received Jesus Christ as your personal Lord and Saviour, His Holy Spirit came and dwelt in your spirit. You must stay saved and keep your salvation as He enables you (Philippians 2:12)

Your second point of encounter with the Holy Spirit is at the in-filling moment when you are baptized in Him with the evidence of speaking in other tongues. This is just to keep you strongly connected with Him and His deeper spiritual operations.

Reading through Ezekiel 47:1-12, You would observe the connection between the deeper dimension Ezekiel walked through the water and the source of the water flow. As long as he stayed connected with the source, he would always go through deeper levels of water flow.

Pay the price to stay connected. Some essential factors of connection with your source include Holy Living, righteousness, uprightness, the fear of the Lord, consistent, faithfulness, covenant obedience, just to mention a few. You must be consciously and ardently connected to the Holy Spirit of God, the source of supernatural life, to remain a vessel of supernatural overflow.

#### 2. Law of Access

You must be constantly accessible to the outflow of the Holy Spirit's supernatural life and power. This operational law demands readiness and willingness to accommodate what He would want to vessel through you any moment. You must be willing to live above

human limitations and excuses to become readily available to Him for divine assignments.

Ezekiel's willingness accessibility to the Holy Spirit reflected in his sponteneous responses to the commands of the man that had the measurement rule. (Ezekiel 47:3-5)

#### 3. Law of constancy

You must maintain the quality of being unchanging and unwavering in your relationship with the Holy Spirit. You must be faithful and dependable in your personal commitment to him. This was expressed to Ezekiel as he observed the man with rule maintain constancy in his dealings with (Ezekiel47:3-5).

#### 4. Law of consistency

You must be consistent in pursuit of deeper spiritual walk in the Holy Spirit. In Ezekiel47:3-5, the prophet was consistently brought through the waters at a

thousand cubit interval. This is an interval of about one Thousand, seven Hundred and fifty feet, or five Hundred and thirty three meters. It could also be observed that at consistent intervals, the prophet was brought into a deeper level of walk in the spirit that would give him greater results in life and ministry. At this constant, consistent interval and specific time in Holy Spirits spiritual operation, he was drawn by the Spirit of God, to His deeper realms for more effective and fruitful living. these moments of deeper walk in Him would bring stronger impartation for impactful living. This kept him prepared for moment by moment invitation to deeper depths of God. His consistency qualified him for greater levels ahead. Faithfulness in consistency will keep you updated with divine activities in the realm of the Spirit and intents in the mind of God for your next level of glory.

> "A faithful man will abound with blessings but he that maketh haste to be rich shall not be innocent." Proverbs28:20

The faithful abounds with divine visitation and

intervention. you will never be delayed nor kept stagnant at any point of pursuit.

#### 5. Law of sacrifice

You must have a yielded willingness to pay the price for a deeper walk in the spirit. Apostle Paul recounting the price for deeper relationship with the Lord said:

"But what things were gain tome, those I counted loss for Christ. Yea doubtless, and I count all things but loss for the excellency of the knowledge of Christ Jesus my Lord: for whom I have suffered the loss of all things, and do count them but dung, that I may win Christ"

He regarded deeper knowledge of His relationship with Christ of surpassing worth. He was more willing to pay higher price for a deeper walk with God. He said:

"I have been crucified with Christ and I no longer live, but Christ lives in me. The life I now live in the body, I live by faith in the Son of God." Gal2-20 (NIV) The price you pay for a thing determines, the value you have placed on it. The worth of a thing could be determined by the price you pay for it. The cost or worth of every sinner and believer, is the life of Jesus Christ He gave for his salvation. Apostle Paul said to the elders of the church on the cost of redemption and salvation.

"Take heed therefore to yourself and to the flocks, over thee which the Holy Ghost hath overseers ,to feed the church of God, which he hath purchased with his own blood." Acts20-28

Longer walk in moments of praying may be required to enhance a deeper walk in the Holy Spirit. Elijah paid such price to enforce deeper supernatural outpouring. He prayed awkwardly and stressfully to move God's Hands for extraordinary intervention (1kings18:41-45) It would require the sacrifice of time, money, pleasure, comforts of life, just to mention a few in all God would be glorified and would reward you graciously. Sometime ago, I went to preach in a city, the church that to accommodated me and my team for five mights

could not provide us with beds but marts and mattresses for us to sleep on the floor. Not really cemented floors, but we rejoiced in paying such sacrifice to reach them with gospel. Truly, we witnessed great miracles of blind eyes receiving their sight, deaf and dumb were made whole and paralysed and crippled were healed and restored to health. Several incredible signs and wonders attested to the preaching of God's word through us.

