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THIS BOOK IS DEDICATED TO GOD ALMIGHTY



Being saved into the family of God from the world of sin is the best life-changing moment that can ever happen to anyone who desires peace, joy, and love in this life and the next to come. Our journey with God begins with confessing Christ as our Lord and personal savior, forsaking the old nature of sin, the affections of the world, and nailing them to the cross. After the ascension of Christ into heaven, the Holy Spirit becomes our advocate, comforter, and teacher, through whom we have direct communication with the Father.

Walking with God is not without challenges, ups, and downs. In fact, accepting Christ as Lord and savior makes us one of the most wanted in the camp of the devil. As a result of this, Satan tries as much as possible to snatch us away from our loving Father. He does this through temptation to sin, which breaks our relationship with God. 1 Peter 5:8 says, “Be

sober, be vigilant, because your adversary the devil, as a roaring lion, walketh about, seeking whom he may devour."

Many who started well do not end well due to ignorance of the devil, negligence, and disobedience to the Holy Spirit's leading, depression, and fainting of heart during trials. Some people who others see as being on fire for God are gradually depreciating in the spirit because of their consistent falls into sin. They glory in the gifts and become blind to their level of spiritual growth. No one can successfully walk with God from start to finish without fully heeding the leading of the Holy Spirit, which is the reason for our daily consistency. This consistency leaves no room for the devil to have his way in our lives.

Our consistency in the Holy Spirit will keep us in check to ensure that we are still in God. The Holy Spirit is the mind of God that speaks into our spirit what the will of God is. Not paying attention to or being obedient to the leading of the Holy Spirit will lead to disaster for anyone who claims to be a believer in Christ.



THE SPIRIT OF GOD

The Holy Spirit is the manifestation of God that works in and through Christians in this dispensation of time in order to accomplish the work of God on earth through the church. It was the promise of the Father through Jesus Christ, first to the disciples, then to all believers in Christ Jesus Who has confessed Him as their Lord and personal savior.

The personality of the Holy Spirit works in many offices of the church, from teaching and comforting to convicting and empowering believers for smooth relationship with God here on earth. But the major work of the Holy Spirit is to direct and lead us through the path God intended us to walk in. This is bringing us into the will of God at every stages of our life.

Surely, no believer in Christ can actually survive in this world of sin without being connected to the Holy Spirit, the sure plug to our surviv-

al in this spirit journey.
But we must know that the Holy Spirit didn't just appear to work in the New Testament according to the promise of the father, the Holy Spirit has been at work from the beginning of creation and continue to work in the life of believers today.

In the book of Genesis, the Holy Spirit is present at the creation of the world, hovering over the waters as God brings forth light and separates the waters to create dry land. Genesis 1:2 and the earth was without form, and void; and darkness was upon the face of the deep. And the Spirit of God moved upon the face of the waters.

In the New Testament, Jesus promises the coming of the Holy Spirit to his disciples, saying, "And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another helper, to be with you forever, even the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him, for he dwells with you and will be in you" (John 14:16-17).

The Holy Spirit is also referred to as the "Comforter" or "Counselor," sent by Jesus to guide and empower believers (John 14:26).

In the book of Acts, the Holy Spirit descends upon the disciples at Pentecost, filling them with power and enabling them to speak in tongues and perform other signs and wonders (Acts 2:1-4).

Throughout the rest of the New Testament, the Holy Spirit is shown to be active in the lives of believers, guiding them in their decision making (Acts 15:28 For it seemed good to the Holy Ghost, and to us, to lay upon you no greater burden than these necessary things;), empowering them to share the gospel (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…: or, the power of the Holy Ghost coming upon you}, and giving them spiritual gifts for the building up of the church (1 Corinthians 12:4-11 Now there are diversities of gifts, but the same Spirit. 5 And there are differences of administrations, but the same Lord. 6 And there are diversities of operations, but it is the same God which worketh all in all. 7 But the manifestation of the Spirit is given to every man to profit withal. 8 For to one is given by the Spirit the word of wisdom; to another the word of knowledge by the same Spirit; 9 To another faith by the same Spirit; to another the gifts of healing by the same Spirit; 10 To another the working of miracles; to another prophecy; to another discerning of spirits; to another divers kinds of tongues; to another the interpretation of tongues: 11 But all these worketh that one and the selfsame Spirit, dividing to every man severally as he will.).

The Holy Spirit is also the one who sanctifies believers, making them holy and conforming them to the image of Jesus (2 Corinthians 3:18 But we all, with open face beholding as in a glass the glory of the Lord, are changed into the same image from glory to glory, even as by the Spirit of the Lord).

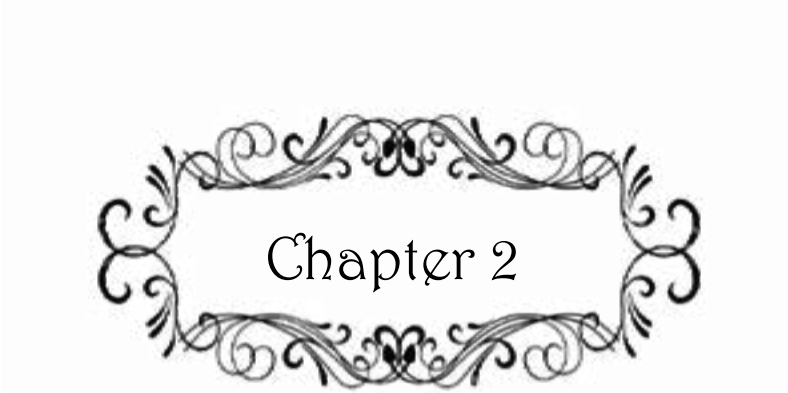
In the book of Romans, Paul writes, “But you are not in the flesh; you are in the Spirit, since the Spirit of God dwells in you. Anyone who does not have the Spirit of Christ does not belong to him” (Romans 8:9). Through the power of the Holy Spirit, believers can be empowered to share the gospel, live a holy life and be conformed to the image of Jesus.

