

### **Pathway to Discipleship Series**

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### Pathway to Discipleship: Light for the Journey

The path of the righteous is like the first gleam of dawn shining ever brighter to the full light of day

### **Curriculum Agenda – Pathway to Discipleship**

### Lesson 1: Light for the Journey - Blessed Assurance

- ✓ Aspects of the Journey
- ✓ Our Spiritual Journey Together
- **✓** Walking with the Lord Jesus Christ
- ✓ No Focus- No Finish
- ✓ Merciful God Merciful People
- **✓** Growing in Brilliance Overcoming the Darkness

### Lesson 2: Begin in Prayer: The Priority of Prayer in the life of the Christian Believer

- ✓ What is Prayer?
- ✓ Priority of Prayer
- ✓ Why Should We Pray?
- ✓ How Should We Pray?
- ✓ When and Where Should We Pray
- ✓ Prayer Involves the Presence of God in Many Ways

### Lesson 3: Direction from God's Word: Study of Scripture - Guideposts for the Journey

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- ✓ Nature of God's Word Revealed, Written, Living
- ✓ Critical for spiritual warfare, strength and guidance for the believer
- ✓ Jesus's View of Scripture

### Lesson 4: We Don't Go It Alone: Sojourning with the Community of Faith

- ✓ Welcome to the Family
- ✓ Involvement in Local Churches
- **✓** Model for Growth
- ✓ 10 Reasons for Church Membership
- **✓** Relational in Context
- ✓ Importance of family
- **✓** Community Covenants

### Lesson 5: Telling Others About Jesus: Bringing "Others" Along on the Journey

- ✓ Fundamental Principles Regarding Evangelism
- **✓** Teaching and Proclaiming the Good News to Others
- **✓ Public and Private Witness**
- ✓ Evangelism in the 21st Century
- ✓ Practical Steps to Begin

### Lesson 6: Waters of Refreshing, Part 1: Water Baptism as Concrete Symbol of God's Work

- ✓ Scriptural Mandate for Water Baptism
- ✓ Jesus Did It and Commands It

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- ✓ Expected of Every Christian
- **✓** Scriptural Examples
- **✓** Separate from Spirit Baptism
- ✓ Summary Principles
- ✓ What Happens because of Water Baptism

### Lesson 7: Waters of Refreshing, Part 2: Spirit Baptism – God's Empowerment & Presence

- ✓ Salvation What's Involved
- ✓ Scriptural Mandate for Spirit Baptism
- **✓** Results of Spirit Baptism
- **✓** God's Empowering Presence
  - o Fulfilment of a Promise
  - o A Gift
- ✓ Result of:
  - o Prayer
  - o Preaching
  - o Praise
  - o Perseverance in Prayer

### **Lesson 8: Equipped by God: Gifting for the Journey**

- ✓ Three-fold Art of Experiencing God
- **✓** Perspective from Scripture
  - o Power
  - o Wisdom
  - o Commitment
- ✓ Spiritual Gifts in 1 Cor. 12
  - Mind of God
  - o Power of God
  - Voice of God
- ✓ Lists of Gifts
  - o 1 Cor. 12
  - o Romans 12
  - o Eph. 4
- ✓ Discovering our gifts

### Lesson 9: Perseverance Along the Path: Stewardship of Time/Talents/Money

- ✓ Mandate to Give Jesus' Promise
- **✓** Parable of the Talents
- ✓ What the Scriptures Say about Tithing
- ✓ Time/Talents/Tithing
- **✓** Motivations for Giving
- ✓ Criteria for Spirit-led Giving
- **✓** Result of Spirit-led Giving

### Pathway to Discipleship: Light for the Journey

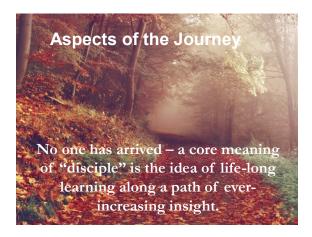
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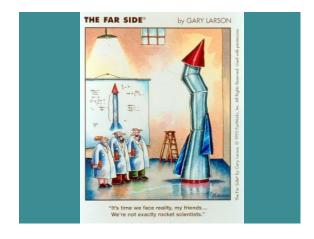
### Lesson 10: Fruitfulness Along the Path: Bearing Fruit that Will Last - Remaining in Him

