

Living by the Spirit

When Jesus ascended to the Father after His resurrection from the dead He sent the Holy Spirit to fulfill a very important role in our hearts. There had never been a need for the “Comforter” because the lost world had never known the presence of the Savior before. The Holy Spirit is intimately involved in revealing God to us, as well as guiding us into lives that will honor our Father. He is our companion in designing and living a Kingdom life that will please Jesus and set us free!

Look up each of these references and note them in your Bible. What conclusions do you come to about the Holy Spirit’s role in your spiritual life?!

Romans 8:1-39

Operating by the Spirit

1 Thessalonians 5:19

Do not quench the Spirit

Ephesians 4:30

Do not grieve the Spirit

2 Corinthians 10:3-7

Tearing Down Lofty things

Galatians 5:22-24

The Evidence of the Spirit

The Fruit of the Spirit

Galatians 5

Love

Joy

Peace

Patience

Kindness

Goodness

Self control

Faithfulness

Gentleness

These indicate spirituality!

The Fruit of Wisdom!

James 3...the gentleness
of wisdom!

Pure, peaceable,
gentle, reasonable,
full of mercy and good fruits,
unwavering,
without hypocrisy.

Disciplines of the Spirit

The Word

Prayer

Fellowship

Worship

Insider living

These indicate maturity!

The Role of the Spirit in my Life

Check out these passages and think about ways you are experiencing transformation!

The Spirit: disclosing God's voice to me:

- It is a familiar voice..... John 10:27-29
- It is a strong, expectant voice..... Hebrews 12:7-11
- It is a gentle, quiet voice..... 1 Kings 19:9-14
- It is a comforting, honest voice..... Matthew 16:17-19; John 21:15-18
- It is a King's voice..... Revelation 1:12-16
- It is a friend's voice..... John 15:12-17

How can I learn to distinguish and listen to my Father's voice?

Through quiet listening, deep understanding of the God-Story, accepting wise counsel, generous giving, and truth-speaking relationships.

The Spirit active and faithful in binding my brokenness and the brokenness of others:

- In dismantling personal strongholds..... 2 Corinthians 10:3-6
- In healing my past hurts..... Psalm 27:7-14
- In teaching me a heart for others..... 1 John 4:19-21
- In supervising my personal growth..... Philippians 1:6

Do I believe that God is able and willing to lovingly go with me where no one else can go?

The Spirit fighting evil with me in the war for my soul:

- Putting on the full armor of God..... Ephesians 6:10-20
- Teaching me Satan's schemes..... 1 Peter 5:6-11
- Equipping me to fight courageously..... 2 Corinthians 6:7
- Giving me spiritual discernment..... James 1:5

Do I believe I am in a life and death battle over my soul and the souls of others?

The Spirit helping me to live wisely and to walk with the wise:

- The companionship of friends..... Proverbs 18:24
- My choices for life input from co-workers, media, etc..... Philippians 4:8
- Leadership of teachers and shepherds..... Hebrews 13:7,17
- Partners in kingdom building..... 1 Corinthians 3:9

Are my companionship choices for media, meditation, and relationships wise ones?

In what ways am I experiencing transformation?