

This subject DESERVES a Part TWO – Doesn't it?

We started this PLEA Last Week – Holy Spirit, Guide My Life !

& we looked at THREE Key steps  
for the Holy Spirit to GUIDE our Life

- 1) Be FILLED
- 2) Be HONEST
- 3) Be OBEDIENT

& we ADDED this Repetitive Word – BEING  
& we said – We have to BE - BEING

Meaning – We have to

ALWAYS Be-Being FILLED

ALWAYS Be-Being HONEST

ALWAYS Be-Being OBEDIENT

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But Even as I was teaching it last week – I was thinking  
*“Man, we’re NOT Talking about THE HOW”*

So Today – We’re going to talk about THE HOW

HOW can we develop a life where we are

ALWAYS Being FILLED with the Holy Spirit

ALWAYS Being HONEST about our Feelings and Actions

ALWAYS Being OBEDIENT to God’s Direction in our Life

## Let's Pray

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We've done **So much teaching** that applies to this **critical area** of being a **Christ-Follower**

**Remember** – I **mentioned** last week you can **go** to the **WBM PHONE APP**

**Tap on MY Teaching** - (because we're **in** the **process** of putting **Teaching** on the **Entire Bible** on the phone app)

So - Tap on **MY Teaching** – Then **Topical** – Then **Holy Spirit Msg's** & you will **find** a **TON of teaching** on the Holy Spirit **there**

& the **Largest, Overall, General Theme** - you'll **Find** there Is the SAME One - we MUST GRASP – TODAY . . . (& *that is this*)

**Our RELATIONSHIP with Jesus Christ  
Is ENABLED BY – The Holy Spirit !!**

We have **GOT to GRASP** - **THAT Overall Concept** **about** the Holy Spirit

The **Holy Spirit** is the **CONDUIT** of our **Relationship** with Jesus

He is the **FACILITATOR** of our **Relationship** with Jesus

He is the **POWER** of our **Relationship** with Jesus

He is the **CHANGE AGENT** of our **Relationship** with Jesus

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We've Got to GET OUT of our Minds – that Crazy Notion - that the Holy Spirit is AN OPTION in our Relationship with Jesus

There are FAR TOO MANY Christians who believe  
The Holy Spirit is an OPTION in their FAITH  
THE DEVIL does Back-Flips every time a Christian buys into that

Because without the Holy Spirit  
the best you can hope for – is LIFELESS RELIGION

John Stott - Respected Scholar & Theologian, says  
*As a body without breath is a corpse, so the church without the Holy Spirit is dead*

IF - the Holy Spirit is the CONDUIT & FACILITATOR  
of a Genuine Relationship with Jesus Christ  
THEN - Without the Holy Spirit – We CANNOT HAVE  
a Genuine Relationship with Jesus Christ

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So let's start – By Briefly REVIEWING those claims

Turn Over to John Ch 14 - Where Jesus is giving his Disciples  
His Final Instructions - before his Departure from Earth

Again – I can only REVIEW these vs's today  
But I taught them in detail in the 'Growing in the Holy Spirit' Series

So - this is Just Some BACKGROUND for us today

## **John 14:15–18 (NLT)**

**15 “If you love me, obey my commandments.**

**16 And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate, who will never leave you. (that’s Him Allos Parakletos – One of the Same Kind & Quality, called to come alongside to Help)**

**17 He is the Holy Spirit, who leads into all truth. The world cannot receive him, because it isn’t looking for him and doesn’t recognize him. But you know him, because he lives with you now and later will be in you.**

**18 No, I will not abandon you as orphans - I will come to you.**

**There is a TON in those vs’s – But – In Summary they are saying**

The Holy Spirit is the Conduit, Facilitator, & Power  
of your Relationship with Jesus

## **Then - John 14:26–27 (NLT)**

**26 But when the Father sends the Advocate as my representative—that is, the Holy Spirit—he will teach you everything and will remind you of everything I have told you. (t’s the Holy Spirit that teaches and reminds you of God’s Word) - - & then**

**27 “I am leaving you with a gift—peace of mind and heart. And the peace I give is a gift the world cannot give . . . (this GIFT Jesus is talking about – IS the Holy Spirit)**

Then – Cont’g in the same conversation . . .

