

Chapter 1 : The Presence of the Holy Spirit

*Living the Presence of the Spirit [Jack Haberer] on racedaydvl.com *FREE* shipping on qualifying offers. This popular theology on the Holy Spirit is at once profound and remarkably accessible. Jack Haberer tracks the doctrine of the Spirit through the Bible.*

Amanda Meder Whether you are fully aware of it or not, a full-time spirit professional or just had a weird experience a few days ago - if you are reading this article, chances are good that you have an ability to sense Spirits. Have you ever walked into a house and just got a weird feeling? Walked alone at night and felt like someone was there, yet you were by yourself on the street? Felt a heaviness in a cemetery? Or a cool gust of air in an otherwise warmly heated home? Whether we are identifying deceased Loved Ones, the Dearly Beloved, or a stranger random dead person just hanging around - there are a few things we all have in common - we ALL sense Spirit before we ever see or hear it. That goes for everyone. Most people sense Spirit before they ever see, hear or notice any other signs. Changes such as temperature, pressure and energy level. Since Spirits are pretty good at being invisible when their presence is felt - this was an intentional act - they wanted you to notice. And while there could be 1, reasons as to why they want your attention, there is someone present who wants your attention. Perhaps it is someone who you know personally or someone who wants to connect with you and say hello Whatever your preference - to communicate continuously or tell them you want to be left alone - to get started in connecting or never connect at all with the Other Side, we all need to know something in common: When is it that a Spirit present? The 5 Most Common Feelings and Tell-Tale Symptoms of a Spirit Visitation A Heaviness and Pressure to the Room The sensation of being in the deep end of a pool, a crowded pool, a heavy blanket is the most common descriptions for this feeling. My partner describes it like a heavy cloak suddenly fell over the space or a thick cloud. This is due to the increased energy to enter the space - making the molecules more densely packed. If you walk into this space, you could likely and commonly feel the pressure building. A Change in Temperature Photo [Sarajea] For a Spirit to present itself, it can take a lot of energy to manifest into a form or a shape that resembles their human or physical body. If you exist only in free-gas form, it can take a little work to get your energy to vibrate slow enough to become matter again. If you feel a cool gush, heat energy is being drawn from you or the space. If you feel a warm gush, heat energy is being added to you and the space. Whichever you feel, depends on the type of Spirit and the environmental conditions humidity, surrounding air temp, particulate matters , but a temperature change is an indicator of an energy change. A Sudden Anxiety Going on the same concept, when energy is added to the space and to your energetic field, it is likely a Spirit who is attempting to connect with you. Imagine that you, Physical body is an ice cube and a Spirit, gaseous body, is vapor, in order to interact with one another, the Spirit would have to lower their energy to move back down to a liquid state, or part liquid state, like humidity, and you would have to raise your energy to be part liquid as well - melty ice. In order to connect with Spirit and communicate, you would have to raise your energy and Spirit would have to lower theirs - to be on the same wave, vibe, energy level, frequency chain. And many times, Spirit, when connecting with a human, will raise your energy to their level of vibration - if they want to reach out and link with you - that is, communicate. Unexplained anxiety is one of the most common symptoms of mediumship ability. A Rise in the Throat or a Drop in the Stomach This can also be described as your heart rising or dropping. I like to think of it as going up the tower ride at Six Flags Great Adventure, climbing stories for a big drop. A pit in your stomach or a ball in your throat. And I think this is again, a symptom of energy rising and energy dropping in your surrounding environment - but felt from within. When a Spirit is present with me, a ball starts to rise from my chest to my throat, and for my partner, a drop in his stomach - but the experience is the same - a change in energy and pressure of the space. Is the Deceased Individual If so, that might feel a little different. When our loved ones visit, in addition to these sensations, or completely separate from them - the best way for me to describe a sensation visit from a deceased loved one is like this: Sometimes, it can be described as a warm tingle across your back, like the feeling of the sun coming up from behind the clouds on a late Spring day. Take a moment and see which of these cues and signs you identify with most. Then, start

applying it to your life and seeing if you can notice when a Spirit is with you. Just being able to identify that what you are feeling and experiencing as not your own unexplained emotions or craziness is a huge relief. What you are experiencing is valid and very common, and being able to identify Spirit can help a lot with day to day management of your abilities. And as soon as I knew the tell-tale symptoms of when a Spirit was present and wanting to get my attention - was able to tell them to leave me alone - and mean it.

