

THE SPIRIT EMPOWERED LIFE

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Lesson 1: Knowing Holy Spirit

I. Understanding the Trinity

TRINITY = Tri-Unity = Three in One and One in Three.

A) We see the Trinity all throughout the bible

1. At the creation in Genesis 1:1
GOD = Heb ELOHIM the plural form of God.
2. We see the Trinity in the creation of man in Genesis 1:26
3. We see the Trinity in the Baptism of Jesus in Matthew 3:16
4. We see the Trinity all in the New testament
Scripture references: John 14:16 ; Matt. 28:19 ; 2Cor. 13:14 ; Acts 2:32,33 ; Acts 10:38

B) God, Jesus and Holy Spirit are ONE

Scripture References: Deut. 6:4 ; Mark 12:29 ; 1 John 5:7

C) The Holy Spirit is as much God as Father & Jesus

Scripture references: Acts 5:3,4 - Matt. 28:19

He possesses the characteristics that God alone has: Eternal, Omnipresent, Omniscient, Omnipotent.

D) Separate in function

1. At Creation, in Gen 1:1-29.
 - a) God was the planner, the architect
 - b) Jesus was the vessel through which the world and all things in it was made.
 - c) The Holy Spirit was the executor; He did the actual creating
2. At the Plan of Salvation
 - a) God was the architect of our salvation and designed the plan of Redemption. Gen 3:15 ; John 3:16
 - b) Jesus is the vessel through which it came by shedding His blood and going to hell for us. Phil 2:5-8
 - c) The Holy Spirit is the executor. Eph. 1:19,20 ; John 3:5,6 ; 2 Thess. 2:13

II. Holy Spirit is the power of God

The word Power in Greek is *Dunamis*... from it comes the word Dynamite

Scripture references: Luke 1:35 - Acts 10:38 - Acts 1:8

A) Jesus needed Holy Spirit, He is our example

He was 100% God, but 100% man, yet had to be anointed by Holy Spirit so to set an example for us.

1. Jesus never accomplished any miracles until He got filled with the Holy Spirit.
2. Jesus was the Son of God... but yet He needed to be anointed with the Holy Spirit to fulfill His ministry.
3. *Scripture references: Luke 4:14-21 ; Luke 3: 21-22*

B) We are in the dispensation of the Holy Spirit

1. In the Old testament God the Father spoke directly to the prophets and patriarchs.
Scripture References: Heb 1:1 ; Gen 6,7-9 ; Gen 12 ; Exodus 2 ; I Samuel 3
2. During Jesus' time, Jesus talked and guided the people.
Scripture References: Heb 1:2 ; Luke 18:34 ; John 16:12 ; I Cor. 2:14
3. Today the Holy Spirit has been sent to us
Scripture References: Luke 24:46-49 ; John 16:7 ; John 14:18
4. Now God can speak to us directly and mainly thru Holy Spirit
Scripture References: John 16:13

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III. Knowing Holy Spirit

If Holy Spirit was sent to us to help us, then we must learn to know HIM so to cooperate with Him.

Scripture References: 2Co 13:14 ; Phil 2:1

In Greek: Communion, fellowship: *KONONIA - Partnership through communication & close relationship*

A) Holy Spirit is a person, not some force or influence

1. The Bible uses HE not IT. One reason why many don't see Him as a person is because of certain names given to Holy Spirit, such as Wind, dove, oil, wine, fire, rain. Symbols define his personality & purpose
Scripture reference: John 16:13
2. Jesus said ... One identical to Himself
Scripture Reference: John 14:16 I will pray the Father, and He shall give you another (ALLOS) Helper
Another in Greek: ALLOS is another of the same kind ≠ HETEROS is another of a different kind
3. He is a person with a personality
He has feelings - He can be grieved, can be jealous, he has a will, can be ignored, opposed and resisted, He can be lied to.
Scripture References: Eph 4:30 ; James 4:5 ; 1 Cor 12:11 ; 1Thess 5:19 ; Acts 7:51 ; Acts 5:3,4

B) The Spirit has been sent to abide and remain in us

John 14:16-17 - In Greek - Forever: *eis aion* - For eternity, perpetuity of time, unbroken age

I John 2:27 - In Greek - To abide: *Meno* = to remain, not to depart, to be present continually

Some sing or pray Psalm 51 – this is **not** NEW TESTAMENT theology

Psalm 51:11,12 Cast me not away from Your presence, and take not Your Holy Spirit from me. Restore to me the joy of Your salvation, and uphold me with a willing spirit.