**John 16:5–14 (NLT) → → →**

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**5 “But now I am going away to the one who sent me . . .**

**. . .**

**7 But in fact, it is best for you that I go away, because if I don’t, the Advocate won’t come. If I do go away, then I will send him to you.**

**8 And when he comes, he will convict the world of its sin . . .**

**. . .**

**13 When the Spirit of truth comes, he will guide you into all truth. He will not speak on his own but will tell you what he has heard . . .**

**14 He will bring me glory by telling you whatever he receives from me.**

**Jesus says – it is BEST if I go away**

Because **THEN** the **Holy Spirit can come** to you

**HE is the One who Convicts of SIN**

**& HE is the One who Guides you into ALL TRUTH**

**& Notice (v.14) – The ROLE of the Holy Spirit  
is to bring GLORY to Jesus Christ**

**NO-ONE Else - & NO-THING Else – Jesus Christ ONLY**

Now - **That** is just some **Quick INSPIRATION**  
to **get** us **SEEKING / DESIRING** - the **Holy Spirit**

The other truth that begins in these Vs's is the

WITH – IN – UPON - Growth Process  
of the Holy Spirit in your life

This is a CRITICAL PROCESS, that I don't have time to teach today

So – I REALLY encourage you to Watch/Listen to the Msg  
*“Growing in The Holy Spirit - PT 1”*  
in the *“Growing in the Holy Spirit”* Series

I Really Dive into these Vs's  
& Explain the WITH – IN – UPON Growth Process

Get the WBM PH APP – Tap “Search Icon” – Type ‘Growing Series’

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But – for today – we've GOT to Keep moving

#1) HOW do you Grow in your Ability  
to “Continually Be Being Filled” with the Holy Spirit?

Luke Ch 11 is a good place to start - for the answer

In Luk 11 – Jesus is teaching about PRAYER

& in V.5 it says *“Teaching them more about prayer, Jesus told this story”*

& then Jesus tells a story about you going to your friend's house  
at Midnight to borrow some bread

But your friend calls out from bed – saying,  
“Go away, we’re already in bed for the night”

& then – in Vs.8-9 – Jesus says this

**Luke 11:8 (NLT)**

*8 But I tell you this—though he won’t do it for friendship’s sake, if you keep knocking long enough, he will get up and give you whatever you need because of your shameless persistence.*

*9 “And so I tell you, keep on asking, and you will receive what you ask for. Keep on seeking, and you will find. Keep on knocking, and the door will be opened to you.*

Jesus is Illustrating & Explaining – a SHAMELESS PERSISTENCE  
in CONTINUAL – UNRELENTING – PRAYER

& then – finishing this Discourse on Unrelenting Prayer

**Jesus says in Luke 11:11–13 (NLT)**

*11 “You fathers—if your children ask for a fish, do you give them a snake instead?*

*12 Or if they ask for an egg, do you give them a scorpion? Of course not!*

*13 So if you sinful people know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him.”*

Remember – the Context here is CONTINUAL, UNRELENTING  
Asking in PRAYER

**how much more will your heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who [CONTINUALLY, UNRELENTINGLY] ask him.**

& so – If **you want** the **SIMPLE Answer**  
to **How** you Can **Continually Be Being Filled** with the **Holy Spirit**

The **Answer** is **CONTINUALLY, UNRELENTINGLY** -  
with **Shameless Persistence**

**ASKING** God to **Continually BE Filling You** with the **Holy Spirit**

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& **I believe** the reason **Jesus FRAMED** this explanation  
with this **INTENSITY** of **Shameless Persistence**

Is to **convey** the **INTENSITY** - often **Necessary**  
to **break thru** the “**Natural**” - into the “**Supernatural**”

It **often takes** a real **INTENSITY** – to “**Break Away**” from  
our **Natural Tendency** - to Follow God **INTELLECTUALLY**

& **Instead** – To **Be FILLED** with the **Holy Spirit**  
**Enabling** us to **Follow** God **SUPER NATURALLY**

Let's <b><u>Be HONEST</u></b> – <b><u>Our Natural Tendency</u></b> Is to <b><u>Follow</u></b> God – <b><u>INTELLECTUALLY</u></b> (the way we THINK)
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& it **takes** an **Intense Desire** - to **BREAK-THRU** That  
& **begin** Following God **SUPER NATURALLY**

**WHICH COMES BY** - **Being FILLED** with the **Holy Spirit**

**BUT – Let me clarify**

**Following God SUPERNATURALLY**

Does **NOT** mean we **Disregard** our **INTELLECT**

It **means** we **CHOOSE INSTEAD**

to Follow the **SUPERNATURAL Leading** of the **Holy Spirit**  
**INSTEAD** of our Own **LOGIC & OPINION**

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**There's** much **MORE** I'd Like to **SAY** . . .

