

THE BEST OF BOTH WORLDS

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Most people don't understand what the Holy Spirit is, nor what it offers. Terms like 'eternal life', salvation', etc., are lost to most people as they cannot relate to what is being said. It is usually the testimony of a spirit filled person that opens the eyes and minds of the hearer. Their real life experience reveals what these scriptural promises actually mean; being explained through their own experiences and miracles. God offers the unsaved a sign which comes with the infilling of the Spirit... speaking in tongues (also the primary form of spiritual communication with God). The Holy Spirit is God's personal power. It is able to enter our bodies and unites with our own spirit, magnifying all our abilities and opportunities. The bible teaches us how to develop these powers and skills and the best way to apply them to get results. Even though our bodies will die, our spirit is united with God who cannot die, thus eternal life is made possible for us.

It is also not surprising, that many Christians are not committed to the greatest of God's natural promises either. Like nearly all of God's promises, they are only understood when personal testimonies of such blessings and experiences are forthcoming.

***This world's measures success by a far different standard than God.** However, God promises a far better natural life than what you could have achieved on your own. This promise relates to today and tomorrow, not just the future.*

MAR 10:29 And Jesus answered and said, **Verily I say unto you, There is no man (none) that hath left house, or brethren, or sisters, or father, or mother, or wife, or children, or lands, for my sake, and the gospel's (that has made personal sacrifices),** **30 But he shall receive an hundredfold now in this time,** houses, and brethren, and sisters, and mothers, and children, and lands, **with persecutions** (worldly troubles are guaranteed); **and in the world to come eternal life.** *God promises his people, greater blessings now and even greater blessings later. This win-win position is only available to serving Christians!! This is why it's vital that Christians take hold of these promises as lifestyle choices, rather than unused spiritual theories. We need examples for the newer converts to follow... for the sake of the church members and their future.*

***God has made the promises and filled us with the Spirit... it is up to us to live by example also. MAT 6:31** Therefore take no thought, saying, What shall we eat? or, What shall we drink? or, Wherewithal shall we be clothed? **32** (For after all these things do the Gentiles seek:) for your heavenly Father knoweth that ye have need of all these things. **33** But seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness (God's purposes as opposed to our personal wishes); and all these things shall be added unto you. Basics to put first...*

**Prayer and family prayer if applicable... start every day with prayer (tongues and natural speech).*

**Read at least some of the bible every day.*

**Get to as much fellowship as possible.*

**Give support to fellow saints, especially when you know someone is going through difficulties.*

**Share your testimony as often as you can, particularly to the unsaved.*

***Peter recommends basic actions that work. 1PET 4:7** But the end of all things is at hand: be ye therefore sober, and watch unto prayer. **8** And **above all things have fervent charity among yourselves:** for charity shall cover the multitude of sins (save lives). **9** Use hospitality one to another **without grudging.** **10** As every man hath received the gift, **even so minister the same one to another,** as good stewards of the manifold grace of God. *The same faith that gets us filled with the Holy Spirit also brings these wonderful blessings to us.**

***Never give up... no matter how you feel or what goes wrong! JER 29:11** For I know the thoughts that I think toward you, saith the LORD, **thoughts of peace, and not of evil,** to give you an expected end. *Many statements like this make it clear why it is much wiser to serve God first before we worry about our natural liabilities, needs or thoughts.* **12** Then shall ye call upon me, and ye shall go and pray unto me, and I will hearken unto you. **13** And ye shall seek me, and find me, when ye shall search for me **with all your heart.** *Putting God first (in a genuine way) has never changed from being the best provider of a good and happy life.**

***Jesus offers the best advice possible. MAT 28:18** And Jesus came and spake unto them, saying, All **power** is given unto me in heaven and in earth. **19** Go ye **therefore,** and **teach** all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost: **20 Teaching** them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, I am with you always, **even unto the end of the world** (God's servitude is towards us). **Amen.** *This requires time, spiritual energy and natural sacrifices... but this is how faith works best... this is where natural joy and contentment will also come from. A simple life that puts God's principles first gives us the guarantee of the best natural and spiritual life possible. The choice is always ours.**