C) We must become God and Spirit conscious, He is IN us

You don't need more Anointing, more gifts, it is ALL on the inside of you

Scripture References: Philemon 6 ; 1 John 3:24 ; Col 2:10 ; Rom 8:11 ; Eph 3:20

D) His Names speak of His character, personality and role

1. The bible speaks of 7 spirits, yet there is only one Spirit
Scripture references: Rev 1:4 ; Eph. 4:4
7 is the number & symbol of perfection, representing the perfect work of Holy Spirit in us & thru us
 - a) Spirit of the Lord - Work of conversion
 - b) Spirit of Life – Work of Justification
 - c) Spirit of Holiness – Work of Sanctification
 - d) Spirit of Adoption – Work of Identification as sons
 - e) Spirit of Truth – He is our Guide & Teacher
 - f) Spirit of Supplications – The work of the Holy Spirit in Prayer
 - g) Spirit of Power & Grace – Walking in the Supernatural
2. The Holy Spirit Is a PARAKLETOS
In Greek – *Parakletos*: called to your side against the enemy to help, assist, coach, strengthen
Scripture Reference: John 14:16-18 (Amplified Bible)
Wuest (noted Greek scholar in early 1900's) said: The Holy Spirit indwelling the Christian, comes to his aid in his spiritual problems and difficulties, not by taking over the responsibility for him and giving him an automatic deliverance without any effort on his part, but by lending a helping hand, allowing him to work out his problems and overcome his difficulties with the Holy Spirit's help.

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Lesson 2: Becoming Dependent on Holy Spirit

1 John 2:27 *But the anointing that you received from him abides in you, and you have no need that anyone should teach you. But as his anointing teaches you about everything, and is true, and is no lie—just as it has taught you, abide in him.*

I. Beware of relying on own wisdom & knowledge

Scripture references: Prov 14:12 ; Prov 3:5

- A) David's example
Scripture references: 1 Chron 13:1-13 ; 1 Chron 15:2+13
- B) God wants us to go to Him first, to seek Him first to get the HOW TO.
Scripture references: 2 Chron 12:14 & 2 Chron 16:12
- C) It is tempting to turn God's directive into a method or a technique
Scripture references: 1 Chron 14:8-10+13-16

II. Holy Spirit is the key player of this new covenant

Scripture reference: Rom 7:6 ESV

God's desire since creation was to walk & commune with men

- A) Adam & Eve → They walked & talked with God. They lived from a place of communion. Complete opposite to the Tree of knowledge of good and evil.
- B) Enoch, Noah and Abraham. They did not have a bible, yet they walked with God. They heard God
- C) Israel refused to commune with God in Exodus 19:5

III. Communion with the Spirit will cause you to enter into REST

Scripture reference: Heb 4:9-10

- A) A covenant of rest, HOW?
By hearing his voice, and simply doing it. The pressure is no longer on You but on God. It is Holy Spirit responsibility to speak to you, you just need to hear and follow.
Scripture references: Hebrews 3:7-8 ; Hebrews 3:15 and Hebrews 4:7 ; Psalm 23
- B) This is what Jesus taught
Scripture reference: John 15:5+7
- C) This is what the Apostle Paul taught
Scripture reference: Galatians 2 :20
- D) Rest, comes by simply trusting Jesus and His Word.
A simple definition of faith is trusting God & His Word more than what we can see or feel.
Scripture references: Hebrews 11:1 CJB ; Rom 10:17
- E) Which Word will cause you to walk by faith and enter the rest?
2 words in Greek for "WORD"
 1. Greek - Logos = the whole counsel of God, doctrine, teaching, knowledge, information.
 2. Greek - Rhema – Living Word, divine utterance, what is spoken by God's voice bringing Revelation
It is the Rhema spoken Word of God, bringing revelation to your heart, igniting faith that will cause you to enter the rest, because you know God spoke.
 3. *Scripture Reference: Matt 4:4*