Chapter 2 : racedaydvl.com - How to Recognize the Holy Spirit in Your Life

To many Christians the third person of the Trinity, the Holy Spirit, is a bit of a mystery. In Living in the Presence of the Holy Spirit, author and pastor Jack Haberer tracks the appearance of the Holy Spirit through the Bible, personal experiences and church life.

We do not do anything in our own power. And over time, we will find that we lack joy in our serving. What might have been a delight turns to a stressful burden. What might have given us energy and hope leaves us weary and resentful. The freedom and peace we might have known if we had abandoned ourselves to the power of the Spirit within us, turns to nothing more than a willingness to do whatever is needed to be free of guilt and obligation. Sometimes we wonder if we even have the Holy Spirit within us. The Holy Spirit lives in you, strengthens you, guides you, teaches you, and moves you. The only question is whether you are willing to abandon yourself to the power of that Spirit within you. There are three characteristics of the release of the Holy Spirit in our lives: We cannot will to feel compassion, or force ourselves to have our heart moved, or work to achieve the power of the Spirit. It arises without our effort - in that, it is pure grace. When the Holy Spirit is released in our lives there is a warm affection that glows in the heart – rather like the soft glow that hangs silently and softly on the horizon as the day of bright sun shifts to the quiet of evening. Just such a luminescence floats over the heart that is abandoned to the movement of the Spirit. You know how this works. You open up a magazine and as you flip through the pages, you see before you a small child with a bloated belly, thin arms, eyes that are too large for their sunken sockets, and a face that cries for food and care. The words at the bottom of the page urge you to help provide for this child by a small donation each month. I can guarantee that such an ad will cause you to feel love and compassion in your heart. I can also guarantee that before you turn the page you will at least give some thought to whether or not you will respond to the plea for a donation. You see the child in need, and your heart wants to love. That is the release of the Holy Spirit. Purity of purpose happens during that first moment when you see the picture and find your heart moved to love and compassion. And that love, compassion, and affection for the child lingers in your spirit – hovers in a warm glow around your heart, until the worldly cares and concerns divert your attention once again. It is not something you can prepare for, or even look forward to, though you can be on the lookout for it. It is ever new – ever fresh – without the taint of weariness and repetition. It may call you to do something you would never have thought to do on your own. Mother Teresa of Calcutta spoke of how this happened in her own life. She saw a man in the street covered with maggots, and she wanted to help him. She wore a clean habit and taught children who came from wealthy families. The feeling that arose in her to help the man covered with maggots came to her unexpectedly. It called her to act in ways that were out of the ordinary. Her response was immediate, and had she not responded her life would have been very different. She herself said, "if I had not picked up that one man, I would never have picked up another 42, We simply feel and respond – freely and without thought for ourselves. She had no thought for herself, no thought of condemnation or gossip from others, no thought for the cost of the ointment. She simply felt gratitude and love rise in her because of the movement of the Holy Spirit and she responded without concern for how it might affect her afterward. This also reminds me of a story I once read about the quality of true service. The story ended with this: True serving is washing the bent and gnarled feet of an old woman in a closed room where no one sees and no one knows. You might well ask, "If the Holy Spirit is in me, why am I not moved? Why do I not feel the things of which you speak? We know how a bank of coastal fog can crowd out the sun. The sun is still there, but she cannot shed her bright warmth because of the cloud that covers her. The Spirit is still there, but she cannot shed her sweet fragrance and gentle movement because of the cloud that covers her. But when we let go of our tenacious hold on our own way of thinking and being in this world, we create a gap for the Spirit to slip through. The slightest space is all that is needed. The Holy Spirit makes herself known in the rush of mighty waters, and the falling of silent snow. In one wisp of a moment, we may detect the scent of sweetness, or find our heart on fire, or feel our feet beginning to dance, or see our hands reaching to serve. And, in that miraculous moment, unbidden, unexpected, un-self-conscious, we are lifted out of the tawdriness of our daily

life into a broad expanse of love and we know ourselves to have been touched by the Spirit, moved by the Spirit, and called by the Spirit to respond with loving abandon.

