## The Holy Spirit

### Francis Chan, Forgotten God:

"Why would we need to experience the Comforter if our lives are already comfortable? It is those who put their lives at risk and suffer for the gospel who will most often experience His being "with you always, even to the end of the age (Matt. 28:20)."

"I want to live so that I am truly submitted to the Spirit's leading on a daily basis. Christ said its better for us that the Spirit came and I want to live like that is true. I don't want to keep crawling when I have the ability to fly."

"It is easy to use the phrase 'God's will for my life' as an excuse for inaction or even disobedience. It's much less demanding to think about God's will for your future than it is to ask Him what He wants you to do in the next ten minutes. It's safer to commit to following Him someday instead of this day."

### *The role of the Spirit:*

In summary, The Holy Spirit helps us to develop our own walk with God, to love and serve others, to change us so that we produce the fruit of the Spirit, and to equip us for the work of the Kingdom.

To comfort (John 14)
To counsel (guide us through daily life) (John 16)
To convict (John 16:8)
Helps us recall the things of God (Matthew 10:19, John 14:26)
Helps us to pray and actually intercedes for us (Romans 8:26)
To equip (1 Corinthians 12:4-7, 12-20)

"Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit; and there are varieties of service, but the same Lord; and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who empowers them all in everyone. To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good. For to one is given through the Spirit the utterance of wisdom, and to another the utterance of knowledge according to the same Spirit, to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healing by the one Spirit, to another the working of miracles, to another prophecy, to another the ability to distinguish between spirits, to another various kinds of tongues, to another the interpretation of tongues. All these are empowered by one and the same Spirit, who apportions to each one individually as he wills."—1 Corinthians 12:4-7

# Gifts of the Spirit

**Serving**—Also referred to as ministering, the Greek word *diakonian*, from which we get the English word "deacon," mans service of any kind, the application and demonstration of love to meet practical needs.

**Romans 12:7** 

**Teaching**—This gift involves the analysis and proclamation of the Word of God, explaining the meaning, context, and application to the hearer's life. The unique ability to be able to clearly communicate knowledge and instruction.

Romans 12:7, 1 Corin. 12:28, Eph. 4:11

**Encouraging and Exhortation**—This means consistently calling upon others to heed and follow God's truth, which may involve correction or building others up, by strengthening weak faith or comforting in trials.

**Romans 12:7** 

**Giving/Helps**—Gifted givers are those who joyfully share what they have with others, whether it is financial, material, or the giving of personal time or attention. The giver is concerned for the needs of others and seeks opportunities to share goods, money, and time with them as needs arise.

Romans 12:8, 1 Cor. 12:28

**Mercy** – Closely linked with the gift of encouragement, the gift of mercy is obvious in those who are compassionate toward others who are in distress, showing sympathy and sensitivity coupled with a desire and the resources to lessen their suffering. Sensitive toward suffering, uncommon empathy. (**See scriptures above**)

Administration/Leadership—The gifted leader is one who presides over or has the management of other people in the church to steer others towards God-given goals. The word literally means "guide" and carries with it the idea of one who steers a ship. One with the gift of leadership leads with wisdom and grace and exhibits the fruit of the Spirit in his life as he/she leads by example. The Holy Spirit often enables these Christians to organize, direct, and implement plans to lead others in the various ministries of the Church.

Romans 12:8, 1 Corinth. 12:28, Titus 1:4-5

**Prophecy:** The Greek word translated "prophesying" or "prophecy" in these passages properly means to "speak forth" or declare the divine will, to interpret the purposes of God. Prophecy means revelation of some kind, for example, in dreams or words of wisdom or knowledge (see below).

1 Corinthians 13:8-12, 1 Corinthians 13:2, 2 Corinthians 14:1, 1 Corinthians 12:10

**Word of wisdom** –This gift describes someone who can understand and speak forth biblical truth in such a way as to skillfully apply it to life situations with all discernment.