- **✓** What is the Main Thing in Your Life?
- **✓** Bearing Fruit That Will Last
- **✓** Concept of abiding
  - o God Wants Us to have Fruitful Lives
  - o Fruit Comes from "Abiding"
  - **o** Without Christ our Ministry is Fruitless and Dean
  - o Jesus Yearns for an Intimate Relationship with Us
  - o Joy is Found in Spirit-led Friendships Grounded in Servanthood
  - **Our Lives Are Not Our Own**
  - o Foundation is love













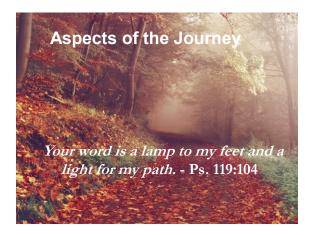
















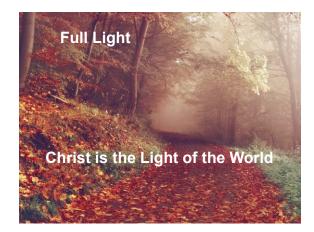












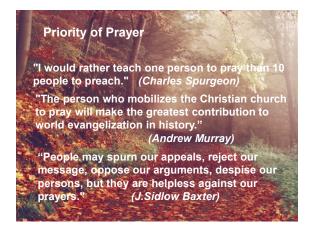


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	that surround ose of God's re	
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## Reflection Questions \* In what ways does your life reflect the lifestyle of the merciful/righteous depicted in the text? In what ways does it not? \* What is God asking you to begin to change at this moment?

# Reflection Questions \* How can you be involved with others to bring a greater revelation of God to those who need it in your community? \* What is the next step of obedience the Lord would have you take in this regard?







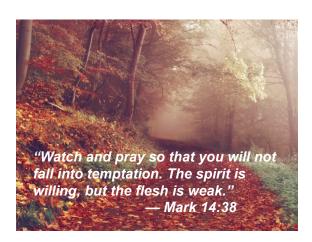






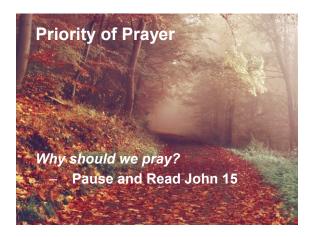


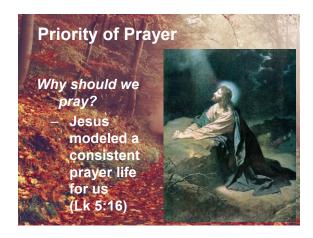




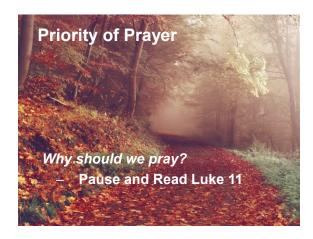
## Priority of Prayer Why should we pray? — Means by which we declare that Jesus is the Lord and Master of our lives — Shows our dependence upon him — Helps us to keep the main thing the main thing — we commune with him

# Priority of Prayer Why should we pray? — Gives us the guidance we need when we need it — Gives God the glory as he answers pray — Causes faith to rise in our hearts as he answers our prayers









### Priority of Prayer How should we pray? Jesus teaches his disciples to pray6 key aspects: Focus on God – His sovereignty and holiness The coming of His Kingdom – His will and his power – that what happens here on earth would match what is in heaven His provision for us – daily needs

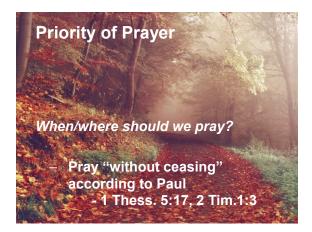
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## Priority of Prayer How should we pray? Jesus teaches his disciples to pray-6 key aspects: Forgiveness – His forgiveness of us and our consequent forgiveness for others Strength for spiritual battle – to keep us from temptation and also to help us in the midst of trials/tribulations We should thank and glorify him as the culmination of all of our prayers

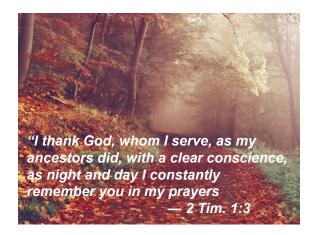
# Priority of Prayer How should we pray? With persistence - keep on asking, keep on seeking, keep on knocking The result will be the presence of the Holy Spirit in our lives

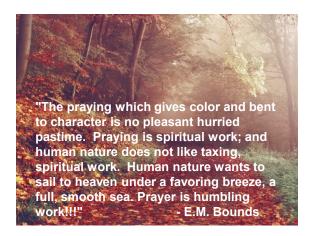
"The little estimate we put on prayer is evidence from the little time we give to it. It is necessary to iterate and reiterate that prayer, as a mere habit, as a performance gone through by routine or in a professional way, is a dead and rotten thing. Prayer is not a little habit pinned onto us while we were tied to our mother's apron strings: neither is it a little decent quarter of a minute's grace said over an hour's dinner, but it is a more serious work of our most serious years."