**But – IF** you will **CONTINUALLY, UNRELENTINGLY**  
with **Shameless Persistence**

**BE ASKING God to Continually FILL YOU**  
with His **Holy Spirit** – **HE WILL**

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**The Other thing** we have **GOT to DO**  
Is **LEARN** How to **SEEK** the **Holy Spirit** – **IN God's WORD !!**

This is **SO Critical** – But I **Can't really teach it** today **EITHER**

But **what** we **HAVE Done** is - We **handed you**  
a **list of scriptures** today as you **came in** – **ON the Holy Spirit**

**If you** are **watching** or **listening** in the **Future** – This list can be **found**  
on the **WBM PH APP** – Under **RESOURCES** (**Scrip By Topic**)

**My prayer** is that **you** would **Meditate** on these **Scriptures**  
Really **Spend some time** with them

Then **USE** them to **GUIDE your prayers**  
For **God** to **continually FILL you** with the **Holy Spirit**

**PERSONALIZE** those **Scriptures**

**Praying** the Holy Spirit would **BE - IN YOUR LIFE**  
**What** He **IS - IN GOD'S WORD**

**OUR SERIES** that **Teaches** this is – **ALONE WITH GOD**  
(**WBM Ph App** – Search **Alone With God**)

To **LEARN** how to have  
the **Holy Spirit Speak** to **you** – **IN God's Word**

I Promise – **Persistent, Unrelenting Prayer**  
That **God** would **Continually FILL you** with His **Holy Spirit**

**AND** – **Learning** How to **HEAR** from the **Holy Spirit**  
**IN Gods WORD . . . & then – Doing It**

**WILL KEEP YOU - Being Filled with the Spirit**

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**Now - MOVING ON → → →**

To Being HONEST - & Being OBEDIENT  
in Allowing the Holy Spirit to Guide your life

I want to Give you One Very Practical Approach – FOR BOTH

In my opinion – The First & Best Approach - FOR BOTH

Being HONEST & Being OBEDIENT  
in Allowing The Holy Spirit To Guide Your Life - - Is THIS

**Get into a Purposeful Discipling Relationship -  
of Mutual Accountability – with another Christian**

In my opinion  
this is THE BEST WAY to GROW in your ability

to Allow The Holy Spirit To Guide Your Life  
in both Being HONEST & Being OBEDIENT

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**A Purposeful Discipling Relationship –  
of Mutual Accountability – with another Christian**

Is a Relationship COMMITMENT – With ONE other Christian  
To Learn to Truly Follow Jesus Together

**& - For our Subject TODAY**

It is a Relationship COMMITMENT  
With ONE other Christian - To Learn Together

**How to Allow The Holy Spirit To Guide Your Lives**

**This is a Relationship – where you First COMMIT  
TO HELPING one another in this Area**

**AND Then – to Holding One Another ACCOUNTABLE in this Area**

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**& THEN – (here comes the hardest part)**

**THEN You Commit . . . TO BE HONEST !!!**

I said last week – when it comes to being  
Led by the SPIRIT or the FLESH

the Single Hardest Thing for a Christian – is to be HONEST

**& that's because - of the phenomenal PRIDE Monster  
That each of us has – RAGING inside of us**

**So – This Purposeful Discipling Relationship MUST Begin  
with a Commitment to HONESTY & TRANSPARENCY**

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**Then - Let me explain HOW this would work**

**First - in the area of Continually Being Honest  
In order to Allow The Holy Spirit To Guide Your Life**

**Think Carefully for a moment with me**

**Are you more NATURALLY Inclined?**

to have FEELINGS that come from your FLESH?  
or FEELINGS that come from THE HOLY SPIRIT?