The Holy Spirit is the one that allows us to communicate with the Father

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Lesson 3: The works of Holy Spirit in us – Part 1

I. The Spirit of the Lord – The Work of Conversion

- A) It is the Holy Spirit that draws people to the Lord
In Greek the word “Lord” is *Kurios*. It talks about His Supreme authority. He is master of all.
Scripture reference: John 6:44
1. The Holy Spirit’s role is to point us out to the supreme Lordship of Jesus
 2. Just acknowledging that God exist is not enough
Even the devil believes there is a God... and yet will burn in hell.
 3. Just acknowledging that Jesus is LORD is not enough. In Church ≠ In Christ
 4. Just praying a quick little prayer is not true conversion, one has to be born of the spirit
 5. *Scripture reference: 1 Cor. 12:3 ; John 16:8,9 ; James 2:19 ; Matt 7:21-23 ; John 3:3+5*
- B) When does true conversion happen?
1. One recognizes Jesus as savior and LORD
 2. Pray and confesses from the heart
 3. Is willing to SUBMIT his life to His lordship
 4. *Scripture Reference: Rom 10:9*

II. The Spirit of Life – The Work of Justification

1Cor. 6:11 And such were some of you: but ye are washed, but ye are sanctified, but ye are justified in the name of the Lord Jesus, and by the Spirit of our God.

- A) The Spirit of Life as seen in the Bible
1. This is the Spirit of Life that Adam & Eve had received when God breathed in them
 2. It is the Spirit of Life, they lost when they disobeyed
 3. It is the Spirit of Life that we receive at the New Birth
 4. The Spirit of life allows us to produce fruits. Life is Growth!
 5. *Scripture References: Gen 2:7 ; Gen 2:17 ; John 20:22 ; 2 Cor 5:17 ; John 15:5*

III. The Spirit of Holiness – The Word of Sanctification

1 Pet 1:14-16 as obedient children not conforming yourselves to the former lusts ... but as he who called you is holy you also be holy in all your conduct because it is written “be holy for I am holy”

Definition of word Holy: integrity of moral character, separated to the service of God, reflecting the divine likeness

- A) God wants His children to be holy in conduct, but we are not left to do it on our own.
Who began this good Work? The Holy Spirit
This is why the Holy Spirit is also called the Spirit of Holiness
Scripture Reference: Phil 1:6 ; Rom. 1:4
- B) There is a difference between the name *Holy Spirit* and the name *Spirit of Holiness*
1. Holy Spirit emphasizes moral character of the Spirit, Himself being holy
 2. Spirit of Holiness because He imparted holiness to our spirit and now help us to walk it out
 3. *Scripture references: Rev 4:8 ; Heb 3:1 ; Philippians 2:12-13*
- C) To work out your salvation – What does it mean?
1. A reference to sanctification and not justification
What is Sanctification? Process of consecration to God, separating from world’s way of thinking & doing so to achieve godly holy conduct
 2. It is a team work and requires our cooperation
 3. *Scripture References: 1 Peter 1:1,2 ; Philippians 2 13 ; Rom. 12:2*

I. The Spirit of Adoption – His Work is to Help us receive our Adoption

Scripture References: Rom 8:14-16 ; Galatians 4:4-6

A) What is Adoption ?

When we think of adoption, we think of receiving a child who has been abandoned & rejected but God does not adopt believers as children, they are born by His Spirit through faith

In Greek the word Adoption: *Huio thesia* - The placing of a son in a position of favor, trust & responsibility (Our response to His ability). The equivalent in Jewish culture is the Bart Mitzvah

B) Jesus' Adoption

1. Jesus received the Bart-Mitzvah at 12 and went tot he temple
2. Jesus received the true adoption from Father God at 30 in the Jordan River
3. The Father declared His love and trust for Jesus
4. The Father gave Him the Kingdom.
5. *Scripture references: Luke 2:41-49 ; Matt 3:17 ; Isaiah 9:6 ; John 3:35 ; John 5:20*

C) We need to receive the Adoption and be free from an orphan spirit

1. The Father loves us like He loves Jesus
2. The Father trust us like He trusts Jesus
 - a) He set us free from the Law
 - b) We must see ourselves as adult sons and not as children or servants
 - c) His love empowers us to live godly
3. The Father trusts us with His Kingdom
 - a) We reflect God and manifest His Kingdom
4. *Scripture References: John 16:27 ; John 1:12 ; Romans 7:6 ; Gal 4:7 ; Luke 12:32 ; Eph 3:10*

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Lesson 4: The works of Holy Spirit in us– Part 2

I. The Spirit of Truth – The Word of a Teacher and Guide

John 16:13 When the Spirit of Truth comes, he will guide you into the full truth. He won't speak on his own. He will speak what he hears and will tell you about things to come.