After our meetings through such localities, they set me on high in nations of the world where I was accommodated in five star hotels with all comfort at my beek and call. Glory to God!

Sometimes God would withdraw me away from the comfort of the civilized world, even when at my disposal, just to have me dwell in His presence for deeper fellowship with His Spirit. Whatever sacrifice we make to grow in the deeper things of the spirit, worth's the cost.

Sometimes ago the Holy Spirit instructed to withdraw into His Presence with fasting and prayers for twenty one days. It was amazing I encountered Him. In His manifold grace dimension. My love for Him grew deeper and my lord and saviour Jesus Christ became more real to me than ever.

Sacrifice of the death-life brings into deeper relationship with Him. The more you die to your personal will, the more you live in Him and for Him. The more you die to self pleasure and self will.

Your willingness to sacrifice for a deeper walk in the Holy Spirit will provoke His willingness to give access to deeper depths in Him.

#### 6. The law of yieldedness

An outstanding attitude of Ezekiel as he was moved through the deeper part of the water was yieldedness. This is the right attitude of complete submission to the leadership of the man with the measurement rule (Ez47:3,4). He surrendered himself to be brought through the waters with fear. The level of yieldedness

to draws you through the deeper waters of the Holy Spirit is such that reflects absolute love and trust. It is not blended with the fear of abandonment or rejection.

How much the Holy Spirit desires our surrendered self to Him to bring us through His amazing depths, inner revelations and strength. He wants to draw you through His deeper depths of impartation and grace. An unimaginable glance at the deeper levels of the Holy Spirit could be frightening and might seem unapproachable, but an absolute submission and surrender to Him would make it possible. Apostle Paul in his deeper yielded walk with Him said:

"I am crucified with Christ: nevertheless I live, yet not I, but Christ liveth in me, and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by the faith of the son of God, who loved me, and gave himself for me." Galatians 2:20

Jesus walked in deeper waters of the spirit for deeper revelation of the Father's by His yielded life. He said:

"I can of mine own self do nothing as I hear, I jugde: and my judgement is just; because I seek not mine own will, but the will of the Father which hath sent me." John 5:30.

Yielded will is the key to obtaining His pure and perfect will. As you respond to the call to surrendered life of the Holy Spirit, you will discover how easy the flight in Him and by Him could be. Hallelujah.

#### 7. The Law of Leadership

As you follow the leadership of the Holy Spirit, He would draw you through higher and deeper levels in Him. He desires to take the lead always. He is the only one that knows the way to the next level in Him. He said:

" I lead in the way of righteousness, in the midst of the paths of judgement that I may cause those that love me to inherit substances; and I will fill their treasures." Proverbs 8:20-22.

king David said:

" He maketh me to lie down in green pasture: he leadeth me beside the still waters,

He restoreth my soul: he leadeth in the paths of righteousness for his name sake.

Yea though I will walk through the valley of shadow of death, in will fear no evil; for thou hart at me, thy rod and thy staff they comfort me."

Sure divine leadership would tenderly bring you through the deeper waters of the Spirit for divinely prepared and appointed inheritance. He would lead you through calmed waters of the Spirit and through subdued turbulence of the raging forces of darkness.

When He leads you, you will be ordered through restful places of divine harvest. Your moves will bring Him pleasure.

"The steps of a good man are ordered by the LORD: and he delighteth in his ways." Psalm 37:23

You can always know when he leads you. He would lead you by His revealed word to you. His leadership voice would always speak His word as expressed through the Holy Scriptures.

You cannot go any further in the realm of the Holy Spirit than He can lead you through. Ezekiel was led through the waters of the Spirit. He did not just jump through, he submitted to spiritual leadership. He was always brought through various depths of the water flow (Ezekiel 47:3,4,6).

As you grow and flow in submission to spiritual leadership, you rise through deeper dimension of the Holy Spirit that would not require physical struggle to go over, but absolute surrender to Him to swim through. Prophet Ezekiel said:

"Afterward he measured a thousand; and it was a river that I could not pass over: for the waters were risen, waters to swim in, a river that could not be passed over." He could not pass over it because he needed to lie in the water to be carried by simply making suitable moves according to swimming language. Praise God!

Beloved, this is your moments of deeper walk in the realm of the Holy Spirit for right results and impacts. The Lord and the world await your corresponding response to the pressure of divine command in your heart for libration. It is time to unleash what you carry inside for the redemption of humanity from the menacing activities of darkness. Receive power to flow in higher authority of the Holy Spirit by steady, stable and deeper walk in Him.