

And when the time came for their purification according to the Law of Moses, they brought him up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord²³ (as it is written in the Law of the Lord, “Every male who first opens the womb shall be called holy to the Lord”)²⁴ and to offer a sacrifice according to what is said in the Law of the Lord, “a pair of turtledoves, or two young pigeons.”²⁵ Now there was a man in Jerusalem, whose name was Simeon, and this man was righteous and devout, waiting for the consolation of Israel, and the Holy Spirit was upon him.²⁶ And it had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not see death before he had seen the Lord’s Christ.²⁷ And he came in the Spirit into the temple, and when the parents brought in the child Jesus, to do for him according to the custom of the Law,²⁸ he took him up in his arms and blessed God and said,²⁹ “Lord, now you are letting your servant depart in peace, according to your word;³⁰ for my eyes have seen your salvation³¹ that you have prepared in the presence of all peoples,³² a light for revelation to the Gentiles, and for glory to your people Israel.” Luke 2:22–32 (ESV)

Simeon can in the spirit into the temple.

“Simeon came to give something, and left having received more than imagined.”

1. Living by the Spirit in the world offers satisfaction

Meanwhile the disciples were urging him, saying, “Rabbi, eat.”³² But he said to them, “I have food to eat that you do not know about.”³³ So the disciples said to one another, “Has anyone brought him something to eat?”³⁴ Jesus said to them, “My food is to do the will of him who sent me and to accomplish his work. John 4:31–34 (ESV)

2. Living by the Spirit in the world offers revelation.

“I pray that you may be active in sharing your faith, so that you will have a full understanding of every good thing we have in Christ.” Philemon 6 (NIV84)

3. Living by the spirit in the world offers opportunity to make difference.

“To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good.” 1 Corinthians 12:7 (ESV)

The gifts of Spirit are meant to build up the body of Christ. (1 Corinthians 12, 14, and Romans 12)

4. Living by the Spirit in the world offers moments of rejoicing.

“The seventy-two returned with joy and said, ‘Lord, even the demons submit to us in your name.’” Luke 10:17 (NIV84)

“And behold, I am sending the promise of my Father upon you. But stay in the city until you are clothed with power from on high.” Luke 24:49 (ESV)