

**FOR AS MANY AS ARE LED BY THE SPIRIT OF GOD****21/11/21**

*The Holy Spirit is the energy or power of God in action, just as our deeds (as opposed to our thoughts and assets) display our nature, to those around about us. For those who are anointed/filled with the Spirit, it's God's intention that we utilize the same powers for the salvation of others, so God's purposes can be established in us. Thus, we become the children of God, because our spiritual DNA is the same as God's... we are his offspring rather than the world's and we are motivated to act accordingly.*

*Being filled with the Spirit is only the beginning... walking in it through faith and action is what brings results.*

**It takes faith for this to be put into action. ROM 8:14** For as many as are led by the Spirit of God, they are the sons of God. The only way to successfully survive our spiritual birth and to grow in God's likeness is to keep nourishing our soul with spiritual food... this is how the spirit leads us. Faith, is the only link that ties the natural and spiritual forces together. Regardless of the Holy Spirit power within us, active faith is essential.

*Faith and its results are the tools for overcoming our natural failings and weaknesses.*

**Faith enables this process to continue to function and allows us to develop into mature Christians. HEB 11:6** But without faith it is impossible to please him: for he that cometh to God must believe that he is, and that he is a rewarder of them that diligently seek him. Thus, exercising and building our Faith, is as essential to us, as milk is to a baby... with faith being firstly a gift of the Spirit which when used, develops into one of the manifested fruits of the spirit as well. Faith produces more faith.

*The words of God will always trigger our greatest motivation.*

**Faith building. ROM 10:17** So then faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the word of God.

*Once motivated, actions are required... both naturally and supernaturally.*

**Faith exercising. JAM 2:26** For as the body without the spirit is dead, so faith without works is dead also. The continuing exercising of faith is vital for spiritual growth and Godly servitude. The church fellowship setting, offers nearly every possible usage for faith to be exercised... prayer line, gifts, personal communication, sharing testimonies, hearing the word, musical involvement, etc. all of these and more, are faith building, unlike the Old Testament where prayer and fasting was the primary source of building faith, because they never had the indwelling spirit.

*The best way to exercise faith involves using God's powers for the blessing and betterment of others.*

**Peter summarises the greatest opportunity for faith to do its 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 (continually exercised) charity (brotherly love) among yourselves (this happens in a fellowship environment): for charity shall cover the multitude of sins. **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.

*A continuing pattern of behaviour defines the actions which lead to successful and God blessed overcoming.*

**Being led of the Spirit has a pattern to it, involving the principles of communion and the washing of feet. JOH 13:4** He riseth from supper, and laid aside his garments; and took a towel, and girded himself. **5** After that he poureth water into a bason, and began to wash the disciples' feet, and to wipe them with the towel wherewith he was girded. **6** Then cometh he to Simon Peter: and Peter saith unto him, Lord, dost thou wash my feet? **7** Jesus answered and said unto him, What I do thou knowest not now; but thou shalt know hereafter (the wisdom and purpose would be known once they served the Lord in the spirit after Pentecost). **8** Peter saith unto him, Thou shalt never wash my feet. Jesus answered him, If I wash thee not, thou hast no part with me (you will perish... this triggers an immediate turn around by Peter. **1COR 11:29** For he that eateth and drinketh unworthily, eateth and drinketh damnation to himself, not discerning (serving) the Lord's body (church). **30** For this cause many are weak and sickly among you, and many sleep.). **9** Simon Peter saith unto him, Lord, not my feet only, but also my hands and my head. **10** Jesus saith to him, He that is washed needeth not save to wash his feet (the dirt from day to day living... spiritual significance being, the day to day sins of walking in the spirit), but is clean every whit (the principles of overcoming are mentioned here... something that would be more relevant in the future once they developed the churches and fellowships): and ye are clean (spoken specifically to the disciples), but not all. **11** For he knew who should betray him; therefore said he, Ye are not all clean. **12** So after he had washed their feet, and had taken his garments, and was set down again, he said unto them, Know ye what I have done to you? **13** Ye call me Master and Lord: and ye say well; for so I am. **14** If I then, your Lord and Master, have washed your feet; ye also ought to wash one another's feet (this is a metaphor for forgiving each other's sins). **15** For I have given you an example, that ye should do as I have done to you. **16** Verily, verily, I say unto you, The servant is not greater than his lord; neither he that is sent greater than he that sent him. **17** If ye know these things, happy are ye if ye do them. There is a spiritual principle at work which ties in with the communion and also 1Pet 4:7 above. The parable of the sheep and goats amplifies the same principles of the communion, the washing of feet and the, 'above all things' scriptures. This is the true leading of the spirit that pleases God... because they describe true Christian service to God's people.