

## Fullness of the Spirit

### Part 2

#### Part 2 – The Fullness of the Holy Spirit in the Ministry of Jesus

**My question to you is “How much of the Holy Spirit do you want?”**

**The Holy Spirit’s question to you is “How much of you can I have?”**

*Matthew 12:18*

*"Here is My servant, whom I have chosen, My beloved, in whom My soul delights. I will put My Spirit on Him, and He will proclaim justice to the nations.*

Which one comes first, the proclaiming or the being filled? What will you do as a result of having God’s Spirit?

*Luke 4:18 "The Spirit of the Lord is on Me, because He has anointed Me to preach good news to the poor. He has sent Me to proclaim deliverance to the captives and recovery of sight to the blind, to release the oppressed,*

The fullness of the Spirit is not for you to sit down and do nothing. The Spirit is active with regards to God’s purpose. You need God’s Spirit for those things you have been trying to do in your own strength. For what has God put His Spirit on you? There are many things you can do apart from the Spirit even in church settings, but you won’t be effective.

Jesus had the Spirit beyond measure

*John 3:34 NIV For the one whom God has sent speaks the words of God, for God gives the Spirit without limit.*

*NLT For he is sent by God. He speaks God's words, for God gives him the Spirit without limit.*

There is a link between being sent by God, speaking His Words and being full of His Spirit. Jesus was sent by God and so were we. Jesus said in John 17, Father in the same way that you sent me I sent them. Jesus spoke the Words of God and so can we as He said the Holy Spirit will take What is from Christ and teach us.

Therefore, there are measures of the Holy Spirit.

Don’t limit the work of the Holy Spirit. He is not bound by age.

*Luke 1:15*

*"For he will be great in the sight of the Lord; and he will drink no wine or liquor, and he will be filled with the Holy Spirit while yet in his mother's womb.*

How can people say a baby in a womb is not human when this boy was filled with the Spirit in his mother’s womb? So how much of the Spirit can your kids have? There is no baby Holy Spirit. Up your game and learn about these things of the Spirit instead of being afraid. God wants to give you understanding so that you can raise the next generation.

#### Part 3 – Increasing the Spirit’s activity in our lives

##### 1. Yield to the diversity of His activity

Be Rescuable. Don’t be a control freak. He is a gentleman and won’t force Himself on you. He is a gift to you. Gifts must be received by those who want them.

Let the comforter comfort you. Let the one who convicts, convict you. Let the healer heal through you. Let Him teach you. Let Him Sanctify you, let Him teach you all truth and guide you. Do a word study of the Holy Spirit in scripture, focusing on His many roles. Make a decision to embrace these in your life. Here are some examples of some of His functions that we often neglect:

- He gives you Power – Mt 12:28

- He tells you of things to come – John 16:13
- He gives you Boldness – Acts 4:31
- He appoints ministries – Acts 20:28; Acts 13
- He releases love – Romans 5:5

If you are only receiving one aspect of the Holy Spirit then you will limit His activity in your life, just like you would with your friends.

## 2. Don't limit His activity to so called spiritual things

*Exodus 31:3*

*"I have filled him with the Spirit of God in wisdom, in understanding, in knowledge, and in all kinds of craftsmanship,*

## 3. Fellowship with the Holy Spirit

*2 Cor 13:14*

*May the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.*

Fellowship here means a sharer, partner, partaker and companion. Mutually belonging. This is the blessing of the Holy Spirit. Let Him be your senior partner.

## 4. Walk in the Fruit of the Spirit and reject the deeds of darkness

He is the HOLY Spirit. This is a primary description of God's Spirit; Holy.

*Ephesians 4:27 - 30*

*and do not give the devil a foothold. 28 Anyone who has been stealing must steal no longer, but must work, doing something useful with their own hands, that they may have something to share with those in need. 29 Do not let any unwholesome talk come out of your mouths, but only what is helpful for building others up according to their needs, that it may benefit those who listen. 30 And do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, with whom you were sealed for the day of redemption.*

What welcomes demons to your house and keeps them there? What's the atmosphere like? Don't give the enemy a foothold. Rather do the things that attract the Holy Spirit. Guard the atmosphere of your home. Guard who and what you let into your life. Ask yourself what is the fleshly reason behind saying his to requests from people. Sometimes it could be our desire to be understood and seen as nice. Do not allow violence, coarse jesting, hatred, rage, lying into your household. These things lead to death.