The Holy Spirit also plays a crucial role in the regeneration and new birth of believers. In the book of John, Jesus explains to Nicodemus,

“unless one is born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God” (John 3:3). This new birth is made possible by the work of the Holy Spirit, who convicts people of their sin and draws them to repentance (John 16:8-11).

Moreover, The work Holy Spirit is also shown in how He is a Helper, Teacher and the one who reminds us of everything Jesus said and did, Jesus said “ But the Counselor, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you all things and will remind you of everything I have said to you.” (John 14:26).

The truth is, no one can call him/herself a believer without being rooted in the Holy Spirit. A person can receive salvation through confessing Christ as the lord and savior, turning from a life of sin to a life of righteousness. But such cannot confidently walk with and work for God without the person of the Holy Spirit.



THE MINISTRY OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

But the Comforter, which is the Holy Ghost, whom the Father will send in my name, he shall teach you all things, and bring all things to your remembrance, whatsoever I have said unto you. (John 14:26)
The ministry of the Holy Spirit is the dimension of God's presence and power through which He work in the life of the believers in this earth realm for the perfection of the work of God in salvation. These dimensions are manifest in him being the Comforter, the Teacher, and the Advocate.

The Comforter

As believers, we know that the Holy Spirit is the third person of the Trinity, equal in power and glory with God the Father and Jesus Christ the Son. But what does it mean for us to say that the Holy Spirit is our Comforter?

The word "comfort" in the New Testament comes from the Greek

word “parakletos,” which means “one called alongside to help.” The Holy Spirit is our Comforter in the sense that He comes alongside us in our times of need, to help and strengthen us.
In John 14:16, Jesus says, “And I will pray the Father, and he shall give you another Comforter that he may abide with you forever.” Jesus promises His disciples that He will send the Holy Spirit to be with them always, to guide them and to comfort them.

The Holy Spirit is the Comforter that brings peace and reassurance to those who believe. This promise of guidance and comfort in John 14:26, is one that brings hope to believers who may be struggling with doubt or uncertainty.

We all face difficulties and challenges in life. Sometimes we may feel overwhelmed, anxious, or afraid. But the Holy Spirit is with us to comfort us and to give us strength. In 2 Corinthians 1:3-4, Paul writes, “Blessed be God, even the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of mercies, and the God of all comfort; who comforteth us in all our tribulation, that we may be able to comfort them which are in any trouble, by the comfort wherewith we ourselves are comforted of God.”

When we feel lost or alone, the Holy Spirit is there to provide comfort and strength. Its presence can be felt in times of joy and sadness, and its guidance can help us find peace in difficult situations. The Comforter is a reminder that we are never truly alone in our faith and that God is always with us, offering comfort and support when we need it most.

I could remember when my dad buried his second daughter, it is a great grieve for any father to bury his child, as a Christian, we believe death is gain but when it comes at the time we do not expect, we expe-

rience pain, sorrow and broken heart. Such was the experience my Dad had. Instead of wailing, weeping and moody, the Holy Spirit comforted Him and His strength was renewed, he preached with all joy the following Sunday, as being the pastor in-charge of a local assembly.

The Holy Spirit does not only comfort us, but He also enables us to comfort others. As we receive comfort from the Holy Spirit, we are able to share that comfort with those around us who are going through difficult times. Our testimony from the comforting of the Holy Spirit during our trying time will give us the boldness to support others with kind words to those who are passing through the same. This is the purpose and essence of the church, becoming a shoulder others can rest on, the Holy Spirit work it out.

So, as we go through the ups and downs of life, we must always remember that the Holy Spirit is always with us. Our response is turn to Him for comfort, for guidance, and for strength. And we should also be open to sharing the comfort that we receive with those around us who are in need.

The Teacher

The Holy Spirit is also a great teacher. In John 14:26, Jesus says that the Holy Spirit will "teach you all things." This promise of guidance and instruction is one that is essential for believers who are seeking to grow in their faith.

The Holy Spirit can help us understand the teachings of the Bible and the will of God. Its guidance can help us discern what is right and wrong, and its teachings can help us make wise decisions. The Holy Spirit can also reveal the mysteries of God's kingdom and help us see the world

from a perspective that is grounded in faith and love.

So what does it mean for the Holy Spirit to be our teacher? First, it means that the Holy Spirit is the source of all true knowledge and wisdom. In 1 Corinthians 2:10-11, the apostle Paul wrote, “The Spirit searches all things, even the deep things of God. For who knows a person’s thoughts except their own spirit within them? In the same way, no one knows the thoughts of God except the Spirit of God.” As the Spirit of God, the Holy Spirit has intimate knowledge of God’s thoughts and intentions, and he reveals them to us as we seek to know and understand God’s will.

Second, it means that the Holy Spirit helps us to understand and apply the Scriptures. In 1 Corinthians 2:12-14, Paul wrote, “What we have received is not the spirit of the world, but the Spirit who is from God, so that we may understand what God has freely given us. This is what we speak, not in words taught us by human wisdom but in words taught by the Spirit, explaining spiritual realities with Spirit-taught words. The person without the Spirit does not accept the things that come from the Spirit of God but considers them foolishness, and cannot understand them because they are discerned only through the Spirit.” The Holy Spirit illuminates the meaning of the Scriptures and helps us to apply them to our lives.

The difference between the bible and the conventional novels people read today is the place of the Holy Spirit in its interpretation. The scripture is the breath of God and only the spirit of God can give meaning to it per time and season,

Third, it means that the Holy Spirit guides us in discerning God’s will and making wise decisions. In Galatians 5:16-18, Paul wrote, “So I say, walk by the Spirit, and you will not gratify the desires of the flesh.

For the flesh desires what is contrary to the Spirit and the Spirit what is contrary to the flesh. They are in conflict with each other, so that you are not to do whatever you want. But if you are led by the Spirit, you are not under the law." The Holy Spirit helps us to discern between what is of the flesh and what is of the Spirit, and guides us in making decisions that honor God.