A) The Holy Spirit is the greatest teacher

His role is to coach us and lead us to victory in every area of our life

A sign of a spiritual maturity is learning to be led by Holy Spirit

Scripture References: John 14:26 ; 1 Cor 2:9-10 ; 1Cor. 15:57 ; 2Cor. 2:14 ; Romans 8:14

B) How will He lead us?

God will not speak to our intellect or thru our body but He will enlighten us, informs us through our spirit

Scripture reference: Prov 20:27

1. The Inward Witness

a) What is the inward witness?

A witness is called in a court of law and will approve, disapprove, confirm or oppose what he hears from prosecutor and defender.

Scripture reference: Rom. 8:16

b) How will Holy Spirit bear witness?

He will bear witness in your spirit with the peace of God

Scripture references: Col 3:15 (Amp) ; Isaiah 55:12 ; Isaiah 26:3

c) It will work like traffic lights to show you to go, to slow down or to stop

- RED Light, a check in your spirit, an uneasy, strong sick feeling to show you to stop. Can keep you up at night.

Scripture References: Acts 16:6-10 ; Ps 127:2

- ORANGE light to slow you down, pay attention and go if safe

Scripture Reference: Isa 28:16b

- GREEN light to let you go. It is like a velvety feeling inside that feels right. You might be excited about it... you know that you know it is right.

Scripture References: Acts 5:32 ; Acts 15:28

2. An Alarm will sound in your spirit.

a) The Inward witness sometimes might sound like an alarm going off on the inside of your spirit.

b) It will sound because it is urgent and dangerous.

c) Sometimes your spirit will sound the alarm for someone else who is not paying attention

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Lesson 5: The works of Holy Spirit in us – Part 3

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John 16:13 When the Spirit of Truth comes, he will guide you into the full truth. He won't speak on his own. He will speak what he hears and will tell you about things to come.

B) How will He lead us?

3. The Inward Voice Of Your Spirit

From Genesis to Revelation God always spoke... He is looking for those who listen!

Scripture References : John 10:27 ; Jean 16:13

a) How to recognize the Inward Voice?

Habakkuk 2:1-2 I will stand my watch And set myself on the rampart, And watch to see what He will say to me, And what I will answer when I am corrected. Then the LORD answered me and said: "Write the vision And make it plain on tablets, That he may run who reads it.

- Quiet yourself down and be still - *I will stand my watch And set myself on the rampart*
- Fix your eyes on Jesus - *And watch to see what He will say to me*
- Yield to spontaneous thoughts that suddenly come to your heart
- Start writing this flow of thoughts - *Write the vision And make it plain on tablet*
- Do not try to test them as they come, it will only create doubt and stop the flow
- It can also come in the form of pictures, vision, impressions or dreams
- *Scripture References: Ps 46:10 ; Heb 12:2 ; Ps 16:8 ; John 7:37-39 ; Acts 2:17*

b) You can test it after writing - How?

- Does it bring peace or confusion and fear?
- Is it in line with the word & character of Holy Spirit
- If it doesn't, let go of it or you are taking a stand against God and might fall into deception
- *Scripture References: 1 Thess 5:21 ; 1 Cor 14:3 ; 1 Cor 13:4-7*

4. Led By a Fleece Or a Sign

a) What is a fleece? To ask God to direct us or confirm something by an open door or a sign.