Chapter 3 : How Do You Know You Have the Holy Spirit? - Life, Hope & Truth

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What is the role of the Holy Spirit in our lives today? Of all the gifts given to mankind by God, there is none greater than the presence of the Holy Spirit. The Spirit has many functions, roles, and activities. First, He does a work in the hearts of all people everywhere. The Spirit applies the truths of God to minds of men to convince them by fair and sufficient arguments that they are sinners. Responding to that conviction brings men to salvation. Once we are saved and belong to God, the Spirit takes up residence in our hearts forever, sealing us with the confirming, certifying, and assuring pledge of our eternal state as His children. The Holy Spirit takes up permanent residence in the hearts of believers Romans 8: Among those functions is that of revealer of truth. He reveals to our minds the whole counsel of God as it relates to worship, doctrine, and Christian living. He is the ultimate guide, going before, leading the way, removing obstructions, opening the understanding, and making all things plain and clear. He leads in the way we should go in all spiritual things. Without such a guide, we would be apt to fall into error. He gives glory to Christ in all things John First Corinthians 12 describes the spiritual gifts given to believers in order that we may function as the body of Christ on earth. All these gifts, both great and small, are given by the Spirit so that we may be His ambassadors to the world, showing forth His grace and glorifying Him. The Spirit also functions as fruit-producer in our lives. When He indwells us, He begins the work of harvesting His fruit in our lives—love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control Galatians 5: The knowledge that the Holy Spirit of God has taken up residence in our lives, that He performs all these miraculous functions, that He dwells with us forever, and that He will never leave or forsake us is cause for great joy and comfort. Thank God for this precious gift—the Holy Spirit and His work in our lives!

Chapter 4 : Living in the Presence of God: A Theology of Spiritual Formation

Living in the Presence of God: A Theology of Spiritual Formation. By Edgar R. Lee. What the minister does is an urgent and important matter. Misguided and uninformed activity, even if sincere and energetic, will quickly put a promising career on the rocks.

We see our darkness as a prized possession because it drives us into the heart of God. Without mercy our darkness would plunge us into despair – for some, self-destruction. Time alone with God reveals the unfathomable depths of the poverty of the spirit. We are so poor that even our poverty is not our own: It belongs to the *mysterium tremendum* of a loving God. To me, though I am the very least of all the saints, this grace was given, to preach to the Gentiles the unsearchable riches of Christ, and to bring to light for everyone what is the plan of the mystery hidden for ages in God who created all things, so that through the church the manifold wisdom of God might now be made known to the rulers and authorities in the heavenly places. This was according to the eternal purpose that He has realized in Christ Jesus our Lord, in whom we have boldness and access with confidence through our faith in Him. So I ask you not to lose heart over what I am suffering for you, which is your glory! For this reason I bow my knees before the Father, from Whom every family in heaven and on earth is named, that according to the riches of His glory He may grant you to be strengthened with power through His Spirit in your inner being, so that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith – that you, being rooted and grounded in love, may have strength to comprehend with all the saints what is the breadth and length and height and depth, and to know the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge, that you may be filled with all the fullness of God. Now to Him who is able to do far more abundantly than all that we ask or think, according to the power at work within us, to Him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, forever and ever. There are days that threaten to tear the doors off the hinges of our understanding. One moment we are in pain, and feeling the oppression of the evil one! And the next, we are in direct communication with The Father of All Things. This fool of a writer has come to the conclusion that the Bible is absolutely true. It is an authoritative representation of all things necessary for our faith. The canon is complete. And any doctrines that any person might try to add or take away – for any reason – would be held as a heretic by me, and any person who holds to the coherent completeness of His Word. And – there is more. If our lives are simple enough, alone enough, still enough and surrendered enough to His Word and His Will, the conversation can begin. No doubt, there is no requirement that this be a normal occurrence. And in the absence of His Voice, His written Word is sufficient. In fact, the conversation only begins when we have a deeper exposure to the written Word. It is as though the 66 books are the launching pad for the conversation that will last forever. It is the bedrock and boundary and context of how He speaks to us. The conversations we have with Him are simply Him applying His Word to us in our individual lives, or Him instructing us on how to do the same with someone He has brought into our lives for ministry. He spoke to me this morning. My heart was breaking. I have a son three actually, but this one is deploying overseas into a very hostile area. And he is fixing to fight some very bad guys. He is an infantryman in the US Army. He is a solid young man. He was built for this mission. And he has his stuff quite nicely put together. He is a powerful presence with soulful eyes. They are ancient eyes; the clear eyes of a warrior. And while I would trust him with the tenderest of puppies and children, I would not want to be on the other side of his strength in battle. He is a man. Full of Him, and full of the talents He gives to a warrior. Anyway, I am 15 km away on post in an Asian megacity, doing what He would have me do. And I will not have the opportunity to see my oldest son leave for what he has been training to do for years. There is the slight chance too, that I will never see him whole again in this life, or at all. The man dying is not really an issue for me. This son of mine gave his heart to the One who saved us both at a young age, and I can attest that his faith is real. No, what was smashing my heart is the separation. It was our Father. There was no need to deny the feeling. It was pure and it was real. But beyond this, came a revelation that threatened to cause me to come completely undone as I did up my shirt for work this morning. He showed a portion of His heart. If He had showed me all of it, I would have been crushed to dust by the weight of the glory and goodness and Love and courage and joy and strength and power of it all.