There are countless number of time people have been swayed away by the false teaching, prophecies, visions and beliefs. Many prophesies are motivated by the flesh and human emotions for personal gain, but it is the holy spirit that convicts and bring to light every form of carnality. (1John 4:1 Beloved, believe not every spirit, but try the spirits whether they are of God: because many false prophets are gone out into the world. 2 Hereby know ye the Spirit of God: Every spirit that confesseth that Jesus Christ is come in the flesh is of God: 3 And every spirit that confesseth not that Jesus Christ is come in the flesh is not of God: and this is that spirit of antichrist, whereof ye have heard that it should come; and even now already is it in the world.)

We can see the example of this when apostle Paul was going to the place of prayer and being followed by the little possessed by a spirit of divination of whom always bring profits to her master. (Act 16: 16 And it came to pass, as we went to prayer, a certain damsel possessed with a spirit of divination met us, which brought her masters much gain by soothsaying: {of divination: or, of Python} 17 The same followed Paul and us, and cried, saying, These men are the servants of the most high God, which shew unto us the way of salvation. 18 And this did she many days. But Paul, being grieved, turned and said to the spirit, I command thee in the name of Jesus Christ to come out of her. And he came out the same hour.) Without the Holy Spirit apostle Paul wouldn't have discern the little girl's

spirit is of the devil. The Holy Spirit reveals which spirit is of the flesh, the devil and of God.

Finally, it means that the Holy Spirit empowers us to live holy lives. In Galatians 5:22-23, Paul wrote, “But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, forbearance, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control. Against such things there is no law.” The Holy Spirit produces in us the fruit of righteousness, which enables us to live lives that reflect the character of Christ.

The Advocate

The word “advocate” comes from the Greek word “parakletos,” which means “one who comes alongside to help.” In John 14:16, Jesus said, “And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another advocate to help you and be with you forever.” The Holy Spirit is our advocate, who comes alongside us to help us in our weaknesses and struggles.

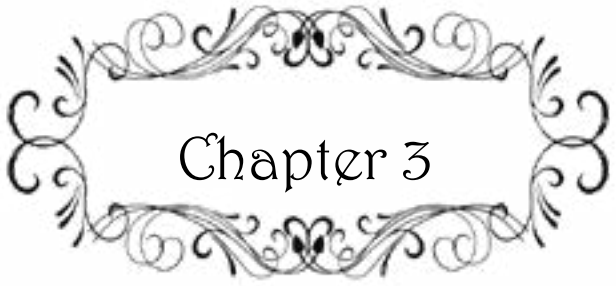
The Holy Spirit is an Advocate for believers, helping us to stand firm in our faith and defend our beliefs. Its guidance can help us find the courage to speak out against injustice and oppression, and its presence can help us find strength in times of persecution or adversity.

The advocacy of the Holy Spirit begins with interceding for us in prayer. In Romans 8:26-27, the apostle Paul wrote, “In the same way, the Spirit helps us in our weakness. We do not know what we ought to pray for, but the Spirit himself intercedes for us through wordless groans. And he who searches our hearts knows the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for God’s people in accordance with the will of God.” When we don’t know how to pray or what to pray for, the Holy Spirit prays for

us, interceding with groans that express the deep longings of our hearts. The Holy Spirit also testifies to our spirits that we are children of God. In Romans 8:16, Paul wrote, “The Spirit himself testifies with our spirit that we are God’s children.” The Holy Spirit confirms to us that we belong to God, that we have been adopted into his family through faith in Jesus Christ. This gives us confidence and assurance in our relationship with God.

Third, that the Holy Spirit strengthens us and empowers us to overcome sin and temptation. In Galatians 5:16-17, Paul wrote, “So I say, walk by the Spirit, and you will not gratify the desires of the flesh. For the flesh desires what is contrary to the Spirit and the Spirit what is contrary to the flesh. They are in conflict with each other, so that you are not to do whatever you want.” The Holy Spirit empowers us to overcome the desires of the flesh and to live in obedience to God’s will.

The ministry of the Holy Spirit is one that is essential for believers who are seeking to grow in their faith. Through its role as Comforter, Teacher, and Advocate, the Holy Spirit provides guidance, comfort, and strength to believers who may be struggling with doubt or uncertainty. As we seek to follow Christ and live out our faith, we can take comfort in the knowledge that the Holy Spirit is with us always, offering guidance and support as we seek to live a life that is grounded in faith and love.



HOLY SPIRIT CONSISTENCY

As we have received the holy spirit in fulfillment of the promise of the father through Jesus Christ our lord, our walk with God is not a once and for all thing. Receiving the Holy Spirit is the foundation and beginning of our walk in the spirit, continual growth is paramount for anyone who wants to attain spiritual buoyancy. This define our consistency in the Holy Spirit.

We are called to live a life that reflects the character of our Savior, and one of the key elements that define our faith is consistency. The Holy Spirit, whom Jesus promised to send, empowers us to live consistently for God's glory.

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ever you want. But if you are led by the Spirit, you are not of the law" The Holy Spirit is our guide, our counselor, and our helper; He gives us the power to resist the temptations of the flesh and to live a life that is pleasing to God. But in order to be consistent with the Holy Spirit, we must first be willing to surrender our lives to Him. We must acknowledge our need for His guidance and rely on Him for strength and direction.

One of the key ways that we can be consistent with the Holy Spirit is by spending time in prayer and in the study of God's word. These spiritual disciplines help to align our hearts and mind with God's will and enable us to hear the voice of the Holy Spirit more clearly.

We must cultivate a lifestyle of obedience to God's commands. This means that we are to love God with all our heart, soul, mind and strength, and to love our neighbors as ourselves. When we live in obedience to God's commands, we demonstrate our love for Him and allow the Holy Spirit to work in and through us to impact the lives of those around us.