**Word of knowledge** – This is another speaking gift that involves understanding truth with an insight that only comes by revelation from God. Those with the gift of knowledge understand the deep things of God and the mysteries of His Word.

### 1 Corinthians 12:8

**Faith** – All believers possess faith in some measure because it is one of the gifts of the Spirit bestowed on all who come to Christ in faith (<u>Galatians 5:22-23</u>). The spiritual gift of faith is exhibited by one with a strong and unshakeable confidence in God, His Word, His promises, and the power of prayer.

### 1 Corinthians 12:9

**Healing** – God empowers these believers to work different kinds of healing, whether it be physical, emotional, or spiritual.

1 Corinthians 12:9, 28, 30

**Miracles**– Also known as the working of miracles, this is another gift which involves performing supernatural events that could only be attributed to the power of God (Acts 2:22). This gift was exhibited by Paul (Acts 19:11-12), Peter (Acts 3:6), Stephen (Acts 6:8), and Phillip (Acts 8:6-7), among others. People are enabled by God to perform miracles to point witnesses towards God's sovereignty.

1 Corinth. 12:10, 28

**Discernment of Spirits:** The unique ability to determine the true message of God from that of the deceiver, Satan, whose methods include purveying deceptive and erroneous doctrine. Jesus said many would come in His name and would deceive many (Matthew 24:4-5), but the gift of discerning spirits is given to the Church to protect it from such as these. The Holy Spirit gives the gift of discernment to enable certain Christians to clearly recognize and distinguish between the influence of God, Satan, the world, and the flesh in a given situation. The church needs those with this gift to warn believers in times of danger or keep them from being led astray by false teaching. See also I Corinthians 12:10, Acts 5:3-6; 16:16-18; 1 John 4:1.

### 1 Corinthians 12:10

**Gift of Tongues**: This enables the gospel to be preached throughout the world to all nations and in all known languages. It involves the divine ability to speak in languages previously unknown to the speaker. This gift authenticates the message of the gospel and those who preach it as coming from God. The phrase "diversity of tongues" (KJV) or "different kinds of tongues" (NIV).

1 Corinthians 12:10, 14:27-28

**Interpretation of Tongues**: A person with the gift of interpreting tongues can understand what a tongues-speaker was saying even though he did not know the language that was being spoken. The tongues interpreter then communicates the message of the tongues speaker to everyone else, so all can understand.

1 Corinth. 12:10, 14:27-28

## Why and How do we Prophesy?

"The goal of the gift is to bring out the best in people. We are to mine the gold buried in the dirt of people's lives and find hidden treasures." –School of the Prophets, 114

"Pursue love, and earnestly desire the spiritual gifts, especially that you may prophesy. For one who speaks in a tongue speaks not to men but to God; for no one understands him, but he utters mysteries in the Spirit. On the other hand, the one who prophesies speaks to people for their **upbuilding and encouragement and consolation.** The one who speaks in a tongue builds up himself, but the one who prophesies builds up the church. Now I want you all to speak in tongues, but even more to prophesy. The one who prophesies is greater than the one who speaks in tongues, unless someone interprets, so that the church may be built up." —Corinthians 14:1-5

### WHY?

to, "pursue love," and "so that the church may be built up."

### HOW?

Edification: (to build up)
Exhortation: (encouragement, "to call near")
Consolation: (to cheer up, bring comfort)

### **Helpful Hints:**

- 1) Prophesy the problem, not the answer.
- 2) Gifts (here, the ability to prophesy) are NOT a validation of your walk with Christ. That is the fruit of the spirit! (Galatians 5:22-23)

### How to practice prophesying:

### Level 1:

- 1) Practice listening to God (1 Samuel 3:9-10)
- 2) Pray FOR and WITH other believers consistently.
- 3) Send encouraging texts to friends, praying specifically for what they may need. Level 2:
  - 1) Record any prophetic insights you receive
  - 2) Ask God to speak to you in different ways (dreams, visions, images, words of knowledge, etc)
  - 3) Share prophetic insights you receive
    - a. "I get the sense God is saying...
    - b. Does mean anything to you?
    - c. I'm getting a picture/word/verse that....
  - 4) Start asking for prophetic words wherever you go. Practice prophetic evangelism!
  - 5) Practice prophetic intercession.

