

POWER: SEVEN STEPS TO RECEIVING THE HOLY SPIRIT

1 Corinthians 14: Pursue love, and desire spiritual *gifts*, but especially that you may prophesy. ²For he who speaks in a tongue does not speak to men but to God, for no one understands *him*; however, in the spirit he speaks mysteries. ³But he who prophesies speaks edification and exhortation and comfort to men. ⁴He who speaks in a tongue edifies himself, but he who prophesies edifies the church. ⁵I wish you all spoke with tongues, but even more that you prophesied; for ⁶he who prophesies *is* greater than he who speaks with tongues, unless indeed he interprets, that the church may receive edification.

¹⁴For if I pray in a tongue, my spirit prays, but my understanding is unfruitful.

Jude ²⁰But you, beloved, building yourselves up on your most holy faith, praying in the Holy Spirit,

SEVEN STEPS:

- 1. Help the believer see that God has already given the Holy Spirit and they must receive Him.**

Acts 19:1-6 And it happened, while Apollos was at Corinth, that Paul, having passed through the upper regions, came to Ephesus. And finding some disciples ²he said to them, “Did you receive the Holy Spirit when you believed?” So they said to him, “We have not so much as heard whether there is a Holy Spirit.”

³And he said to them, “Into what then were you baptized?”

So they said, “Into John’s baptism.”

⁴Then Paul said, “John indeed baptized with a baptism of repentance, saying to the people that they should believe on Him who would come after him, that is, on Christ Jesus.”

⁵When they heard *this*, they were baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus. ⁶And when Paul had laid hands on them, the Holy Spirit came upon them, and they spoke with tongues and prophesied.

ACT 8: ¹⁴Now when the apostles who were at Jerusalem heard that Samaria had received the word of God, they sent Peter and John to them, ¹⁵who, when they had come down, prayed for them that they might receive the Holy Spirit.

- The apostles didn't pray that God would give them the Holy Spirit they prayed that they would receive Him,
2. **Anyone who comes to receive the Holy Spirit that is saved is qualified to receive the Holy Spirit immediately.**

Acts 2: ³⁷ Now when they heard *this*, they were cut to the heart, and said to Peter and the rest of the apostles, "Men *and* brethren, what shall we do?"

³⁸ Then Peter said to them, "Repent, and let every one of you be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins; and you shall receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. ³⁹ For the promise is to you and to your children, and to all who are afar off, as many as the Lord our God will call."

3. Tell people to receive when hands are laid on them (Present tense)

Hebrews 11:1 Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen

- The Holy Spirit is received by faith and faith is always now

4. Tell candidate what to expect as he receives the Holy Spirit.

- The Holy Spirit will move on your vocal organs and put super-natural words on your lips and you must speak it out in cooperation with the Holy Spirit,

Acts 2: ⁴ And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance.

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- Notice it is always the person speaking as the Spirit gives the utterance, He will not speak for you, you must do it,
- Speaking in tongues is not completely you and not completely the Holy Spirit it is cooperation of the both of you,

5. Fear maybe hindering you from receiving the baptism in the Holy Spirit

Luke 11: ¹¹ **If a son asks for bread^[a] from any father among you, will he give him a stone? Or if he asks for a fish, will he give him a serpent instead of a fish? ¹² Or if he asks for an egg, will he offer him a scorpion? ¹³ If you then, being evil, 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!"**

- If you are a child of God going to the Father to receive the Holy Spirit then that is what you are going to receive, if you haven't received Jesus you don't qualify yet,

6. You must be ready to open your mouth and use your vocal cords, the Holy Spirit will give the utterance but you must give voice to the utterance

- You must speak whatever utterance the Spirit gives you, you must speak it out!

John 7: ³⁷ On the last day, that great *day* of the feast, Jesus stood and cried out, saying, **"If anyone thirsts, let him come to Me and drink.³⁸ He who believes in Me, as the Scripture has said, out of his heart will flow rivers of living water."** ³⁹ But this He spoke concerning the Spirit, whom those believing^[a] in Him would receive; for the Holy^[b] Spirit was not yet *given*, because Jesus was not yet glorified.

- Jesus is talking about receiving the Holy Spirit but He is making the analogy of drinking, YOU MUST OPEN YOUR MOUTH IN ORDER TO DRINK, FAITH IS BELIEVING AND IT IS ALSO AN ACTION,

7. Try to keep the person from being distracted

Acts **2** When the Day of Pentecost had fully come, they were all with one accord^[a] in one place.

- Keep the environment respectful to the Holy Spirit, one person giving the instructions,

- Tell them to speak out what the Holy Spirit gives them in their supernatural language and they must open their mouth to do that!