Consistency in the walk of the Spirit is what produces the power of God, both for us and the church. The problem is we have a lazy generation who wants to experience power without sacrifice! We have a lazy church who wants impact without power and power without spiritual pressure! So in the end what we have is a church that resembles the world and not a world that resembles the church!

Religious Consistency and Holy Spirit Consistency

Religiosity is not righteousness. The righteousness of God is maintained by our consistent walk with the Holy Spirit. Being consistent

in religious practices does not equate our consistent walk with God in the spirit.

Religious consistency and Holy Spirit consistency are two distinct concepts. While religious consistency refers to adhering to a particular set of religious doctrines and practices, Holy Spirit consistency refers to following the guidance of the Holy Spirit in one's personal beliefs and actions which is directly the mind of God.

Religious consistency is important to many individuals who follow a particular faith, as it ensures that they are following the teachings and practices of their religion as closely as possible. This can involve regular attendance at religious services, adherence to specific dietary laws or dress codes, and following a particular set of moral guidelines or codes of conduct. For some, religious consistency is seen as a way to demonstrate their devotion to their faith and to uphold the traditions of their religious community such as church doctrines. This is revealed in the life of the Pharisees who are devoted to the laws of Moses even though their outward lifestyle and show of service to God does not reflect their love for God.

In contrast, Holy Spirit consistency emphasizes the importance of following the guidance of the Holy Spirit in one's personal beliefs and actions. This involves being open to the promptings of the Spirit and allowing it to guide one's decision-making process, rather than relying solely on a set of religious rules and doctrines.

Holy Spirit consistency can be seen as a more flexible and adaptable approach to faith, as it allows individuals to respond to the changing circumstances of their lives and to the needs of those around them. It also emphasizes the importance of love, compassion, and empathy, as these are seen as key components of the Holy Spirit's guidance.

While both religious consistency and Holy Spirit consistency have their benefits and drawbacks, it is important for individuals to find a balance between the two. A healthy and vibrant faith community should be one that upholds the traditions of its religion while also being open to the leading of the Holy Spirit and not being a hypocrite.

Ultimately, the key to a strong and meaningful faith life is not just following a set of rules or doctrines, but rather being open to the guidance of the Holy Spirit and allowing it to shape one's beliefs and actions in a way that is consistent with the teachings of one's religion.

Consistency through Faith

Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen." (Hebrews 11:1). Faith does not simply mean believing in something blindly or without reason. Instead, faith is having confidence in things that we cannot see or touch, but which we hope for and trust in with conviction.

Let us remember John4:24 God is a Spirit: and they that worship him must worship him in spirit and in truth. God is a spirit; He cannot be seen by mortal eyes. Neither can He be conceived to be a physical being after the form of man. Since God is spirit, then those who worship Him cannot do so through material means. True worshippers approach God on a spiritual basis with faith being the major means of communication between mortals and God the spirit.

Faith is an essential part of our relationship with God. It is through faith that we are saved and made right with God. The Bible tells us in

Ephesians 2:8-9, “For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith—and this is not from yourselves, it is the gift of God—not by works, so that no one can boast.”

Faith allows us to trust in God’s promises, even when we can’t see them fulfilled in our lives. Abraham is an example of this kind of faith. In Romans 4:18-21, we read: “Against all hope, Abraham in hope believed and so became the father of many nations, just as it had been said to him, ‘So shall your offspring be.’ Without weakening in his faith, he faced the fact that his body was as good as dead since he was about a hundred years old and that Sarah’s womb was also dead. Yet he did not waver through unbelief regarding the promise of God, but was strengthened in his faith and gave glory to God, being fully persuaded that God had power to do what he had promised.”

Faith is not just a passive belief but an active trust in God that leads to obedience. James 2:17 tells us, “In the same way, faith by itself, if it is not accompanied by action, is dead.” Our faith should lead us to follow God’s commands and to love our neighbors as ourselves.
Faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen. It is a gift from God that allows us to trust in his promises, even when we can’t see them fulfilled in our lives.

Our consistency in the spirit is maintained if we continue to be rooted in the faith we have in God. Just like father Abraham who continued to trust in God through faith. The Apostles of Christ also maintained their steadfastness in the spirit because of their unwavering faith in God the father. You also can be consistent in the Holy Spirit if you maintain your faith in God, giving no room for doubt.

Consistency through Holiness

Holiness is a reflection of the nature and character of God Himself. It is a state of being set apart and consecrated to God's purposes. When we accept Christ as our Savior, the Holy Spirit dwells within us, enabling us to walk in holiness. However, holiness is not merely a set of external actions or rules to follow; it is an inward transformation that affects every aspect of our lives. It is an ongoing process of sanctification, whereby we are continually being molded into the image of Christ.

In a world marked by inconsistency and fickleness, the pursuit of holiness provides us with a firm foundation upon which to build our lives. Holiness creates consistency in three crucial areas: our relationship with God, our character, and our actions, these forms up our consistent walk with the Holy Spirit.

Relationship with God:

Holiness fosters a deep and intimate relationship with our Heavenly Father. As we set ourselves apart for God's purposes, we align our will with His and open ourselves to His guidance and leading. Through prayer, worship, and the study of His Word, we draw closer to God, allowing His Spirit to transform us from the inside out. This consistent communion with God empowers us to discern His voice amidst the noise of the world, enabling us to walk in step with His Spirit.

Character Transformation:

Holiness also shapes our character, transforming us into vessels that reflect the likeness of Christ. The fruit of the Spirit—love, joy, peace,

patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control (Galatians 5:22-23) all emanates from a heart that has been consecrated to God. Through the consistent practice of godly virtues, we become people of integrity and honor, guided by a moral compass that remains unwavering amidst life's challenges.

Actions and Impact

Holiness also manifests itself in our actions. Our choices and behavior become consistent with God's standards and principles. We live lives that bring glory to God and reflect His love and grace to others. In a world searching for truth and authenticity, our consistent pursuit of holiness becomes a beacon of light, drawing others closer to Christ. Our actions, infused with holiness, have the power to transform lives and communities, pointing others to the One who offers salvation and eternal hope.