# **Digging Deeper Into Prophecy (FAQs)**

# **Old Testament**

# **New Testament**

Purpose:	Judgment for sin, revelation of the future (Deuteronomy 18:18-22)	Part of a ministry of reconciliation (2 Corinthians 5:17-19) and enacting the Great Commission
Mode of communication:	Direct revelation to a specific person (Ezekiel 3:1-3)	Perceived (Matthew 11:11)
Correct response:	Obey or serious punishment/death (1 Kings 20:36)	"The believer who receives a prophetic word has as much responsibility to judge the word as the one who gave it, because both the giver and receiver have the same Holy Spirit living inside of them."  1 Thessalonians 5:20-21 ("test every prophecy, hold fast to what is good.)
Examples:	Elijah, Jeremiah, Ezekiel	Jesus, the believers in Acts: 11:27, 13:1, 11:28, 15:32

# **Gift of Prophecy**

# Office of the Prophet

It is something you do	It is something you are
Every believer is exhorted to seek to	God chooses prophets; it is not our choice.
prophesy	
It is for edification, exhortation, and	It is to direct, correct, warn, govern, and
encouragement	equip
Prophetic ability is the gift	The prophet himself (or herself) is the gift
Person is called as a saint	Person is called as part of the fivefold
	ministry
The gift is for life	The calling is for life

Adapted from School of the Prophets, Kris Vallotton:

### Intercession

### Key scriptures:

Isaiah 59:16; Galatians 6:2; 1 Timothy 2:1 -- Our responsibility to intercede

Isaiah 58:6-7 -- The need for intercession

Romans 8:26-34 -- Help to intercede

Ephesians 6 -- The "armor" for spiritual battle

### How do I Intercede?

Demonstration

Steps for intercessory prayer:

- 1) Enter into prayer
- 2) Affirm and acknowledge Jesus' control of the situation

Ephesians 1:21: Jesus "rules over forces, authorities, powers, and rulers ... over all beings in this world and will rule in the future world as well" (Eph. 1:21). He is King of Kings and Lord of Lords.

**3) Then, put on "all the armor God gives"** (see Eph. 6) so that you will be ready to fight with God's weapons. These are the "weapons of our warfare" that can pull down strongholds in the spirit world (see 2 Cor. 10:3,4). They will also protect you from the attacks that are sure to come once you begin the spiritual battle.

for example, say "Jesus, I put on the belt of truth, the truth that I am a daughter or son of the most high king, etc...I put on the breastplate of righteousness that you won for me at the cross. I raise up the sword of the spirit that says you leave the ninety-nine sheep to save the one..."

- 4) Raise up your petition to God.
- 5) Next, bind the work of Satan, knowing that Jesus has given you authority "to defeat the power of your enemy" (Luke 10:19). If God shows you the identity of specific spiritual strongholds that are at work, take authority over these strongholds in the name of Jesus. And always remember that "God's Spirit is in you and is more powerful that the one that is in the world" (1 John 4:4).
- **6) Thank God in faith for the work you know he will do!** These declarations of faith are so powerful.

"God, thank you that you are working through all things to work out things for my friend John's good. Thank you that he is firmly rooted in you and you are maturing him to completion. Thank you that his inheritance in you is something no power can take away!"

# Promises to Stand On (Adapted from Joyce Meyer Ministries)

I am complete in Him Who is the Head of all principality and power (Colossians 2:10).

I am alive with Christ (Ephesians 2:5).

I am free from the law of sin and death (Romans 8:2).

I am far from oppression, and fear does not come near me (Isaiah 54:14).

I am born of God, and the evil one does not touch me (1 John 5:18).

I am holy and without blame before Him in love (Ephesians 1:4; 1 Peter 1:16).