In OT kings, priests & prophets were anointed by God. Gideon was neither & had to be led externally. Today we have something better... the Spirit of God leads us, why go back to OT.

b) The devil moves in the sense's realm

c) The devil can even influence Christians who love God

d) *Scripture references: Judges 6:36-40 ; Rom 8:14 ; 2 Cor. 4:4 ; 1 John 5:19 ; Matt. 16:13-17 ; Matt. 12:39*

5. Led By Prophecies ?

a) It is safer NOT to seek direction from a prophet, as this was old testament's ways

b) In OT, they had to because they were spiritually dead, and needed a mediator

c) We are in NT & the Spirit is in us. Today God wants to lead us individually and directly!

d) Sometimes God might give you a word through a prophet, but do not seek for it, seek God!

e) You should judge it. If you have peace but do not understand it, you can put it on a memory shelf

f) To receive a word is not always a very positive thing

- Means that you are hard of hearing and God has to speak to you through someone else
- You are about to go through tough times and this word is to sustain you during hardship

g) *Scripture references: Ex 20:19 ; 1 Thess 5:19-21 ; Acts 21:10-14; Matt 13:15 ; 1Tim 1:18*

6. To be led by spirit, keep a clear conscience and your heart will be a safe guide

Scripture references: 1 Tim 4:2 ; Heb 3:13-15 ; Heb 5:11 ; 1 Tim 1:19 ; 1 John 3:20,21

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Lesson 6: The works of Holy Spirit through us – Part 1

I. The Spirit of Supplication – The Work of the Spirit in Prayer

Scripture References: Zec. 12:10

A) He gives us a supernatural prayer language

Scripture References: John 7:38,39 ; Acts 2:4 ; 1Cor. 14:2

B) Why is praying in tongues so important and beneficial?

1. Cover all bases in prayer You can pray in English, then in tongues to pray the perfect will of God
1Cor. 14:15 What is it then? I will pray with the spirit, and I will also pray with the mind
2. Intercession - When you know you must intercede for someone else but you don't know what or whom
Scriptural reference: Rom 8:26-27
3. When you need wisdom
Pray in tongues and ask for interpretation
Scripture references: Col. 2:3 ; Prov. 20:5 ; 1 Cor. 14:13
4. You can pray out your future
Scripture References: I Cor 2:9-12 ; I Cor. 14:2
5. To get comfort, rest and refreshing
The Holy Spirit is called a comforter, somebody who helps to relieve other people's grief or anxieties.
Scripture References: Isa 28:11,12 ; John 14:26
6. Pray to get edified, and strengthen your spirit man
The word edify means build up, charge up like a battery.
Scripture references: I Cor 14:4 ; Jude 20

Medical research from Dr Carl Peterson. The effects of prayer in tongues on the brain and body. It increases the healing process by 40% by regulating :
 - a) Pituitary gland
 - b) Immune system
 - c) Nervous system
 - d) Production of hormones from the brain
7. A mean of worship and devotion
Scripture References: I Cor 14:16-17 ; Acts 10:46 ; 1 Cor 14:15
8. To be bolder in our faith
Scripture References: Jude 20 ; Acts 4:29-31
9. To keep oneself in the love of God
Scripture Reference: Jude 21
10. To flow in the spiritual gifts of Holy Spirit
There are 9 gifts of Holy Spirit
Scripture references: 1Cor. 12:8-11 ; 2 Tim. 1:6,7 ; Philemon 1:6-7

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Lesson 7: The works of Holy Spirit through us – Part 2

I. Walking in the Supernatural

- A) The Holy Spirit is called the Spirit of Grace - Heb 10:29 ; Zec 12:10
Definition of Grace: ♦ God's unmerited love, favor and acceptance
♦ Disposition to bless us and be generous toward us
♦ Divine ability and power in us and through us
- B) Grace is linked to power, and anointing
Scripture References: Act 4:33 ; Rom 5:17
- C) Grace is the foundation of The Holy Spirit's power through you
1. It will not work thru those who try to do or merit anything from God based on own worth & work
2. When we understand that all we do is based on GRACE (His gift, His ability) then power is released
3. *Scriptural reference: Col 1:6*

II. Holy Spirit wants to flow through us

- A) Holy Spirit will give us power and boldness to witness and testify
Scripture Reference: Acts 1:8 ; Acts 4:8 + 13 ; Acts 4:29-31
- B) Holy Spirit will testify of Jesus, confirm His Name and His word with signs & wonders
Scripture References: John 14:11 ; Acts 4:30