Actively pursuing holiness begins with a heart surrendered to God, a heart that desires to be set apart for His purposes. We must daily submit ourselves to the leading of the Holy Spirit, allowing Him to reveal areas in our lives that need transformation. Hebrews 12:14 Follow peace with all men, and holiness, without which no man shall see the Lord. This verse indicates that no man can have a seamless walk with God through the Holy Spirit without being holy. 1Peter 1:16 because it is written, be ye holy; for I am holy.

Consistency through Prayer

Prayer is one of the strings of communication to God. Luke 18: 1 and he spake a parable unto them to this end, that men ought always to pray, and not to faint; Prayer is an essential part of our spiritual lives. We

are called to pray without ceasing, to bring our worries, our joys, and our needs to God in prayer. Yet, sometimes, we struggle with consistency in our prayer lives. We might pray fervently one day and then forget to pray the next. Or we might only pray when we are in trouble or need something from God. But the truth is, consistency in prayer is crucial if we want to grow in our faith, spirit and deepen our relationship with God.

In the Bible, we see many examples of people who were consistent in the spirit through their ceaseless prayer lives. Daniel, for example, prayed three times a day, even when it was against the law to do so. David, too, was a man of prayer, and many of his Psalms are prayers to God. Jesus himself often withdrew to pray and encouraged his disciples to pray without ceasing. These examples remind us that prayer is not just something we do when we feel like it, but it is an essential part of our daily lives as Christians which makes us remain consistent with the Holy Spirit.

One of the reasons our consistent prayer is important to us and our relationship with the Holy Spirit is that it helps us to focus on God. In our busy lives, it can be easy to get distracted and lose sight of what really matters. But when we make prayer a priority, we are reminded of God's presence in our lives, and we can focus on what is truly important.

Second, consistent prayer helps us to grow in our faith. When we pray regularly, we become more attuned to God's voice, and we can discern his will for our lives. Third, consistent prayer helps us to develop a deeper relationship with God. Just as we would not have a close relationship with a friend if we only talked to them once in a while, we cannot have a close relationship with God if we only pray sporadically.

Consistency in prayer is crucial if we want to grow in our faith,

spirit and deepen our relationship with God. We must make prayer a priority in our lives, be intentional about our prayers, and hold ourselves accountable. As we do so, we will find that our prayer lives become richer, and our relationship with God grows deeper.

Consistency through Obedience

Obedience to the Holy Spirit is not an option but a divine command. Jesus Himself said in John 14:15, "If you love me, you will keep my commandments." Obedience stems from our love for God and our desire to honor Him in every aspect of our lives. As Christians, we are called to surrender our will and submit ourselves to the leading of the Holy Spirit. Through obedience, we acknowledge God's sovereignty and recognize that His ways are higher and better than our own.

The Benefits of Obedience

a) Guidance and Direction: The Holy Spirit serves as our divine compass, guiding us along the right path. When we are obedient, He reveals God's will and purposes for our lives, leading us to make wise decisions and avoid unnecessary pitfalls. Proverbs 3:6 reminds us, "In all your ways acknowledge him, and he will make straight your paths." After Christ was baptized, it was the Holy Spirit that led Him into the wilderness where he was tempted, and it was the place he was empowered for the ministerial work. Luke4:1 And Jesus being full of the Holy Ghost returned from Jordan, and was led by the Spirit into the wilderness. Also, Apostle was refused to go to Asia for the propagation of the gospel. Even though Paul had a genuine reason to go, but the Holy Spirit being the guide would not let him go. We must always be ready to obey the spirit for whatever instruction he is giving. Act 16:6. Now when they had gone throughout Phrygia and the region of Galatia, and were forbidden of the

Holy Ghost to preach the word in Asia.

b) Empowerment for Spiritual Living: Obedience to the Holy Spirit enables us to live a life that pleases God. He equips us with spiritual gifts, empowers us to bear fruit, and strengthens us to overcome the challenges we face. The Spirit's power enables us to live victorious lives and be effective witnesses for Christ in a broken world.

c) Transformation and Spiritual Growth: Through obedience, the Holy Spirit transforms our hearts, renewing our minds, and conforming us to the image of Christ. As we yield to His guidance, He convicts us of sin, purifies our motives, and empowers us to live holy lives. 2 Corinthians 3:18 says, "And we all, with unveiled face, beholding the glory of the Lord, are being transformed into the same image from one degree of glory to another."

Obstacles to Obedience

Despite the abundant blessings obedience brings, we often find it difficult and challenging to yield to the Holy Spirit's leading. Some common obstacles include:

a) Self-centeredness: Our desire to pursue our own ambitions and fulfill our personal desires can hinder obedience. We must crucify our selfish desires and align ourselves with God's purposes.

b) Fear and Doubt: Fear of the unknown and doubt in God's faithfulness can paralyze our willingness to obey. We must trust that God's plans are good and have confidence in His ability to guide us.

c) Distractions and Worldly Influences: The noise and distractions of the world can drown out the still small voice of the Holy Spirit. We must consciously detach ourselves from worldly influences and create space for the move of the Holy Spirit in our life.

Consistency through the fellowship of the brethren

Act 2: 42 and they continued steadfastly in the apostles' doctrine and fellowship, and in breaking of bread, and in prayers. 43 And fear came upon every soul: and many wonders and signs were done by the apostles. 44 And all that believed were together, and had all things common; 45 and sold their possessions and goods, and parted them to all men, as every man had need. 46 And they, continuing daily with one accord in the temple, and breaking bread from house to house, did eat their meat with gladness and singleness of heart, 47 Praising God, and having favor with all the people. And the Lord added to the church daily such as should be saved. The Christian faith is not a solitary journey. The Bible repeatedly emphasizes the importance of fellowship and community in our spiritual growth. As we spend time with fellow believers, we gain insights; support, encouragement, and accountability that help us grow in the spirit.