Let me answer for you

If you are Not SINLESS

Then you are much more NATURALLY Inclined

to have FEELINGS that come from your FLESH  
rather than from The HOLY SPIRIT

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& if ALL your Christian Friends – MISTAKENLY think

That it's LOVING to support and encourage  
your feelings that come from the FLESH

Would ANY of those Relationships  
be considered – a Purposeful Discipling Relationship? (NO)

IF you understand - the FLESH is POISON to your Spiritual Life

Then having a Christian Friend who FUELS your FLESH  
IS like having a Drug Dealer constantly giving you Poison – FREE

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In a Purposeful Discipling Relationship

First – you would be HONEST & TRANSPARENT  
about your Feelings and your Actions (that's the hardest part)

& then your Purposeful Discipling Friend  
Would Listen – Carefully, & Lovingly

**But then they may say – Gently – *It seems like you may be struggling with Bitterness, Anger, Jealousy, or Selfish Ambition, etc***

**& THEN – here is actually the VERY HARDEST PART**

**AT that point – You would NOT Blow Up - & CUSS at your Friend  
& Turn your back on them forever  
& tell everyone how big an IDIOT they are**

**Instead – Because you have a INTENSE Commitment  
to allow the Holy Spirit to guide your life**

**Instead – You would say,**

***“Oh Man, you might be right! I hate hearing it, & I feel like punching you in the face right now – But you actually might be right!”***

**& you TAKE IT – You RECEIVE IT**

**& then you take it home, & you look in YOUR BIBLE  
under the Works of the Flesh**

**& then you text your friend back →**

***“It’s not easy to say, but you were right. Thanks for loving me enough to tell me the truth”***

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**Listen Please – a Purposeful Discipling Relationship → → →**

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Is a **Relationship** where **2 Christians AGREE**  
to **Lovingly HOLD** One another **ACCOUNTABLE**

To Being **HONEST & OBEDIENT** - about **whether** their **Feelings**  
& their **Actions** – are **from the FLESH**, or **from the SPIRIT**

& **MAN** – **Do we NEED that!**

**WHAT WE DO NOT NEED** – is Christian **Friends**  
Who **FUEL** our **FLESH-DRIVEN** – **Feelings & Actions**

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**Listen to THREE Vs's from PROV Ch 27**

**Proverbs 27:6 (NLT)**

***6 Wounds from a sincere friend are better than many kisses from an enemy.***

**To me** – a **SINCERE Friend** – is a **Discipling Friend**

**Who would say, “Hey brother, I think you might be in the flesh right now, let me help you out”**

**THAT** is a **Sincere Friend**

**Proverbs 27:9 (NLT)**

***9 The heartfelt counsel of a friend is as sweet as perfume and incense.***

Heartfelt Counsel is a Friend who would say,

*“Let’s pray together about this, let’s search the Bible together,  
let’s commit to being truly honest & obedient here”*

Proverbs 27:17 (NLT)

*17 As iron sharpens iron, so a friend sharpens a friend.*

The Problem is – We Don’t Really WANT to be Sharpened

We want our friends to SUPPORT our feelings & our actions  
No matter what they are

But the Bible says – THAT is NO True Friend

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I would CHALLENGE You today

To Develop ONE - Purposeful Discipling Relationship  
with ONE - Good Christian Friend

& Make a MUTUAL COMMITMENT

#1) To be HONEST With Each other  
about what you’re FEELING - and DOING

#2) To CONSIDER, Prayerfully & Biblically, if what you  
are Feeling or Doing - is from the FLESH or from the SPIRIT

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& **THEN** – the **NEXT LEVEL**  
of that **Purposeful Discipling Relationship**

Is to **HELP One Another** – Actually **CHOOSE OBEDIENCE**  
to **what** the **Holy Spirit is Saying**

**This** is that **Heartfelt Counsel** – we **just** read in **Prov 27:9**

**This** is **Praying & Searching** the Scriptures **FOR one another**

To **Come** up **With** . . . (NOT YOUR OPINION) **God Forbid** that!

(**PLEASE** – **Stop Giving** your **Christian Friends** your **OWN OPINION**)

**INSTEAD** – **PRAY & SEARCH** the **Scriptures** for them

& **come up** with **counsel** that is **Actually** What **GOD'S WORD SAYS**,

**Which** is **exactly WHAT** the **Holy Spirit** will be **Guiding them to do**

& in **THAT WAY** – This **Purposeful Discipling Relationship**  
can **become** your **Foundational Method**

of **Growing** in **BOTH** your **HONESTY** & **OBEDIENCE** to the Holy Spirit

**This** is a **VERY POWERFUL TOOL**

**Because** it **Sets the STAGE**

For the **Holy Spirit** to **USE another person** in your life

**To help you** Be **HONEST** about what your **Feeling** or **Doing**

**& to Help you CHOOSE** to **BE Obedient** to **God's Word**  
**AND** the **Leading** of the **Holy Spirit**

**Which** – Along with **CONTINUALLY BEING FILLED** with the Spirit

Will **ALLOW the Holy Spirit to Guide Your Life !!**

**Let's Pray**