

Knowing the Holy Spirit as Your Personal Guide

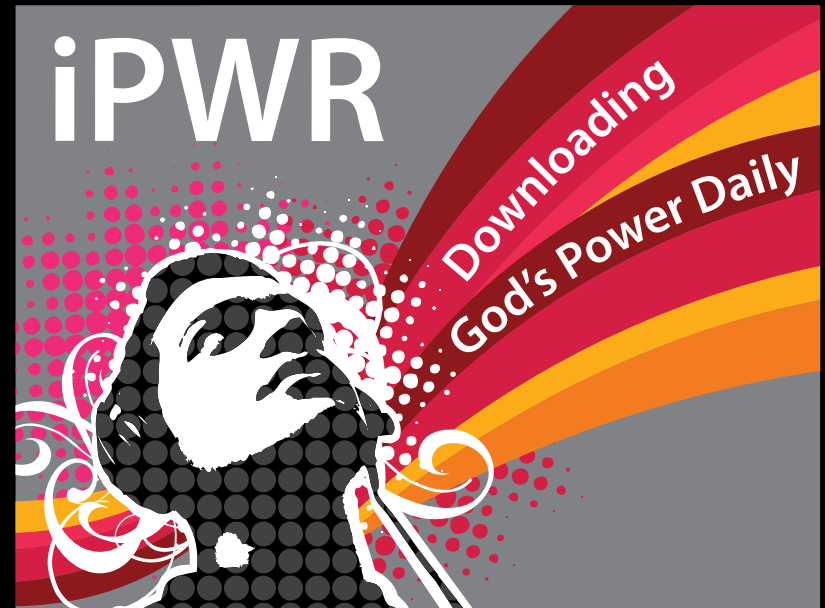
Every week we are focusing on getting to know the Holy Spirit so we feel safe allowing Him to speak to us and lead us.

We've discovered that He is our helper and a gift giver, but He is also our personal guide. He guides us into all truth and He guides our lives so we can fulfill God's plan for our lives. He knows where we are going and how to get there best. My recent trip to China made me deeply appreciate having a guide. The cities are huge and the driving is crazy. People drive anything and everything from cars to motorcycles, powered bikes, minitrucks, semi trucks and horses and oxen. They don't pay attention to lanes and cross over 6 lanes of traffic without hesitation. They drive very close to you and honk continually to get people out of the way. I have no desire to drive there and love having a driver guide who can and knows how to get me where I am supposed to go safely. That's exactly what the Holy Spirit does for us if we let Him "drive" our life. He gets us where God wants us to be at just the right moment to reap the right results. See Romans 8 and Acts 8. God loves us so much He provided an expert guide to guide us into all truth about Him, ourselves, His plan for our lives and how to love the people in our lives. He always knows the right time to make the right turn to get to the right place on time. He knows what is best for us and how to get us to it. What a relief it is to have such a faithful guide for every area of our lives. Take a moment to thank Him together for being your guide. Pray over the areas your family needs guidance in. Remember, "For all who are led by the Spirit of God are children of God." Romans 8:14

iPWR Discussion Questions

- 1) Share a time you felt led by the Holy Spirit. What happened? What area of your life do you need guidance in today? Has the Holy Spirit been speaking to you in any way about it? Now read Acts 2:36-47. Look again at how the Holy Spirit led the church there. He changed their hearts, minds, behavior, priorities and schedules quickly. What speaks to your heart from their amazing transformation?
- 2) What beliefs is the Holy Spirit working on you to change? What behavior? What priorities? How about any changes in your schedule? Do you practice the 7 Life Giving Habits? Why or why not?
- 3) Are you being convicted to change your priorities and schedule in any way? Does your schedule reflect what is most important to you? Does your schedule allow you to reap the best life possible? Read Romans 8:5-14 and Galations 6:7-9. Are you sowing what you want to reap? Let's pray and give the Holy Spirit permission to change anything that needs to be changed.

Week Three Sermon Notes



Power Need and Fulfillment April 19/20

Power for Sharing Boldly April 26/27

▶ **Power for Practicing the Right Priorities** May 3/4

Power for Loving Selflessly May 10/11

Power for Living Victoriously May 17/18

Power for Walking with Integrity May 24/25

Power for Overcoming Suffering May 31/June 1

Power Over Demonic Forces June 7/8

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Power to Maintain Right Priorities

The best you is a Holy Spirit filled you!

Galatians 5:22-23 - But when the Holy Spirit controls our lives, he produce this kind of fruit in us: love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control. Here there is no conflict with the law.

The best life is a Holy Spirit led life!

Romans 8:14 - For all who are led by the Spirit of God are children of God.

2 Corinthians 3:17 - Now, the Lord is the Spirit, and wherever the Spirit of the Lord is, he gives freedom.

The Holy Spirit leads us to develop and practice the right beliefs, the right behavior, the right priorities and the right schedule so we can live the best life possible! He's that good!

New Priorities for New Believers Acts 2:36-47

1. Change of mind and heart

Acts 2:37 - Peter's words convicted them deeply, and they said to him and to the other apostles, "Brothers, what should we do?"

2. Change of behavior

Acts 2:38-41 - Peter replied, "Each of you must turn from your sins and turn to God, and be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins. Then you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit.

3. Change in priorities

Acts 2:42-45 - They joined with the other believers and devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and fellowship, sharing in the Lord's Supper and in prayer. A deep sense of awe came over them all, and the apostles performed many miraculous signs and wonders. And all the believers met together constantly and shared everything they had. They sold their possessions and shared the proceeds with those in need.

4. Change in schedule

Acts 2:46-47 - They worshiped together at the Temple each day, met in homes for the Lord's Supper, and shared their meals with great joy and generosity— all the while praising God and enjoying the goodwill of all the people. And each day the Lord added to their group those who were being saved.

The Holy Spirit led them to change their beliefs, their behavior, their priorities and their schedule, and they lived the **best** life possible together. Others were won by seeing the life they were living.

Living Your Best Life

1. Work with the Holy Spirit to change your beliefs!

He convicts us of our wrong beliefs, our unbelief and our need to change. As we respond to His conviction and correction, change begins and we move forward in securing the best life possible.

John 16:13a - When the Spirit of truth comes, he will guide you into all truth. Romans 12:1-2, John 8:32

2. Receive the Holy Spirit's Power to change your behavior to match your beliefs! Romans 8:5-14

3. Reorder your priorities to please the Holy Spirit and experience His best!

Matthew 6:33 - And he will give you all you need from day to day if you live for him and make the Kingdom of God your primary concern.

Romans 14:17 - For the Kingdom of God is not a matter of what we eat or drink, but of living a life of goodness and peace and joy in the Holy Spirit.

7 Life Giving Habits

1. Seeking God daily in prayer **Mark 1:35**
2. Study God's Word for growth **2 Timothy 3:16-17**
3. Serving God and others in your SHAPE **Ephesians 2:10**
4. Steward your resources as a trust from God **Proverbs 3:9**
5. Supporting other believers in a Small Group **1 Peter 4:8-9**
6. Sharing your faith story in Christ **John 9:24-25**
7. Sending people or being sent to the nations **Acts 1:8**

4. Schedule your Spirit led priorities and make them the habits that allow you to reap the best life possible!

- Time loving your spouse
- Time loving your children
- Time loving your friends/family
- Time loving and enjoying life

Galatians 6:7-9

The Holy Spirit gives us the **power** to change our beliefs, our behavior, our priorities and our schedule to live the best life possible. Will you work with Him?

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