

**Joining God**  
**Vision Sunday Part 2**  
**John 5:17**  
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**A. How do we know if the Holy Spirit is working in our lives?**

- 1. The Holy Spirit always aligns with the Word of God.**  
(Psalm 119:105; Hebrews 4:12)
- 2. The Holy Spirit produces the fruit of the Spirit.**  
(Galatians 5:22-23a)
- 3. Be on the lookout for false guilt.** (Revelation 12:10)

“People can carry feelings of false guilt and shame, too. False guilt is a feeling of conviction for actions that fail to meet standards that are not God’s standards (these can be other’s expectations, personal standards for yourself, or an event that is not your fault). False shame is when your own low opinion of who you are as a person or your value is determined by something other than God’s opinion of you (your failures, sufferings, or another’s low opinion of who you are, etc.).

God does not want you to carry burdens of guilt or shame. Jesus came to wash away guilt and give you a new identity of eternal significance. He wants to heal you from sin’s damage and for you to see yourself through His eyes. God’s grace offers freedom and purpose for you as a beloved child of God.”

[www.regenerationrecovery.org/struggles/guilt-shame](http://www.regenerationrecovery.org/struggles/guilt-shame)

- 4. Ask for input from mature and respected believers.**  
(Titus 2:1-4; Acts 20:28)
- 5. If you are submitted and surrendered to God, God can take it from there.** (Romans 12:1-2)

**B. How do we know if the Holy Spirit is working in others?**

1. **Look** for spiritual interest and curiosity.
2. Ask spiritual **questions** about God, church, and the Bible.

**C. How do we join God in what He is doing in the lives of our family, friends, neighbors, and coworkers?**

1. **Pray** Philippians 1:6 for them.
2. **Give** them a Bible and Christian resources, or introduce them to the YouVersion Bible app.
3. **Open your life and home to them; make time for them.**  
(1 Thessalonians 2:8)
4. **Share the Good News of the gospel with them.**  
(Romans 10:13-16)
5. **Walk closely with Jesus.** (John 15:1-5)