I have the mind of Christ (1 Corinthians 2:16; Philippians 2:5).

I have the peace of God that passes all understanding (**Philippians 4:7**).

I have the Greater One living in me; greater is He Who is in me than he who is in the world (1 John 4:4).

I have received the gift of righteousness and reign as a king in life by Jesus Christ (Romans 5:17).

I have received the spirit of wisdom and revelation in the knowledge of Jesus, the eyes of my understanding being enlightened (**Ephesians 1:17-18**).

I have received the power of the Holy Spirit to lay hands on the sick and see them recover, to cast out demons, to speak with new tongues. I have power over all the power of the enemy, and nothing shall by any means harm me (Mark 16:17-18; Luke 10:17-19).

I have put off the old man and have put on the new man, which is renewed in the knowledge after the image of Him Who created me (Colossians 3:9-10).

I have given, and it is given to me; good measure, pressed down, shaken together, and running over, men give into my bosom (Luke 6:38).

I have no lack for my God supplies all of my need according to His riches in glory by Christ Jesus (**Philippians 4:19**).

I can quench all the fiery darts of the wicked one with my shield of faith (**Ephesians 6:16**).

I can do all things through Christ Jesus (Philippians 4:13).

I show forth the praises of God Who has called me out of darkness into His marvelous light (1 Peter 2:9).

I am God's child for I am born again of the incorruptible seed of the Word of God, which lives and abides forever (1 Peter 1:23).

I am God's workmanship, created in Christ unto good works (**Ephesians 2:10**). I am a new creature in Christ (**2 Corinthians 5:17**).

I am a spirit being alive to God (Romans 6:11:1 Thessalonians 5:23).

I am a believer, and the light of the Gospel shines in my mind (2 Corinthians 4:4).

I am a doer of the Word and blessed in my actions (James 1:22,25).

I am a joint-heir with Christ (Romans 8:17).

I am more than a conqueror through Him Who loves me (Romans 8:37).

I am an overcomer by the blood of the Lamb and the word of my testimony (Revelation 12:11).

I am a partaker of His divine nature (2 Peter 1:3-4).

I am an ambassador for Christ (2 Corinthians 5:20).

I am part of a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a purchased people (1 Peter 2:9).

I am the righteousness of God in Jesus Christ (2 Corinthians 5:21).

I am the temple of the Holy Spirit; I am not my own (1 Corinthians 6:19).

I am the head and not the tail; I am above only and not beneath (**Deuteronomy 28:13**).

I am the light of the world (Matthew 5:14).

I am His elect, full of mercy, kindness, humility, and longsuffering (Romans 8:33; Colossians 3:12).

I am forgiven of all my sins and washed in the Blood (**Ephesians 1:7**).

I am delivered from the power of darkness and translated into God's kingdom (Colossians 1:13).

I am redeemed from the curse of sin, sickness, and poverty (**Deuteronomy 28:15-68**; **Galatians 3:13**).

I am firmly rooted, built up, established in my faith and overflowing with gratitude (Colossians 2:7).

I am called of God to be the voice of His praise (Psalm 66:8; 2 Timothy 1:9).

I am healed by the stripes of Jesus (Isaiah 53:5; 1 Peter 2:24).

I am raised up with Christ and seated in heavenly places (**Ephesians 2:6**; **Colossians 2:12**).

I am greatly loved by God (Romans 1:7; Ephesians 2:4; Colossians 3:12; 1 Thessalonians 1:4).

I am strengthened with all might according to His glorious power (Colossians 1:11).

I am submitted to God, and the devil flees from me because I resist him in the Name of Jesus (James 4:7).

I press on toward the goal to win the prize to which God in Christ Jesus is calling us upward (**Philippians 3:14**).

For God has not given us a spirit of fear; but of power, love, and a sound mind (2 Timothy 1:7).

It is not I who live, but Christ lives in me

# **Healing Theology**

# 1. God wants to heal His people.

The the first revelation of God to the Israelites was as "Jehovah Rapha – The Lord your Healer in Exodus 15:20.