*Isaiah 4:4*

*The Lord will wash away the filth of the women of Zion; he will cleanse the bloodstains from Jerusalem by a spirit[a] of judgment and a spirit[b] of fire.*

*Mt 3:11*

*"I baptize you with[a] water for repentance. But after me comes one who is more powerful than I, whose sandals I am not worthy to carry. He will baptize you with[b] the Holy Spirit and fire.*

*John 14:30-31*

*30I will not speak with you much longer, for the prince of this world is coming, and he has no claim on Me. 31But I do exactly what the Father has commanded Me, so that the world may know that I love the Father. Get up! Let us go on from here....*

*Eph 5:22-23*

*But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, forbearance, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, 23 gentleness and self-control. Against such things there is no law.*

Can your character contain the anointing? Character is important if we are to see more workings of the Spirit.

## 5. Be continually filled

*Acts 13:51-52*

*So they shook the dust off their feet in protest against them and went to Iconium. 52And the disciples were filled with joy and with the Holy Spirit.*

*Ephesians 5:18b -19*

*Instead, be filled with the Spirit. 19Speak to one another with psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs. Sing and make music in your hearts to the Lord,...*

So turn on the tap by doing these things. The word means Fill to individual capacity. So we are to make sure we are always full to capacity when it comes to the Holy Spirit.

*Filled and Speaking – present active participle*

## 6. Be Led by the Spirit

**Are you open to His leading?**

**Do you pause long enough to be led by Him?**

*Acts 16:6*

*So the churches were strengthened in the faith and grew daily in numbers. 6After the Holy Spirit prevented them from speaking the word in the province of Asia, they travelled through the region of Phrygia and Galatia. 7And when they came to the border of Mysia, they tried to enter Bithynia, but the Spirit of Jesus would not permit them....*

**What has the Holy Spirit prevented you from doing?**

## 7. Speak Jesus' words with His heart, trusting in Him

*Luke 12:11-12*

*When you are brought before the synagogues, rulers, and authorities, do not worry about how to defend yourselves or what to say. 12For at that time the Holy Spirit will teach you what you should say."*

*John 14:25-26*

*All this I have spoken to you while I am still with you. 26But the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in My name, will teach you all things and will remind you of everything I have told you.*

**As long as I am worrying I will short circuit the flow of the anointing. The Holy Spirit encapsulates God's words not yours. Receive these words into your spirit so that the Holy Spirit has something to work with when He brings it to remembrance.**

*John 16:14*

*However, when the Spirit of truth comes, He will guide you into all truth. For He will not speak on His own, but He will speak what He hears, and He will declare to you what is to come. 14He will glorify Me by taking from what is Mine and disclosing it to you. 15Everything that belongs to the Father is Mine. That is why I said that the Spirit will take from what is Mine and disclose it to you....*

This is why the Spirit loves being in a prophetic atmosphere. Listen for revelation from the Spirit.

## 8. Do not be under any other influence

*Eph 5:17 – 19*

*Therefore do not be foolish, but understand what the Lord's will is. 18Do not get drunk on wine, which leads to reckless indiscretion.*

How can you be led by the Spirit if you are under the influence of other spirits. If you are under domination, manipulation and control you hinder the flow of the Spirit. If you are co-dependent with other people then you hinder your partnership with the Holy Spirit.

## **9. Worship and pray all the time recognizing your need for Him**

*Ps 22:3*

*But you are holy, you who inhabit the praises of Israel.*

The Holy Spirit loves worship because He helps us to glorify Jesus in Spirit. One of His other roles is to help us to pray.

*Romans 8:26*

*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.*

*Acts 4:31*

*After they prayed, the place where they were meeting was shaken. And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and spoke the word of God boldly.*

Prayer attracts the working of the Spirit.

## **10. Step out in the Gifts of the Holy Spirit.**

*1 Cor 12:4-6, 11*

*There are different kinds of gifts. But they are all given to believers by the same Spirit. 5 There are different ways to serve. But they all come from the same Lord. 6 There are different ways the Spirit works. But the same God is working in all these ways and in all people....11 All the gifts are produced by one and the same Spirit. He gives gifts to each person, just as he decides.*

Don't have a boxed view of the Holy Spirit. Don't despise your gift, embrace it. As you do so you are embracing the giver; the Holy Spirit.

Are you open to being used in the gifts of the Spirit?

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