However, it was enough to put me off of my ability to think clearly for a few hours into the day.

Chapter 5 : How to sense a ghost / 5 ways to sense a ghost â€” Amanda Linette Meder

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Chapter 6 : The Father's Heart - Living in The Presence

Experience the Supernatural Presence of the Holy Spirit in Every Area of Your Life! Every follower of Jesus has received the Holy Spirit. If you have given your life to Christ, you have His very Presence living inside of you.

Especially see John 3: The first fruits were a waive offering in the temple talk of the Hebrew Scriptures , related to the Jewish day of Pentecost. The gift of the Holy Spirit the indwelt presence of God was first given to the church at the Christian Pentecost, but had been seen before that: A theology of the Spirit was the furthest thing from their minds. There has been no repeat of Pentecost -- there is nothing quite like the first time -- but from that moment on the Holy Spirit would be giving people mini-Pentecosts, filling them and showing them what to do with it. Repent, be baptized, receive the Spirit. Urged on by a dream sent from God, Peter went to Cornelius to tell his own witness story about the good news of Christ, and offered forgiveness of sins Acts Cornelius and his household and close friends believed Acts The joint was jumping. Cornelius and his household had received the Spirit, but had not yet been baptized into the church. So, Peter rushed in to have them baptized, making them a full-fledged part of the Church. They received the Spirit later, from Peter and John, when John recognized the problem. Paul came upon some former followers of John the Baptist. They had received no Christian teaching or baptism. So Paul availed himself of the opportunity. He baptized them, then he laid hands on them and commissioned them with the Spirit. Notice that the Spirit has a different timetable than the apostles or anyone else. Back To Top Ways Of Being Here It appears from what Jesus says in John 16 that the presence of the Holy Spirit is something better, at least in some ways, than having Jesus alive in our midst, even in a resurrected form. At first blush, such talk sounds like the ramblings of a venerable mystic, but then, Spirit-talk always runs that risk. Another saying that heads off in a similar direction is John My guess at this mysterious saying goes like this. He took on the limits of being a human being, including those of time and space, with the eventual reality of death. There are some advantages to being just a spirit. The Spirit has no limit of time or space. The Spirit draws us into the presence of Christ, even to the point of creating a relationship between us and Jesus Christ that can be so close that to speak of being in union with Him does not have to be blasphemous. The bond between us and the risen Jesus Christ is a bond sewn by the Holy Spirit. The Spirit is not found where sin has its way. When people say God is dead or is a remote being who has fled the scene, God says otherwise in Jesus the Christ, a bodily being in full solidarity with us. And, God says it in the Holy Spirit, someone who stretches between the people, places and times to lead us forward in the relationship with God and one another. This is basic to what it means to believe in Christ. Any belief in a dead god or a remote god is belief in another god entirely. This is a matter of sharp difference between a Christian and a mainstream Muslim. God is not just Totally Other, but separate. Islam has no room for a God who reveals himself that way. Getting us to grasp this is the work of the Holy Spirit. The Spirit is here:

Chapter 7 : What is the role of the Holy Spirit in our lives today?

From the sermon series Wind and Fire. When we receive the Holy Spirit, we are given the responsibility of denying ourselves as His presence moves us to live boldly.