### Old Testament Instances of Healing:

Genesis 20:1-8: God healed women of infertility

Numbers 21:4-9: Everyone who looked at Moses' bronze snake was healed

1 Samuel 1:9-20: Hannah received healing from barrenness

2 Kings 4 and 5: Elisha performs miraculous healings

Job 42:10-17: Job is personally healed after praying for his friends

# Old Testament Promises of Healing:

Exodus 15:26, Exodus 23:25-26, Deuteronomy 7:115, Hosea 6:1-2

Isaiah 29:18, Isaiah 33:24, Isaiah 35:5-6, Malachi 4:2

Psalms 41, 103, 116, 147, Isaiah 61:1-3\*

## 2. Jesus came to heal in every way

- -The Greek word in NT for salvation appears 108 times. The word is 'sozo', and it has several different contextual meanings: 'save/saved', 'whole', 'healed', 'preserve', and 'well'!
- -The very name of Jesus in Hebrew means "God Heals" as well as "God Saves."
- Jesus said that the "thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy, I have come that they may have life and have it to the full." (John 10:10) Jesus came to heal and to save as an expression of God's love. Jesus came to reveal the love of the Father.
- -Jesus' public mission statement is recorded in Luke's gospel, taken straight from Isaiah 61. (See Luke 4:16-22)
- -In Luke 7:20-23, Jesus uses the criteria of healing to remind John the Baptist that he is the Messiah. "Go back and report to John what you have seen and heard...The blind receive sigh, the lame walk, those who have leprosy are cured, the deaf hear..."
- -"Jesus went throughout Galilee, teaching in their synagogues, preaching the Good News of the Kingdom, and healing EVERY disease and sickness among the people." (Matthew 4:23) We can see that he healed them physically, but also emotionally and spiritually (see examples such as the bleeding woman, lepers, and the prostitute who had been socially isolated and emotionally broken. Furthermore, Jesus was always "deeply moved," (Greek word for compassion) by the crowds who were "harassed and helpless," (M. 9:36)

# 3. Jesus gave his followers (US!) both the authority to heal, and equipment to heal through the Holy Spirit.

- -In Matthew 10: 1, 5, 7-8, Jesus sends out his 12 disciples to "cast out evil spirits and heal every disease and sickness," "preach that the Kingdom of Heaven is near," and "heal the sick..."
- In Luke 10:1, Jesus appoints 72 more and sent them two by two ahead of Him to every town he would go to. He said to them: "When you enter a town and are welcomed, eat what is set before you. Heal the sick that are there and tell them, "The Kingdom of God is near you." (Luke 10:8-9) *The 72 nameless followers stand for the ordinary followers of*

Jesus who were given His same authority to preach that the kingdom of God was at hand, and then to actually make it happen by freeing people from sickness and evil oppression. -He then followed up with this bomb passage: "The seventy-two returned with joy saying, "Lord even the demons are subject to us in your name." and He said to them "I saw Satan falling like lightening from heaven. Behold I have given you authority to tread on serpents and scorpions, and over all the power of the enemy and nothing shall hurt you. (Luke 9:17-18)

- -When Christ ascended and gave us the Great Commission, he instructed that healing be a part of the church's mission, and the life of every believer! "Jesus said to them, "Go into all the world and preach the Good News to all creation. And these signs will accompany those who believe: In My Name they will drive out demons: they will speak in new tongues: they will pick up snakes with their hands: and when they drink deadly poison, it will not hurt them at all: **they will place their hands on the sick, and they will get well.**" (Mark 16:15,17-18)
- Further example: "Truly I say to you, He that believes in me the works that I will do, he will do also: and greater works than these will he do, because I go to my Father. And I will do whatever you ask in My Name, so that the Son may bring glory to the Father. You may ask for anything in My Name and I will do it. If you love me you will obey what I command." (John 14:12-15)
- -Examples of God healing through his followers in the early church:

The early believers prayed God would heal people (Acts 4:30)