In his letter to the Hebrews, the writer urges believers to "consider how to stir up one another to love and good works, not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day drawing near" (Hebrews 10:24-25 ESV). This passage emphasizes the importance of Christian fellowship and how it helps us grow in the spirit.
Here are some ways in which we can grow in the spirit through fellowship with other believers:

Learning from others

We all have different spiritual experiences, backgrounds, and perspectives. When we fellowship with other believers, we have the opportunity to learn from their experiences and insights. We can learn from their

successes and failures, their wisdom and knowledge, and their strengths and weaknesses. As we listen to each other's stories, we can gain a deeper understanding of God and His ways.

Accountability

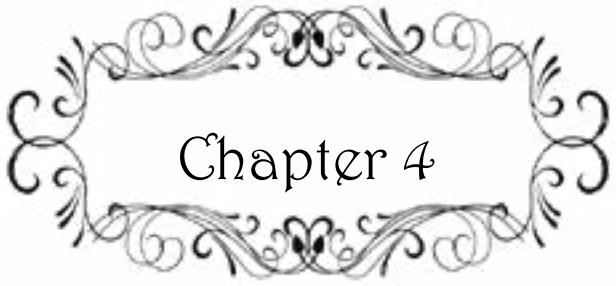
Fellowship also provides us with accountability. As we share our struggles and challenges with others, we invite them to hold us accountable and to support us in our spiritual growth. Accountability helps us to stay on track and to avoid the pitfalls that can hinder our progress. It also helps us to identify areas where we need to improve and to seek help when we need it.

Encouragement

Fellowship provides us with encouragement. When we face difficult situations, we can draw strength from the support and encouragement of others. When we are discouraged or struggling, we can find comfort and hope in the words and actions of our fellow believers. Encouragement helps us to persevere through difficult times and to remain faithful to God's calling.

Service

Fellowship also provides us with opportunities to serve others. As we serve alongside other believers, we can grow in our understanding of God's love and compassion. Serving others also helps us to develop humility, patience, and kindness - all essential qualities for spiritual growth. Growing and being consistent in the spirit through fellowship with other believers is essential for our spiritual growth. As we learn from others, hold each other accountable, encourage one another, and serve together, we deepen our relationship with God and become more Christ-like in our attitudes and actions.



DANGER OF DISCONNECTION

In our journey as believers, it is essential that we remain connected to the Holy Spirit, for He is our guide, comforter, and source of divine power. Disconnecting from Holy Spirit means severing ourselves from His divine presence and leaving ourselves vulnerable to the dangers of our own human limitations. Throughout the Bible, we find numerous examples of individuals who faced dire consequences when they disconnected themselves from the Spirit.

The Case of King Saul

Our first example comes from the life of King Saul, a man anointed by God to lead the nation of Israel. Initially, Saul enjoyed the presence and guidance of the Holy Spirit, but his disobedience and pride led to a gradual disconnection from God's Spirit. In 1 Samuel 16:14, we read that "the Spirit of the Lord departed from Saul, and a distressing spirit from the Lord troubled him." This disconnection caused Saul to make grave mis-

takes, and ultimately, it led to his downfall and the loss of his kingdom.

Saul's story serves as a stark warning to us. When we disconnect from the Holy Spirit, we become vulnerable to negative influences, confusion, and the absence of God's wisdom and discernment. We must guard our hearts and ensure we remain connected to the Spirit through obedience and humility.

The Example of Samson

Another powerful example can be found in the life of Samson, a man blessed with incredible strength by the Holy Spirit. Samson's strength came from his connection to God, as we see in Judges 14:6, where "the Spirit of the Lord came mightily upon him." However, due to his continuous disobedience and his indulgence in worldly pleasures, Samson gradually disconnected from the Spirit. Tragically, he lost his strength, his sight, and ultimately his life.

Samson's story reminds us that when we disconnect from the Holy Spirit, we become susceptible to the temptations of the world. Our spiritual strength diminishes, and we risk losing sight of our true purpose and mission. We must guard against the enticements of sin, maintaining a vibrant connection with the Holy Spirit.

The Example of Judas Iscariot

Perhaps the most tragic example of disconnection from the Holy Spirit can be found in the life of Judas Iscariot, one of Jesus' disciples. Judas had the incredible privilege of walking alongside the Son of God, witnessing His miracles and hearing His teachings. However, he allowed greed, pride, and unbelief to sever his connection with the Spirit.

In John 13:27, we see the consequences of Judas' disconnect when Satan entered him, leading to his betrayal of Jesus. The tragic end of Judas serves as a sobering reminder that even proximity to Jesus is not enough if our hearts are disconnected from the Spirit. We must guard against the love of money, pride, and unbelief, maintaining a genuine connection to the Holy Spirit.

The Example of Demas

In the New Testament, we find the example of Demas. In Colossians 4:14 and Philemon 1:24, Demas is mentioned as a fellow worker and a beloved brother in Christ. However, in 2 Timothy 4:10, Paul writes, "Demas, in love with this present world, has deserted me and gone to Thessalonica." Demas, at some point, disconnected from the Holy Spirit and became enamored with the attractions of the world. The allure of worldly pleasures caused him to abandon his calling and fellowship with fellow believers.

When we get disconnected from the Holy Spirit, we get to experience the following:

Spiritual Blindness

When we disconnect from the Holy Spirit, we become spiritually blind. We lose the ability to discern God's will and distinguish between truth and deception. We rely on our own flawed understanding, which can lead us astray. There are many believers today who are spiritually blind because they got disconnected from the Holy Spirit. They are easily deceived by the devil, false prophets and carnality; such will find it difficult to walk in the path of the will of God for their life.

