

Disciple 7 ~ **The Spirit-Empowered Life.**

“All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Therefore, go and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely, I am with you always, even to the very end of the age.” **Matthew 28:18-20**

“A life of discipleship is made possible only through
the **empowering presence** of the Holy Spirit.”

Without the Holy Spirit, discipleship is merely an **exercise in will power.**

With the Holy Spirit, discipleship is an **experience in God’s power.**

Trying to do the Lord’s work in your own strength is the most confusing, exhausting, and tedious of all work. But when you are filled with the Holy Spirit, then the ministry of Jesus just flows out of you.” **Corrie Ten Boom**

“When the day of Pentecost came, they were all together in one place. Suddenly a sound like the blowing of a violent wind came from heaven and filled the whole house where they were sitting. They saw what seemed to be tongues of fire that separated and came to rest on each of them. All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit enabled them.” **Acts 2:1-4 NIV**

1. The Holy Spirit empowers us to live _____

So I say, let the Holy Spirit guide your lives. Then you won’t be doing what your sinful nature craves. The sinful nature wants to do evil, which is just the opposite of what the Spirit wants. And the Spirit gives us desires that are the opposite of what the sinful nature desires. These two forces are constantly fighting each other, so you are not free to carry out your good intentions.” **Galatians 5:16-17 NLT**

“When the Spirit of truth comes, he will guide you into all truth. **John 16:13a**

2. The Holy Spirit empowers us to live _____

“The Spirit of God, who raised Jesus from the dead, lives in you. And just as God raised Christ Jesus from the dead, he will give life to your mortal bodies by this same Spirit living within you.” **Romans 8:11 NLT**

“For God’s gifts and his call are irrevocable.” **Romans 11:29 NIV**

The spirit-empowered life doesn’t make me a better person than you...
it makes ME a better person than ME.

3. The Holy Spirit empowers us to live _____

From everyone who has been given much, much will be demanded; and from the one who has been entrusted with much, much more will be asked.” **Luke 12:48 NIV**

“Those who accepted his message were baptized, and about three thousand were added to their number that day.” **Acts 2:41 NIV**