Many were healed by the Apostles' ministry (Acts 5:12, 15-16)

Phillip had a ministry of deliverance and healing. When they saw what he did they paid attention to what he said. (Acts 8:6-7)

Ananias was sent to bring healing to Saul (Acts 9:17-18)

Paul prayed for healing (Acts 28:8)

Peter prayed for the paralytic, Aeneas (Acts 9:32-24)

James 5:14-16 "And the prayer of faith will save the one who is sick and the Lord will raise him up. And if he has committed sins he will be forgiven. Therefore confess your sins to one another that you may be healed. The prayer of a righteous person has great power as it is working."

If the church is to both mimic the heart of Jesus and be His hands and feet, this means we must be healed people who heal people

# **Foundations of Healing**

### -We are body, soul, and spirit

Body (soma): Romans 12:1-2, 1 Corinthians 6:2 ("...glorify God in your body.") Soul (psyche): Genesis 2:7 states that Man was created as a "living soul." The soul consists of the mind (which includes the conscience), the will and the emotions. The soul and the spirit are mysteriously tied together and make up what the Scriptures call the "heart." Proverbs 4:23, 1 Corinthians 2:14

Spirit (pneuma): "For the word of God is living and active and sharper than any two-edged sword, and piercing as far as the division of soul and spirit, of both joints and marrow, and able to judge the thoughts and intentions of the heart." (Hebrews 4:12). The word is able to cut between our soul (the desires of our heart) and what our transformed spirit knows is right!

### -Types of Healing:

We see Jesus healing people holistically. In other words, he cared about every part of who we are!

<u>Physical:</u> Read through the Gospels for plentiful examples! (see theology of healing page)

Emotional: God cares about your emotions and wants you to be whole emotionally! He truly does "bind up the brokenhearted, and bind up their wounds!" Psalm 147:3

Philippians 4:6-7, Psalm 42:5, Psalm 30:11, Psalm 34:18: "The Lord is close to those who are of a broken heart..."

<u>Spiritual:</u> Casting out demons and evil spirits who were oppressing or possessing people. *Acts 10:38, Acts 5:16, Mark 9:20-29* 

Generational: Tendencies towards sin passed down throughout families (alcoholism, abuse, control issues). This can also be trauma-based. "We must face generational strongholds head-on. If we don't, they can remain almost unrecognizable—but they don't remain benign. Family strongholds continue to be the seedbed for all sorts of destruction. Oftentimes we've grown up with these chains and they feel completely natural. We consider them part of our personality rather than a strangling yoke."—Beth Moore

### -Obstacles to Healing

Unforgiveness towards other people or God Wrong image of God, "unbelief." Habitual sin/unhealthy lifestyle Occult involvement

### -Ways to grow in healing prayer ministry:

- 1. Keep praying that God would increase your faith and your compassion for people!
- 2. Familiarize yourself with Jesus' ministry, and listen to God's voice for the specific situation. God may have a specific strategy for the healing! For example, some healing prayer ministers have people stand up or try to walk as Jesus told the man he healed to

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"pick up your mat", and it's when these people attempt the action that they receive healing.

- 3. Listen to sermons and read testimonies on miraculous healings
- 4. Grow in other spiritual gifts. For example, often people gifted in the prophetic can pray and get a word of knowledge that God wants to heal a specific ailment in the room. Sometimes, as soon as that person stands up, they receive healing!
- 5. Practice!!! God honors persistence and boldness! Remember that it is not up to you to guarantee a result, but rather, to obey.

### **Further Resources**

### **HEALING:**

Personal healing:

Healing the Broken-Hearted: Kathy Oates

On growing in healing ministry:

Power to Heal, and Finding Victory When Healing Doesn't Happen: Randy Clark

Healing: Francis Macnutt

The Essential Guide to Healing: Randy Clark Biblical Basis for Healing: Randy Clark

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http://www.joycemeyer.org/content/downloads/PhysicalHealingScriptures.pdf

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