Bondage to Sin:

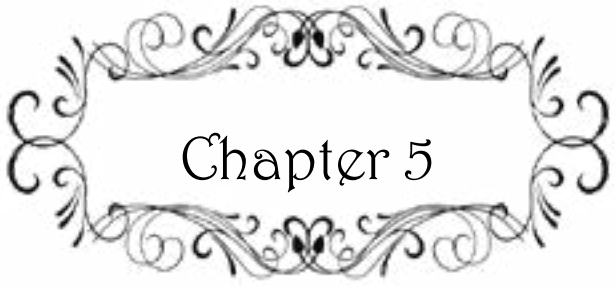
Without the Holy Spirit's power, we become susceptible to the temptations and enticements of sin. We lack the strength to resist and overcome our sinful nature. As a result, we find ourselves trapped in patterns of disobedience and spiritual stagnation. No man can solely fight against the lust of the flesh and pleasures if sin without the help of the Holy Spirit. Many trust in their wisdom and personal ability to resist sin. But sadly, they fall each time they try.

Lack of Spiritual Fruit

The Holy Spirit produces the fruit of the Spirit in our lives, such as love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control. Disconnecting from the Holy Spirit hinders the development of these godly characteristics, leading to a lack of spiritual maturity and effectiveness in our Christian walk.

Prone to the Devil's attack

The Holy Spirit is our spiritual defense. He guides and protects us in all areas of life, as the scripture rightly stated in 1Peter 5:8. Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil, as a roaring lion, walketh about, seeking whom he may devour. We are the target of the devil and the moment we get disconnected from the Holy Spirit, the devil utilizes the opportunity and strike into our life. There are many would have remained standing strong and vibrant for God today but has been knocked down by the devil.



YOU MAY FALL

Life is filled with ups and downs, victories and defeats, and moments of triumph and moments of failure. But as followers of Christ, we are called to understand that even in our moments of stumbling and falling, there is hope for redemption and renewal.

Consistency in the Holy Spirit does not mean never falling. There will be times when our faith in God will shiver, when our hope may looks delayed or when we are tempted to sin. These does not bring our walk with God in the Spirit to a dead end, but a means to rebuild, learn, stand up and continue in the journey.

When we fall, it can be tempting to wallow in self-pity, shame, and guilt. We may feel unworthy of God's love, forgiveness, or the love of others. It's important to recognize that staying down and allowing our failures to define us is a trap set by the enemy to keep us from experiencing God's

grace and restoration. In Psalm 145:14, the Lord is described as the one who "upholds all who are falling and raises up all who are bowed down." He does not want us to remain in the pit of despair but to rise again.

The good news is that God is the God of second chances. Throughout the Bible, we see stories of people who fell but were ultimately redeemed by God's grace. King David, a man after God's own heart, fell into sin with Bathsheba, yet he humbled himself, repented, and found forgiveness in God's loving arms. The apostle Peter, despite denying Jesus three times, was restored and became a powerful instrument for spreading the Gospel. These stories remind us that God's grace is greater than our failures and that He longs to restore us when we turn to Him.

When we rise from our failures, we not only experience personal transformation but also become a testimony of God's redemptive power to those around us. Our rising from the ashes of sin can inspire others who are going through similar struggles to find hope and seek God's restoration. It is through our brokenness and subsequent healing that we become vessels of God's love and mercy. As it says in Micah 7:8, "Though I have fallen, I will rise. Though I sit in darkness, the Lord will be my light."

The Bible provides us with numerous examples of faithful individuals who experienced moments of stumbling, yet were ultimately restored by God's grace. Let us explore these examples and gain a deeper understanding of the transformative power of God's salvation.

The Fall of Peter

One of the most relatable examples of stumbling can be found in the life of the Apostle Peter. In Matthew 26:69-75, we read about Peter's

denial of Jesus during His trial. Despite his bold proclamation of loyalty, Peter succumbed to fear and denied knowing his Savior three times. It was a moment of weakness and failure.

However, Peter's story does not end with his fall. Following Jesus' resurrection, the Lord restored Peter by emphasizing the importance of love and commissioning him to feed His sheep (John 21:15-17). Peter's stumble served as a humbling reminder of his dependence on God's grace and forgiveness, ultimately strengthening his faith and resolve.

The Doubt of Thomas

Another example is Thomas, one of Jesus' disciples, who is often remembered for his doubt regarding the resurrection. In John 20:24-29, Thomas declared that he would not believe unless he saw the wounds of Jesus with his own eyes. Yet, Jesus lovingly appeared to Thomas, inviting him to touch His scars and believe.

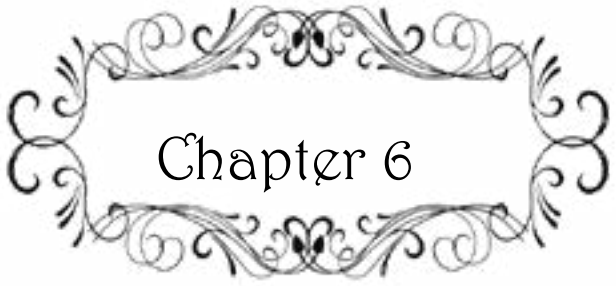
Thomas' doubt did not negate his salvation or disqualify him from experiencing God's grace. Rather, it served as an opportunity for Jesus to reveal Himself and deepen Thomas' faith. Through Thomas' doubts and subsequent confession of faith, we witness the redemptive power of God's mercy, restoring even the most skeptical hearts.

The Restoration of David

The story of King David, a man after God's own heart, also provides insight into the truth that salvation does not mean never falling. In 2 Samuel 11, we learn of David's grievous sins of adultery and murder. David's fall from righteousness serves as a powerful reminder of the consequences of giving in to temptation and the gravity of our actions.

However, when confronted by the prophet Nathan, David repented wholeheartedly, acknowledging his sins before God. In Psalm 51, we witness the depth of David's contrition and his plea for restoration. Despite his failings, God forgave David and continued to use him for His purposes. David's story teaches us the power of true repentance and the incredible grace of God to restore even the most broken of hearts.

