

I. Review

A. Previous Sessions

1. The necessity of the Holy Spirit
2. The role of the Holy Spirit
3. A different spirit

II. The Word and Spirit Connection

A. The Word and the Spirit always work together.

1. At creation, God spoke, the Spirit performed the work.
2. **John 6:63**
  - **NKJV** "It is the Spirit who gives life; the flesh profits nothing. The words that I speak to you are spirit, and *they* are life"
  - **GNT** "What gives life is God's Spirit; human power is of no use at all. The words I have spoken to you bring God's life-giving Spirit."
  - **NIV** "The Spirit gives life; the flesh counts for nothing. The words I have spoken to you—they are full of the Spirit and life."
3. Born of the Word and Spirit – *Begotten by the Word*
  - **James 1:18**
  - **KJV** "Of his own will begat he us with the word of truth, that we should be a kind of firstfruits of his creatures."
  - **NASB** "In the exercise of His will He gave us birth by the word of truth, so that we would be a kind of first fruits among His creatures."

**PASTOR'S NOTE:** *The New Birth experience required the work of the Word and Spirit.*

B. The Word cannot perform its function without the Spirit, likewise the Spirit cannot perform His function without the Word.

1. Every function of the Spirit requires the Word of God if it is to be working and full potential.
  - He leads, guides, corrects, empowers, and helps with the assistance of the Word of God.
2. The person who does not renew their mind to the Word of God, is limiting the ability of the Holy Spirit to work at full capacity in their life.
3. The Word/Spirit church conflict.
  - a. "Our church is a Spirit led church"
    - *This is often stated from people who want the move of the Spirit but do not place value on the Word being taught or preached. Often, these people will gravitate toward those holding the office of Prophet or Evangelists more than those in the office of Pastor or Teacher.*
  - b. "Our church is a word church"
    - *Often this is stated by churches that specialize in the teaching of the Word. The undertone of this statement says: we value the Word, but we really don't care*

*too much for the moving of the Spirit. These people will gravitate more to those in the office of Teacher and Pastor rather than those called to the other five-fold ministry offices.*

**PASTOR'S NOTE: We need the supply of every ministerial office if we are going to enjoy the FULLNESS of what God has planned for us.**

- *Those who are more comfortable with the WORD should discipline themselves to receive from the moving of the SPIRIT.*
- *Those who are more drawn to the moving of the SPIRIT, should discipline themselves to value and esteem the WORD when it is being taught.*
- *We only receive the FULLNESS of what God has, as we receive from both – the Word and Spirit.*

4. Developing in the “Spirit Life,” will require the Word of God to be active and alive in you.
  - a. The level of WORD CONTENT in your life will determine the level by which the Spirit is able to lead you.
  - b. A person who has no knowledge or understanding of the Word will struggle to be led by the Spirit. ***They will often confuse the impressions of the flesh/senses as the leading of the Spirit. They will walk in confusion. The common phase will be, “I FEEL.”***
5. The renewing of the mind to the Word of God positions us to be led of the Spirit.
  - a. The more my mind is renewed to the Word of God, the easier it will be to be led of the Spirit.
  - b. Often when leading us, the Spirit will take us directly to the Word.
  - c. Being led by the Spirit is being led by the Word.

### **C. Practical Application**

1. When reading the Word, take time to pause and listen to what the Spirit may be saying.
2. Pay attention to the leading of the Spirit regarding your study of the Word.
  - a. Should I listen to sermons?
  - b. Should I read and if so, what?
  - c. Pay attention when a specific scripture comes to mind. Take time to look it up in various translations.
  - d. Ask the Holy Spirit for guidance when studying the Word.
  - e. The Holy Spirit moves toward us as we honor His presence by listening to and obeying His directives.