Living in the Presence of God: Lee What the minister does is an urgent and important matter. Misguided and uninformed activity, even if sincere and energetic, will quickly put a promising career on the rocks. With these dangers in mind, pastoral theology and professional training are designed to prepare the minister to do the right things with reverence, dignity, and competence. Modern leadership theory and administrative training have also been a boon in preparing men and women for Christian service. Without doubt, clergy are better educated than ever to undertake the multifaceted challenges of modern ministry. Prior to the question of what the minister does, and how he or she does it, should be the question of who the minister is. Is he consciously a man of God, or is she a good example of a woman of God? Do ministers go about their work with a sense of the presence of God in all they do? As we work to upgrade the professional education and skills of the minister, we must give renewed attention to his or her spiritual formation. A basic approach is to focus anew on the nature of the meaning of the presence of God in the life of the Christian in general, and the minister in particular. Biblical Precedents Great and godly leaders in Scripture had a profound sense of living and serving in the presence of God. Moses, faced with the daunting challenge of leading his immature nation through difficult and unforgiving terrain to a yet unseen Promised Land, implored God, "If your Presence does not go with us, do not send us up from here. How will anyone know that you are pleased with me and with your people unless you go with us? New Testament leaders also had a distinct sense of the presence of God. Moses went up Mount Sinai to meet with God; Paul was caught up to paradise for one of his many revelations from the Lord 2 Corinthians In closing this letter, he added, "I know that when I come to you, I will come in the full measure of the blessing of Christ" The aroma of his Damascus Road experience lingered throughout his life and ministry Acts 9: Where Paul was present as a gifted and yielded vessel, God was also present and working in a special way. Moses and Paul were called and gifted for powerful prophetic ministries unique to their periods of salvation history. However, much of their example is to be imitated, their teachings are to be put into practice in life and ministry, and their passion to know and please God is communicable. A Regenerating Presence Our first knowledge of the abiding presence of God comes through the regenerating power of the Holy Spirit. As unbelievers, we "were dead in. While we were conscious from time to time of His inner conviction, the Spirit first entered our lives at our confession of sin and acceptance of Christ as Lord and Savior. Jesus taught Nicodemus, and us, that it is necessary to be "born again" by the work of the Holy Spirit: The same Spirit, who is the actualizing presence of God in our lives, acts within the human person who trusts Jesus as Savior to effect new birth. He, too, spoke of a regenerative work of God termed a "washing of rebirth palingenesia and renewal anakainosis by the Holy Spirit" Titus 3: Peter wrote about it in his letter and likewise described it as "new birth anagennao into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead" 1 Peter 1: Paul shifted the metaphor in the Corinthian correspondence, but spoke of the same reality when he described believers as "a new creation" kaine ktisis 2 Corinthians 5: As new, regenerate persons, the Spirit, who gives us spiritual birth, is resident within. Thus, Jesus announced to His neighbors in Nazareth, "The Spirit of the Lord is on me, because he has anointed the verb, chrio me to preach good news to the poor" Luke 4: The verb chrio, "to anoint," is nearly always used of Jesus Luke 4: New Testament writers do not, as might be expected from Old Testament precedent, use it for setting apart ordaining apostles or other Christian workers for ministry. Rather, the idea of anointing shifts from that of a chosen few to that of an anointing for every believer. Paul used the verb chrio only one time and in precisely this sense, "Now it is God who makes both us and you stand firm in Christ. He anointed chrio us, set his seal of ownership on us, and put his Spirit in our hearts as a deposit, guaranteeing what is to come" 2 Corinthians 1: Thus every believer is anointed. Then he added, "the anointing chrisma you received from him remains in you. In several ways, the New Testament reminds us that all believers, including those called to ministerial leadership, have an anointing from God associated with the arrival and continuing presence of the Holy Spirit. An Indwelling Presence There is an

