### SERMON HANDOUT: Discipleship and the Empowering Presence of the Holy Spirit[[1]](#footnote-1) 6-3-2018

The HELPER – the Holy Spirit, the Spirit of truth

John 14:15-17 HELPER- with you, in you

John 14:26 HELPER - teach you, help you remember

John 15:26 HELPER - bear witness @ Jesus

John 16:7 HELPER - convict (convince and conviction) sin, righteousness and judgement

Acts 2 Pentecost- came, 1st gospel centered sermon. Conviction sin.

Acts 2:38 Every believer receives the Holy Spirit.

Now - through the ages – Making, Maturing & Multiplying **disciples**.

Empowering presence revealed 2 very clear ways:

**1.) fruits of the Spirit** (Gal 5:22-23)

2.) **gifts of the Spirit** (Rom 12, 1 Cor 12, 1 Peter)

Introduction:

As disciples of Jesus Christ, born again from above and filled with the Holy Spirit, our lives should be characterized by regular experiences of God’s presence and power. It is His work **in us** that brings about transformation, and His activity **through us** that brings about edification and the fruits of the spirit.

We have the joy of receiving God’s grace, cultivating the Spirit’s gifts and fruits in us, and then in turn exercising them in serving others!

The Scriptures are clear. We are to ***“Pursue love, and earnestly desire the spiritual gifts.”*** (1 Cor. 14:1)

1. OUR RELATIONSHIP WITH THE HOLY SPIRIT
   1. BE FILLED WITH THE SPIRIT – Eph. 5:18-19
   2. BE IN FELLOWSHIP WITH THE HOLY SPIRIT – 2 Cor. 13:14
   3. BE LED BY THE HOLY SPIRIT – Rom. 8:13-14
   4. PURSUE LOVE, AND EARNESTLY DESIRE THE GIFTS of the SPIRIT 1Cor 14:1
2. **THE PURPOSE of the GIFTS OF THE HOLY SPIRIT**
   1. THE **PURPOSE** OF THE GIFTS

Spiritual Gift - *“****Any*** *ability that is empowered by the Holy Spirit and used in* ***any*** *ministry of the church”* – Wayne Grudem, *Systematic Theology p. 1016*

“We must be clear and convinced about what God says about His empowering presence though the spiritual gifts in the lives of people **individually**, and in the **church corporately**.

It is that conviction that will inspire you to faith, obedience and consistency in exercising the gifts & the gifts;; and it is that conviction that will provoke others to love and good works.”

1. Given for the common good - 1 Cor. 12:7
2. Given to serve others - 1 Pet. 4:10
3. To be exercised as expression of love - 1 Cor. 14:1
4. Exercised to edify the church - 1 Cor. 14:12
5. Can evangelize the unbelieving - 1 Cor. 14:24-25
6. Given that God may be glorified through Jesus Christ - 1 Pet. 4:11
7. **THE PRIORITY OF THE GIFTS of the HOLY SPIRIT**
   1. Because the gifts are a priority in Scripture they must be a priority in the church. We want to be growing in new and fresh filling experiences of the Holy Spirit.
8. We are not to be ignorant - 1 Cor. 12:1
9. To be earnestly desired - 1 Cor. 14:1,12
10. Given to each one - 1 Cor. 12:7
11. Given by the Holy Spirit - 1 Cor. 12:8-10
12. Given as he wills - 1 Cor. 12:11
13. The church is built up as each part does its work - Eph. 4:16
14. Are to be expected and exercised whenever you come together! - 1 Cor. 14:28
15. Are to be stirred, kindled and fanned into flame! – 2 Tim. 1:6

APPLICATION|:

1. READ: Cultivate a conviction from John 14-16 that God has given you a Helper – the Holy Spirit.

2. GROW: Ask regularly to be filled with the Spirit’s empowering presence.

3. STEP OUT IN FAITH: Exercise, experience, display and demonstrate His empowering presence.

4. USE YOUR GIFT ! : Serve with joy, faith and humility!

# ADDENDUM A

##### Activity of the Holy Spirit

• Imparts skill and ability - Exodus 31:3

• Anoints to prophesy - Numbers 11:25-29

• Imparts wisdom, understanding, counsel, power, knowledge and the fear of the Lord - Isaiah 11:2

