



## Life Hacks // Upgrade to the Holy Spirit

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### - Greatest Life Hack

- The connection I want to talk about tonight is our connection with the Holy Spirit
- The Holy Spirit is tragically neglected, we may feel a little intimidated to learn about
- The Holy Spirit is not a our stomach growling when we get hungry, it is not some mythical force (like in StarWars), or gives us supernatural powers (like some kind of Christian Super Heroes).
- The Holy Spirit is often times forgotten about.
- the Holy Spirit is called the Holy Ghost. The Bible was originally written in other languages—Hebrew, Greek, and Aramaic—but this early version of an English Bible translated “spirit” as “ghost.” The negative connotation of that word might have confused or repelled believers in the past, but we don’t need to be afraid of the Holy Spirit. He is our Helper and Comforter on earth!

### When Jesus is about to die, he says in John 14:25-27

25 I am telling you these things now while I am still with you. 26 But when the Father sends the Advocate as my representative—that is, the Holy Spirit—he will teach you everything and will remind you of everything I have told you. 27 “I am leaving you with a gift—peace of mind and heart. And the peace I give is a gift the world cannot give. So don’t be troubled or afraid.

- But we should be encouraged that we already know him: any experience we have had or will have with God on earth is actually through the Holy Spirit.

### WHO IS THE HOLY SPIRIT?

- We might not have recognized that he was the one at work, but if we are born again (we accepted Jesus as our savior), our relationship with God is saturated with experiences of the Holy Spirit.
- The Holy Spirit is the personal and empowering presence of God
- The Holy Spirit wants to be working in our lives.
- The Holy Spirit is God
- The Holy Spirit is the Great Life Hack!

- **Read John 14:16-17**

- And I will ask the **Father**, and he will give you another **Helper**, who will never leave you. He is the **Holy Spirit**, who leads into all truth. The world cannot receive him, because it isn't looking for him and doesn't recognize him. But you know him, because he lives with you now and later will be in you.
- So we understand the Holy Spirit a little better, why do we need the Holy Spirit?
- Because we don't understand the Holy Spirit we don't believe that the miracle Jesus did, God wants to do through us!
- **Read John 14:12**
  - Very truly I tell you, whoever believes in me will do the works I have been doing, and they will do even greater things than these, because I am going to the Father.
- Jesus wanted us to pray for the Holy Spirit to work in our lives.
- Why because He wanted us to be used by God the same way He was
- So he gave us the Gifts of the spirit, so that we wouldn't hold onto them, but allow the Holy Spirit to move through us and work in others.
- See the Holy Spirit gives us gifts so that we may give it to others, so that they may know God!
- 1 Corinthians 12:4-12 // Go read to learn more about the gifts of the spirit
- Paul talks about our responsibility to use these gifts so that the Holy Spirit can move within the church community.
- Gift of knowing - Wisdom, knowledge, discernment
- Gift of doing - faith, healing, miracles
- Gift of praying/speaking - prophesy, speaking in another language (speaking in tongues), interpretation of another language
- Why would we not want all that God has for us?

Be hungry to Receive, Pray and Ask, Live it out

### **Romans 8:26-28**

26 In the same way, the Spirit helps us in our weakness. We do not know what we ought to pray for, but the Spirit himself intercedes for us through wordless groans. 27 And he who searches our hearts knows the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for God's people in accordance with the will of God. 28 And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to his purpose.