III. How to cooperate with Holy Spirit

- A) Understanding the anointing
Jesus ministered to People because anointed by Holy Spirit
The anointing will destroy the yoke. Sickness is a yoke.
1. The healing power is always available
2. One cannot always recognize the anointing by the 5 senses
3. Because it is available doesn't mean you will automatically be healed
4. Like electricity the anointing must be channeled and activated.
5. *Scripture References: Acts 10:38 ; Isa. 10:27 ; Heb. 1:3 ; Rom. 8:11 ; Luke 4:18 ; Luke 5:17 ; Mark 5:30 Eph. 3:20*
- B) How to activate the Anointing?
1. By FAITH – See Mark 5: 27,28
a) She believed Jesus had power even if did not see or feel anything
b) She went expecting to receive. She went with great determination
c) She overcame all obstacles, walking by faith not by sight
2. Put your eyes on the anointing, not the person
a) It doesn't matter how young, how old, the race or the sex
b) Pride/humility. Jam 4:6-7
c) Stay simple
- C) What happens after receiving God's power?
The anointing is reversing sickness
You must believe the power of God went in you even if you didn't feel it
1. Continually remind yourself that the healing power is working in and through you
2. What to do if healed, faith responds with actions.

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Lesson 8: The works of Holy Spirit through us – Part 3

IV. Holy Spirit wants to operate spiritual gifts through us

A) Are the gifts for everyone?

1. The Holy Spirit is the one operating the 9 gifts as He sees fit.
2. Paul tells us to desire the spiritual gifts, why should we desire something we could not have?
3. The gifts still function even if someone is in sin.
4. Remember that the power is released when we understand & walk in Grace, not based on our perfect behavior... but sin will open the door to the devil to destroy
5. Every believer can be used of God
6. When we receive Holy Spirit, we can do the same works than Jesus.
7. *Scripture References: 1 Cor. 12:8-11 ; Heb. 2:4 ; 1 Cor. 14:1 ; John 14:12-14*

B) The purpose of the gifts

1. The gifts are for soldiers in a spiritual battle.
Our battle is in the spirit, so we need spiritual weapons.
The gifts are given to destroy the works of the enemy.
Scripture References: Eph 6:12 ; Zech. 4:6
2. The gifts are not to profit ourselves but others
1 Cor 12:7 But the manifestation of the Spirit is given to each one for the profit of all
 - a) To get people's attention
 - b) To get people saved
 - c) To show people that God is real
 - d) To strengthen and encourage the believers

C) How to start flowing in the gifts

1. Know your position: your righteousness and authority
2. Study the gifts, what they are, how they work. 1 Cor 12:1
3. Learn to be led by the Spirit, obey the smallest prompting!
4. Be willing to step out even in most inconvenient time and place
5. Learn to walk by faith and not by sight
6. Go where there is a need, make yourself available

V. Love should be our pursuit, not the gifts

A) To flow in the gifts Paul gives us a major key

Love is the more excellent way. 1 Cor 12:31

Between 1 Cor.12 & 1 Cor.14 (spiritual & ministerial gifts) is the love chapter 1 Cor. 13

When your desire is to help others and be a blessing, the gifts will flow more easily

B) Desiring the Gifts is good, but love should be our #1 pursuit

Your love walk will keep you where the gifts will take you!

Scripture References: 1 Cor. 14:1 ; 1 Cor. 13:1-3

VI. How do we know God wants to move through the gifts?

A) Jesus was moved by compassion

1. Compassion demands action, healing, deliverance, the gifts of the Spirit
2. Jesus recognized and followed this flow
3. *Scripture references: Matt. 14:14 ; 2 John 6 (Amp.)*

B) Just like Jesus we can be led and guided by the force of Love

1. When there is Love, there is God.
2. Recognize that it is not just you but God trying to move through you to minister to that person.
3. When we feel a flow of divine love & compassion, you are feeling the Hand of God
4. GUIDED BY LOVE →→→ GUIDED BY GOD
5. We are just like Jesus... same power, same love, same Holy Spirit inside
6. Yield to it and step out in faith to Minister to the person
7. *Scripture References: 1 John 4:16,17 (Amp) ; Rom 5:5*