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“What families need most is not perfection, but the **PRESENCE of God.**”

1. Parenting – Jesus Style

- **Mark 1:10-11** ...Spirit descended ... This is my Son in whom I am well pleased.
- **John 20:29** My Father has given them (disciples) to me.
- **Mark 3:14** He appointed twelve that they might be with him and that he might send them out to preach.
- **Matthew 28:19** ... Go and make disciples... (*be transformed to transform others*)

You Need More Than Parenting Skills — You Need Spiritual Power

- **Acts 1:8** ...receive power when the Holy Spirit comes ...you will be my witnesses ...

“The goal is not merely well-behaved kids, but Spirit-formed disciples.”

2. Parenting is a matter of Stewardship.

- **Psalm 127:3** “Children are a heritage from the Lord...”
- **Proverbs 22:6** Train a child up in the way they should go, and even when they are old, they will not turn from it.
- **1 Corinthians 4:2** “It is required that those who have been given a trust must prove faithful.”
- **Matthew 25:14-30** ... To one he gave five talents, to another two, to another one, to each according to his ability. ...²⁹ For to everyone who has will more be given, and he will have an abundance. But from the one who has not, even what he has will be taken away.

“Successful parenting is not measured merely by achievement, but by faithful stewardship before God.”

3. Your Family Needs the Power of God’s Presence.

- **Romans 8:14** “For those who are led by the Spirit of God are the children of God.”
- **Ephesians 5:18–6:4** Paul moves directly from: “Be filled with the Spirit ...” into marriage, parenting, and family instruction.

“You cannot raise Spirit-led children while living Spirit-neglected lives.”

“Your greatest Family breakthrough is not another strategy, but a fresh surrender to the Holy Spirit?”

Basic Steps to Receiving the Holy Spirit

1. Recognize Your Need for God

The Holy Spirit is not earned through good behavior or religious effort. We begin by acknowledging our need for forgiveness, transformation, and new life in Christ.

“All have sinned and fall short of the glory of God.” **Romans 3:23**

2. Believe in Jesus Christ

The Holy Spirit is given to those who place their faith in Jesus—His death, resurrection, and Lordship.

“Repent and be baptized... in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins. And you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit.” **Acts 2:38**

Salvation and the gift of the Spirit are connected.

3. Repent and Surrender

Repentance means turning from sin and turning toward God. Receiving the Holy Spirit involves surrendering control of your life to Christ.

“Draw near to God, and He will draw near to you.” **James 4:8**

4. Ask in Faith

Jesus taught that the Father delights in giving the Holy Spirit to those who ask.

“How much more will your heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask Him!” **Luke 11:13**

Simple Prayer: *Lord Jesus, I believe in You. Forgive my sins, fill me with Your Spirit, lead my life, and help me follow You.*

5. Receive by Faith

The Holy Spirit is received by faith—not by emotion, performance, or striving.

“Did you receive the Spirit by works of the law or by believing what you heard?” **Galatians 3:2**








Some experience strong emotions; others experience quiet assurance. The promise rests on God’s faithfulness, not our feelings.

6. Continue Walking in the Spirit

Receiving the Holy Spirit is both a moment and a lifelong relationship. We grow as we daily yield to Him through prayer, Scripture, worship, obedience, and fellowship.

“Since we live by the Spirit, let us keep in step with the Spirit.” **Galatians 5:25**

UPCOMING EVENTS

<p>Small Group Sunday & Child Dedication Service May 31</p> <p>Lead A Small Group Scan here to sign up</p> 		<p>Guard the Light Parents Seminar May 30</p> <p>Scan here to sign up</p> 
		<p>Child Dedication Scan here to sign up</p>
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