

Engaging the Power of the Holy Spirit

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- **PowerPoint:** The most important relationship you and I will ever have is our relationship with the holy spirit.

Acts 1:8 KJV - But ye shall receive power after that the holy ghost is come upon you; and ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem and in all Judea, and in Samaria and unto the uttermost part of the earth.

1: Engage = to interest someone in something and keep them thinking about it

2: Engage = to become involved, or have contact, with someone or something

Engagement with the Holy Spirit is similar to using Smartphones. Speaking with tongues is just a basic feature the Holy Spirit. There is so much more the Holy Spirit can and wants to do in our lives.

Romans 8:14 KJV - For as many as are LED by the Spirit of God, they are the sons of God.

Revelations 3:20 KJV - Behold, *I stand at the door, and knock; if (any man) hear my voice, and open the door, I will come in to him, and will sup with him, and he with me.*

God desires and will communicate with all of us that are willing to take the time to listen and develop an ear to hear. Without developing an ear to hear we will never be able to discern exactly what the holy spirit is trying to teach us or tell us to do. Many spirit filled people are living in unnecessary frustration and confusion concerning direction for their lives, when the answers to all of life's concerns are inside of you waiting to be tapped into.

II Corinthians 4:6 KJV - "*For God, who commanded the light to shine out of darkness, hath shined (IN) our hearts, to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the (face) of Jesus Christ.*

The greek word (face) is prosopon and it has several meanings such as countenance, visage, appearance.

The interpretation of the word face (which most consistent with the concept that Paul is dealing with in this passage) is the word PRESENCE.

II Corinthians 4:7- *But we have this treasure (IN) earthen vessel, that the excellency of the power may be of God and not of us.*

- **PowerPoint:** Where you perceive God to be will determine your expectations of him.

John 14:17. *Even the Spirit of truth; whom the world cannot receive, because it seeth him not, neither knoweth him: but ye know him; for he dwelleth with you, and shall be IN YOU. 20. At that day ye shall know that I am IN my Father, and ye in me, and I (IN) you. 21. He that hath my commandments, and keepeth them, he it is that loveth me: and he that loveth me shall be loved of my Father, and I will love him, and will manifest myself to him. 22. Judas saith unto him, not Iscariot, Lord, how is it that thou wilt manifest thyself unto us, and not unto the world? 23. Jesus answered and said unto him, If a man love me, he will keep my words: and my Father will love him, and we will come unto him, and make our abode with him.*

- **PowerPoint:** God will never tell you what to do next until you have obeyed what he told you to do first.

When David sinned in ordering a census be taken of Israel at the height of his reign, God was displeased that David would be so presumptuous as to DEMAND that Joab number the people as though their dynamic growth and expansion both numerically, financially and in terms of influence and affluence was because of David and not God. When the prophet Gad came to David and told him God will judge you for this act of arrogance and you have 3 choices for correction:

1. Seven years of famine
2. Three months to flee before your enemies
3. Three days of pestilence in the land?

II Samuel 24:14- *And David said unto Gad, I am in a great strait: let us fall now into the hand of the LORD; for his mercies are great: and let me not fall into the hand of man.*

- **PowerPoint:** The key to success in life is not always knowing where you are going but knowing whose taking you.

Psalm 37:23 *"The STEPS of a good man are ordered by the LORD: and he delighteth in his way. NLT (he delights in every detail of your life)*

Psalm 37:24 - *Though he fall, he shall not be utterly cast down; for the LORD upholdeth him with his hand.*

I John 4:1-3 -*Beloved, believe not every spirit, but try the spirits whether they are of God: because many false prophets are gone out into the world. 2. Hereby know ye the Spirit of God: Every spirit that confesseth that Jesus Christ is come in the flesh is of God. 3. And every spirit that confesseth not that Jesus Christ is come in the flesh is not of God:*

Romans 10:17 -*So then faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the word of God.*

Mark 16:17 -*"And these signs shall follow them that BELIEVE; In my name shall they cast out devils; they shall speak with new tongues; 18. They shall take up serpents; and if they drink any deadly thing, it shall not hurt them; they shall lay hands on the sick, and they shall recover.*

It is true there are different levels of consecration that one must be enter into before dealing with principalities and powers of a higher rank, but every spirit filled BELIEVER in right standing with God has the authority to cast out devils and heal the sick.