**•** Anoints for prophecy, dreams and visions - Joel 2:28

**•** Will speak through us - Matthew 10:20

• Gives life - John 6:63

• Comforts and counsels - John 14:16-18

• Teaches - John 14:26

• Reminds - John 14:26

• Testifies about Jesus - John 15:26

• He convicts and reproves - John 16:8

• Guides into truth - John 16:13

• Glorifies Jesus – John 16:14

• Makes things known of the Lord - John 16:15

• Imparts power - Acts 1:8

• Baptism in the Holy Spirit – Acts 2:14-21

• Empowers to speak the Word of God boldly - Acts 4:31

• Imparted by laying on of hands - Acts 8:17; 19:6

• Comforts - Acts 9:31

• Directs the church - Acts 13:2, 4

• Pours the love of God into our hearts - Romans 5:5

• Controls the mind bringing life and peace - Romans 8:6

• Helps put to death sin – Romans 8:13

• Leads - Romans 8:14

• Testifies that we are God’s children - Romans 8:16

• Helps our infirmities, teaches to pray - Romans 8:26

• Ministers hope and peace – Romans 15:13

• Reveals and illumines - 1 Corinthians 2: 6-16

• Dwells within us - 1 Corinthians 6:19

• Imparts gifts - 1 Corinthians 12:4-11; Hebrews 2:4

• Brings freedom/ liberty – 2 Corinthians 3:17

• Will fellowship with us – 2 Corinthians13:14

• Reveals God as “Abba, father” – Galatians 4:6

• Enables to resist the desires of the flesh – Galatians 5:16

• Walks with us – Galatians 5:25

• Brings wisdom and revelation – Ephesians 1:17

• Strengthens with power in our inner man – Ephesians 3:16

• Can be grieved – Ephesians 4:30

• Fills us – Ephesians 5:18

• Enables worship – Philippians 3:3

• Provides joy – I Thessalonians 1:6

• Can be quenched – 1 Thessalonians 5:19

• Sanctifies – 2 Thessalonians 2:13

• Regeneration and renewal – Titus 3:5

• Bears witness to forgiveness of sin – Hebrews 10:15-18

• Sanctifies – I Peter 1:2

• Speaks to churches – Revelation 2:11

##### ADDENDUM B

**The Gifts Mentioned in I Corinthians 12:8-10**

**Message of Wisdom –** Divine insight or strategy regarding a fact, situation or context.

**Message of Knowledge –** Divine awareness of a fact or truth about a person or situation.

**Faith –** The divine ability to exhibit extraordinary confidence in God by intervening with God-given authority through prayer and/or action to meet a specific need or challenge.

**Healing –** The divine ability to function as an instrument of God’s healing grace to help others receive his healing touch in their lives.

**Miraculous Powers –** The divine ability to perform powerful acts that are perceived by observers to have altered the ordinary course of nature.

**Prophecy –** The divine ability to present a clear message from God which edifies, exhorts, or comforts.

**Distinguishing between Spirits –** Divine ability to hear or read information and determine whether the source is divine, human, or demonic.

# Speaking in Different Kinds of Tongues – The divine ability to speak in an earthly language not learned and/or in a heavenly language.

**Interpretation of Tongues –** The divine ability to share the meaning of a message given in tongues.

**Other Gifts Mentioned in Scripture: (Include Romans 12:4-8)**

**Encouragement** – Romans 12:8

**Giving to Others** – Romans 12:8

**Showing Mercy –** Romans 12:8

**Administration –** I Corinthians 12:28

**Healing –** I Corinthians 12:30

**Serving –** Romans 12:7; I Peter 4:11

**Leadership –** Romans 12:8

##### ADDENDUM C

**Waiting on God**

### WE ARE TO WAIT ON GOD…

### Reverently – Ps. 25:12-14

### Expectantly (in faith!) – Hebrews 11:6

1. Patiently – Ps. 40:1
2. Humbly – Jn. 15:5; 1 Cor. 4:6-7
3. Quietly – Ps. 46:10-11
4. Watchfully – Prov. 24:30-34
5. Desperately – Gen. 32:26; Ps. 63:1
6. Aggressively – Prov. 2:1-9; Ps. 130:5-6
7. Purposefully – Ps. 63:1-5; Is. 50:4
8. Responsively – Ps. 73:28
9. Consistently – Ps. 16:7-8; 25:4-5

B. HEARING GOD (God speaks to us through His word, and Spirit filled non-authoritative ‘impressions’ or ‘senses’.)

**Jer. 33:3** 'Call to me and I will answer you and tell you great and unsearchable things you do not know.'

**Matt. 4:4** Jesus answered, "It is written: 'Man does not live on bread alone, but on every word that comes from the mouth of God.'"

