

LESSON 4: God's Resources for Growth (Part 2)

God has not left you alone in this process of change. He has given you every divine resources so that you can know the power to change: **#1** - God has given you His Word. **#2** - God has given you the gift of constant communion with Him. **#3** - God has given you the Holy Spirit. **#4** - God has given you the body of Christ.

Principle #4: Since God's Word is the only authority for faith & conduct and is the sole, legitimate standard by which all aspects of living are evaluated, you are to rely on no other source. God's Word provides hope and gives direction for change in deeds (*thoughts, speech, and actions*) and is adequate to equip you for every good work.

The gift of the Holy Spirit that is at work through the Word of God and through the body of Christ is a powerful means by which God transforms every child of God.

Principle #5: Only through the power of the Holy Spirit are you able to live an _____ (John 14:26, 16:7-14, Romans 5:8-11, 1 Corinthians 2:9-14, Ephesians 1:13-14, 5:18)

Principle #6: Prayer is essential to a Spirit-controlled life (Psalm 145:18-19). You are to be devoted to prayer, according to God's will, and to bring everything and everyone unceasingly before the Lord in prayer (Luke 18:1; Ephesians 6:18; Philippians 4:6; Colossians 4:2)

THE HOLY SPIRIT EMPOWERS YOU TO SOLVE YOUR PROBLEMS

ESSENTIAL TRUTH: The Holy Spirit is your _____, your _____, and your sensitive _____ who reveals the wisdom of God to you (John 14:16, 26; 16:7-13; 1 Corinthians 2:6-13).

Guide – the One who shows you the way to go when you are lost

Instructor – the One who teaches you when you lack knowledge

Counselor – the One who listens and instructs when you are _____

Wisdom of God – the One who _____ & _____ reveals God to you so that you would love Him, fear Him, and walk with Him

A BRIEF LOOK AT THE HOLY SPIRIT

TRUTH #1: The Holy Spirit is fully God & Equal with God (*possess both the qualities of God & does the works of God*)

- A. The Holy Spirit is Eternal – **Hebrews 9:14**
- B. The Holy Spirit is Truth – **John 15:26**
- C. The Holy Spirit is _____ present - **Psalm 139:7-10**
- D. The Holy Spirit is Creator – **Genesis 1:2**
- E. The Holy Spirit is Active in Salvation – **Hebrews 9:14**
- F. The Holy Spirit is Active in _____ – **1 Corinthians 6:11**
- G. The Wisdom of God is made known through the Holy Spirit – **1 Corinthians 2:10-11**
- H. The Christian is _____ in Jesus through the Holy Spirit – **2 Corinthians 1:21-22**
- I. The Holy Spirit is sent to believers by God the Father – **John 14:26**
- J. God with us is realized in the Holy Spirit – **Romans 8:9**

TRUTH #2: The Holy Spirit provides the overcoming & abundant life for you in Christ

- A. Is the regenerating power for your spiritual new birth – **John 3:5-8**
- B. Gives you life in Christ – **John 6:63**
- C. Seals you in Jesus Christ – **2 Corinthians 1:21-22**
- D. Is the _____ of your inheritance – proving that you belong to Christ and will see Him face-to-face – **2 Corinthians 1:22 & 1 Corinthians 13:12**
- E. Indwells you and is the _____ that you belong to Jesus – **2 Timothy 1:14 & Romans 8:9**
- F. Sanctifies the Believer (i.e. continually sets you apart) – **2 Thessalonians 2:13**
- G. Enables you to discern between _____ & _____ – **1 John 2:20 & 27**
- H. Pours the love of God in our hearts – **Romans 5:5**
- I. _____ the church through the giving of spiritual gifts – **1 Corinthians 12:7**
- J. Gives _____ even when circumstances are dismal – **Acts 13:52**

TAKE AWAY #1: The Holy Spirit is God – *do not short-change the person or work of the Holy Spirit*

TAKE AWAY #2: The Holy Spirit's indwelling presence is the fulfillment of _____ - God with us

TAKE AWAY #3: The power to live the sanctified life, is _____ to the indwelling presence of the Holy Spirit in the life of the Christian.

TAKE AWAY #4: Every born again follower of Jesus possesses a _____ measure of the Holy Spirit

TAKE AWAY #5: The Holy Spirit works _____ through the Word of God, *so if you want to keep in step with the Spirit dig deep into the Word that the Spirit wrote.*

THE BODY OF CHRIST ENABLES YOU TO WALK RIGHTLY WITH GOD

ESSENTIAL TRUTH: The body of Christ is a primary means of grace for the child of God. There is not a single example of an isolated or loner Christian in the Word of God (*except for maybe a prophet who was declaring judgement on a rebellious people*). God's good plan for His children is that they will be part of His covenant community called the Church (1 Corinthians 1:2 & 4:17; 1 Timothy 3:5).

A BRIEF LOOK AT THE BODY OF CHRIST

TRUTH #1: The body of Christ is a _____ means by which you will become more like Jesus – Hebrews 10:24-25

TRUTH #2: The body of Christ is given gifts that you absolutely _____ to rightly walk with God - Ephesians 4:15-16 & 1 Corinthians 12:12-27

TRUTH #3: The body of Christ is the means by which God _____ wayward saints – Galatians 6:1 & Matthew 18:15-20

TRUTH #4: The body of Christ will keep you from _____ your heart to Jesus – Hebrews 3:12-13

TRUTH #5: The Body of Christ will build you up in the faith when you are _____ – 1 Thessalonians 5:11

TRUTH #6: The body of Christ keeps you from being a _____ – Proverbs 28:26

TRUTH #7: The body of Christ will bear your burdens - Galatians 6:2