incarnational principle at work in Christian faith. John reported of Jesus, "The Word became flesh and made his dwelling skenoo among us" John 1: Theologically, we need to remember that where one member of the Triune Godhead is, the others are present also. Their personalities are distinct, but not separable in the human sense of separate persons. He wrote to the Romans, "the Spirit. Making the point even more dramatic, Paul pointed out to the Corinthians "you. Paul could have chosen the word hieron that speaks of the entire temple complex with its various courts and subsidiary structures. An Affirming Presence A theological tradition given to thinking about God in terms more rationalistic than devotional frequently misses, or devalues, a basic scriptural truth. When believers trust in Christ and receive Him into their lives, He convincingly communicates to them that what Scripture describes is indeed occurring within them. His presence is not some ethereal reality that cannot be sensed in a meaningful way. As Paul described it to the Romans, "you received the Spirit of sonship. We know that we are Christians not merely by conformity to an historic tradition; we also know it in a warmly personal and assuring way because of the very real presence of Christ by His Spirit in the inner sanctuary of our lives. Scripture refers to this reality in other ways as well. Paul deliberately used the word arrhabon in both texts. While he is certainly describing a divinely accomplished reality above and beyond whatever human emotions that action may engender, this is nonetheless a real presence of the Spirit that powerfully affirms the faith of the believer. A Sanctifying Presence The Spirit also has an important role in effecting sanctification in the believer. The activity of the Spirit in sanctification occurs too frequently in the New Testament to be overlooked. The Gentiles, for example, are to be an "offering acceptable to God, sanctified hagiazo by the Holy Spirit" Romans To the Thessalonians, the Apostle wrote, "God chose you to be saved through the sanctifying hagiastos work of the Spirit" 2 Thessalonians 2: Peter reminded his charges that they were "chosen according to the foreknowledge of God the Father, through the sanctifying work hagiastos of the Spirit" 1 Peter 1: The Spirit has a well-defined role in convicting humankind of sin John It is He who gives us that inner sense of well-being with God that follows confession and forgiveness. Jesus reiterated the Gospel promises of baptism in the Holy Spirit with the assurance that the moment of fulfillment was near, "For John baptized with water, but in a few days you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit" Acts 1: Jesus also associated Spirit-baptism with the power dunamis required to be His "witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth" Acts 1: The dramatic events of the Day of Pentecost fulfilled the promise as God the Holy Spirit came to the temple of His waiting people, attested by the phenomena of theophany: The "began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit enabled apophthengomai them" Acts 2: The verb translated "enabled" denotes prophetic inspiration and indicates the internal presence of the Spirit quickening their speech. This same power moved Peter to deliver his sermon the verb apophthengomai is also used in 2: Luke understood that such activities as speaking in tongues and witnessing for Christ, among others, are expressions of that prophetic promise. It is apparent from Scripture that the power Jesus spoke about is not an impersonal force. Rather, it flows from God who is himself present in the human psyche by the Holy Spirit. The future tense "will be in you" is undoubtedly an expectation of Pentecost. Paul was gifted for ministry "through the working of his power" Ephesians 3: God desires to work through responsible human beings by His Holy Spirit. Gideon, a reluctant and rather unlikely Old Testament hero, is illustrative. The translation "the Spirit. When the power of the Holy Spirit is at work in His people, it is power that flows from the personal presence of the Almighty within them. After Pentecost, believers found themselves in a church, newly equipped with a full range of spiritual gifts enabling both the Twelve and others to do extraordinary things in their witness for Christ. They provided wise leadership Acts 6: The ministry of the church may even be said to be charismatic since it relies on the charismata, the gifts of the Spirit. These lists are apparently not intended to be comprehensive. Music and craftsmanship, for example, are not found. Among the charismata, Paul identified "miraculous" gifts that are by very nature spontaneous and occasional 1 Corinthians He also included as charismata the more "ordinary" gifts that are resident and constant in believers as teaching, serving, acts of mercy, administration, and so forth Romans Paul made it clear that the Holy Spirit sovereignly gives one or more of these gifts to every believer Romans The Spirit both gives the gifts 1 Corinthians Where the presence of the Spirit is cherished, He will illuminate and activate His gifts. A Fruitful Presence The presence of God in the believer also has to do with fruitfulness. Using common images of the

vineyards through which He and His disciples regularly passed, Jesus taught, "If a man remains in me and I in him, he will bear much fruit" John He undoubtedly is thinking of both the fruitfulness of a maturing, godly character and the fruitfulness of their witness; the immediate context puts a great deal of emphasis on obedience to His commands and love for both God and neighbor. Not surprisingly, Paul connects fruitfulness in character development with the indwelling wisdom and energy of the Spirit. Against such things there is no law" Galatians 5: In the Ephesian letter, there is an imperative for believers to be "filled with the Spirit" with striking results of charismatic praise and worship, as well as a lifestyle of gratitude and submission Ephesians 5: A parallel passage in Colossians says much the same thing, but there notes that it is the "word of Christ" that dwells in us richly so we can wisely teach and admonish one another in Spirit-filled praise and worship. To have the Spirit of God filling us is also to be engaging the Word of God that is constantly directing us toward true worship, more loving service, and greater conformity to the will of God in all relationships. Jesus, in His vine and branches imagery, made it clear that even the fruitful branch vitally joined to the vine must continue to be pruned "so that it will be even more fruitful" John Fruitfulness and sanctification go hand in hand. They are two sides of the same coin. The Spirit of God as the agent of the Great Gardener of the church is always attempting to apply the Word of God and prune away the dead branches of sinful thoughts, attitudes, and acts so the divine life can produce more fruit. What the Triune God first reveals is himself.

Chapter 8 : 16 Bible verses about Indwelling Of The Holy Spirit

The Promise Of the Spirit's Presence The followers of Christ have been described (James) as being the first fruit of the new order, the Kingdom. The first fruits were a waive offering (in the temple talk of the Hebrew Scriptures), related to the Jewish day of Pentecost.