**Acts 13:2** While they were worshipping the Lord and fasting, the Holy Spirit said, "Set apart for me Barnabas and Saul for the work to which I have called them."

**3** So after they had fasted and prayed, they placed their hands on them and sent them off.

**Heb. 12:25** See to it that you do not refuse him who speaks. If they did not escape when they refused him who warned them on earth, how much less will we, if we turn away from him who warns us from heaven?

**1 Sam. 3:1-21** The boy Samuel ministered before the LORD under Eli. In those days the word of the LORD was rare; there were not many visions. **2**  One night Eli, whose eyes were becoming so weak that he could barely see, was lying down in his usual place. **3** The lamp of God had not yet gone out, and Samuel was lying down in the temple of the LORD, where the ark of God was. **4** Then the LORD called Samuel. Samuel answered, "Here I am." **5**  And he ran to Eli and said, "Here I am; you called me." But Eli said, "I did not call; go back and lie down." So he went and lay down....

**1 Kings 19:11-13** The LORD said, "Go out and stand on the mountain in the presence of the LORD, for the LORD is about to pass by." Then a great and powerful wind tore the mountains apart and shattered the rocks before the LORD, but the LORD was not in the wind. After the wind there was an earthquake, but the LORD was not in the earthquake. **12** After the earthquake came a fire, but the LORD was not in the fire. And after the fire came a gentle whisper. **13**  When Elijah heard it, he pulled his cloak over his face and went out and stood at the mouth of the cave. Then a voice said to him, "What are you doing here, Elijah?"

**John 10:27** My sheep hear/ listen to my voice; I know them, and they follow me.

**1 Thess. 5:19** Do not put out the Spirit's fire; **20** do not treat prophecies with contempt.

**21**  Test everything. Hold on to the good.

**Rev. 3:20** Here I am! I stand at the door and knock. If anyone hears my voice and opens the door, I will come in and eat with him, and he with me.

##### ADDENDUM D

Praying Through Scripture Personally or in a Group

#### EXERCISES for Consideration

1. Select a passage of Scripture in advance. During prayer, read short phrases from the passage and invite the group members to offer up any prayer burden that is prompted by that phrase. Do not be anxious, exhortative or in a hurry if there are periods of silence.

E.G. Psalm 46 "God is our refuge and strength."

- Lord, may my unbelieving relative find refuge in you rather than the things of the world.

- Lord, be my strength during this difficulty on the job.

- Lord, you're my refuge and strength against this sin.

E.G. John 3:16 "God so loved the world"

- Lord, thank you for your love for me.

- Lord, make your love known to my sick friend in the hospital.

* Lord, put such a love in my heart.
* Lord, thank you for your love for all the world, including……….

1. Ask each person in the group to state their greatest, personal prayer burden. Have everyone write these down as they are shared. Select a passage of scripture (in advance), e.g. Psalm 145. Go around the room having each person read a verse until the entire Psalm is read. Then, spend time in prayer for one another, using sections of the Psalm as a basis for prayer for each separate need. For example, someone burdened for their children might be encouraged by verse 13, *“Thy dominion endures throughout all generations.”*

3. From Hebrews 12: 1-2 ask each person, as they have faith towards God to do so, to share what the Lord has shown them to be a besetting temptation or entangling sin in their life. Ask it be jotted down. Go around the room and read Psalm 103 in its entirety. Then have everyone participate in prayer using sections of the Psalm as a basis for encouragement, comfort or exhortation

1. *Adapted from numerous resources from Covenant Life Church, Sovereign Grace Pastors College, Living Hope Community Church and various small group leaders and pastor’s conference workshops by G. Ricucci, Pastor of Student Life at the Pastor’s College.*  [↑](#footnote-ref-1)