As believers in Christ, we must always know that salvation does not mean never falling. The Bible is filled with stories of imperfect individuals who stumbled, doubted, and sinned. However, what sets them apart is their response to their failures. They turned to God in repentance, seeking His forgiveness and restoration.



DO NOT QUENCH THE SPIRIT

Quenching the Spirit refers to suppressing, neglecting, or resisting His work in our lives. It happens when we stifle His promptings, ignore His convictions, and resist His guidance. This can occur through various means:

Ignoring God's Word

When we neglect the study and meditation of God's Word, we quench the Spirit's work in our lives. The Bible is the primary means through which the Holy Spirit speaks to us. By neglecting His Word, we cut off the channels through which He desires to communicate His truth, wisdom, and guidance.

Unconfessed Sin

Unconfessed sin hinders our relationship with God and grieves the Holy Spirit. When we knowingly continue in disobedience and rebellion, we quench the Spirit's work in our lives. Sin erects barriers between us

and God, stifling His transformative power within us.

Resisting God's Will

God's Spirit often nudges us toward His will and His purposes. However, when we resist His promptings and choose our own way, we quench the Spirit's work. This can manifest in refusing to forgive, holding onto bitterness, or disregarding opportunities for service and ministry.

How then can we avoid quenching the Spirit and cultivate a life marked by His fullness? Let us consider a few key principles:

Be Sensitive and Yielded

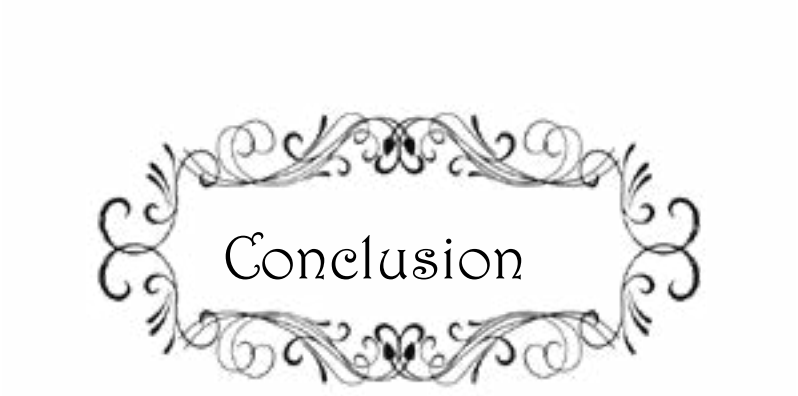
We must develop sensitivity to the leading and promptings of the Holy Spirit. This requires cultivating a close and intimate relationship with Him through prayer, worship, and the study of God's Word. As we yield to His gentle guidance, we position ourselves to experience the fullness of His power and presence.

Embrace Obedience

Obedience is crucial in avoiding quenching the Spirit. We must be quick to respond to His convictions and promptings, even when they challenge our comfort zones or go against popular opinion. Obedience allows the Spirit to work freely in and through us, empowering us to live holy and impactful lives.

Foster a Lifestyle of Worship

A lifestyle of worship creates an atmosphere where the Holy Spirit can move freely. Through worship, we surrender our hearts, minds, and wills to God, acknowledging His worthiness and sovereignty. As we engage in heartfelt worship, we invite the Spirit's presence.



Consistency is an essential quality that characterizes the life of a true disciple of Christ. It means being steadfast and unwavering in our faith, regardless of our circumstances. The Apostle Paul encourages us in 1 Corinthians 15:58, “Therefore, my dear reader, stand firm. Let nothing move you. Always give yourselves fully to the work of the Lord because you know that your labor in the Lord is not in vain.”

Consistency is not a one-time decision or a momentary burst of zeal; rather, it is a daily commitment to live in communion with the Holy Spirit, aligning our thoughts, words, and actions with God’s Word. Our consistency in the Holy Spirit allows us to grow in our relationship with God and become more Christ-like each day.

Consistency in the Holy Spirit has transformative power in our lives. It enables us to overcome the challenges and temptations that we encounter on our journey of faith. James 1:22 reminds us, “Do not merely listen to the word, and so deceive yourselves. Do what it says.” Consis-

tently applying God's Word to our lives strengthens our spiritual foundation and empowers us to resist the schemes of the enemy.

Furthermore, our consistency in the Holy Spirit impacts the lives of those around us. As we live out our faith consistently, others observe the genuineness and authenticity of our relationship with Christ. Our consistency becomes a testimony to the faithfulness of God, drawing others closer to Him. We become living witnesses, shining the light of Christ in a dark world.

Finally, consistency in the Holy Spirit is not a journey we embark upon alone. It is a beautiful partnership between us and the third person of the Trinity, the Holy Spirit. As we remain consistent in our walk with Him, our lives will reflect the love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control that are the fruit of the Spirit (Galatians 5:22-23).

Let us, therefore, commit ourselves today to nurture consistency in the Holy Spirit. May we continually seek His guidance, submit to His leading, and allow His transformative power to work in and through us. As we do so, our lives will become a testimony to the faithfulness and grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, drawing others to experience His love and salvation. Amen.

HAVE YOU BEEN SAVED IN CHRIST?

Dear beloved, the best thing that can ever happen to you is to give your life to Christ; in Him you have peace, joy, happiness and a hope of eternity after the end of this world.

He is calling you to surrender to Him today for he said “Come unto me, all ye that labor and are heavy laden, and i will give you rest. “(Matthew 11:28).

If you wish to give your life to Christ now say after me...

Lord Jesus Christ, i believe you are the son of God. That you love me, came into the world, died on the cross and rose again for the forgiveness of my sin. Please forgive me and come into my life. Please fill me with your Holy Spirit and help me to follow you as lord of my life. Thank you for saving me and giving me eternal life. In your name i pray. Amen.

Congratulations beloved, you are now redeemed. For questions, prayers and follow-up, please feel free to contact me on the links bellow.

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