- E.M. Bounds







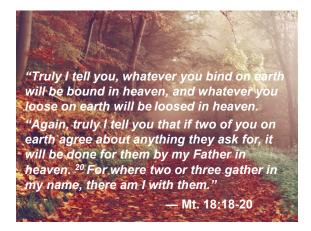




"And when you pray, do not be like the hypocrites, for they love to pray standing in the synagogues and on the street corners to be seen by others. Truly I tell you, they have received their reward in full. But when you pray, go into your room, close the door and pray to your Father, who is unseen. Then your Father, who sees what is done in secret, will reward you. And when you pray, do not keep on babbling like pagans, for they think they will be heard because of their many words. Do not be like them, for your Father knows what you needbefore you ask him."

— Mt. 6:5-8





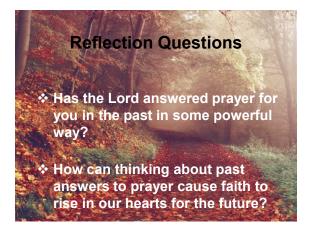




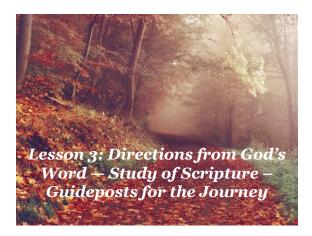
Prayer involves the presence of God in many ways:

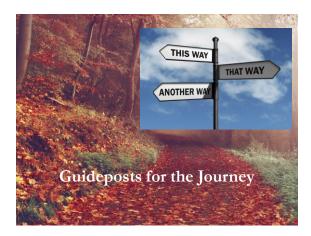
His glorious riches are the source
The power of His Holy Spirit is present
Enabling the indwelling and knowledge of Christ
The establishment of his love in our heart
The fullness of God in our midst.











	Eternal Guidance - The Word of God
*	· Eternality of the word
K	- Heaven and earth will pass away
	but my words never pass away
	forever (Lk. 21:33).
	The grass withers and the flowers
	fall, but the word of our God
	endures forever (Isaiah 40:8).
	- Humankind does not live by bread alone but by every word that issues
	from the mouth of God (Mt. 4:4).











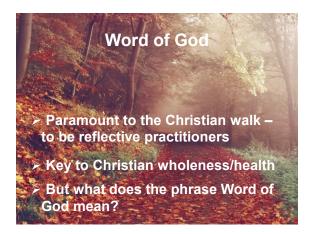


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& Gives us	assurance of our salvation:
The same of the sa	these things to you who
	in the name of the Son of
	that you may know that you
have et	ernal life (1 Jn. 5:13)
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<b>❖Jesus Affirms it (Mt. 5:17-18, N/V):</b>
"Do not think that I have come to
abolish the Law or the Prophets; I
have not come to abolish them but to
fulfill them.
I tell you the truth, until heaven and
earth disappear, not the smallest
letter, not the least stroke of a pen,
will by any means disappear from
the Law until everything is
accomplished."
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### \*Warns us concerning it (Mt. 5:19, NIV): Anyone who breaks one of the least of these commandments and teaches others to do the same will be called least in the kingdom of heaven, but whoever practices and teaches these commands will be called great in the kingdom of heaven.

# Eternal Guidance - The Word of God Principles from Mt. 5:19: Fulfillment of the Law is a major emphasis in Matthew's gospel Word of God for Jesus was the Law & the Prophets Every jot and tittle, commandments, law, teaching, letter of the law, etc. Both teaching & practice are honored











Word of God - 3 aspects	
❖ Holy Spirit superintended process –	
Revealed Acts of Triune God	
> Preserves	
Empowers	

## Word of God: \*End of Jesus' Sermon - Mt. 7:24-25 (NIV): Therefore everyone who hears these words of mine and puts them into practice is like a wise man who built his house on the rock. The rain came down, the streams rose, and the winds blew and beat against that house; yet it did not fall, because it had its foundation on the rock.

# Word of God: \*End of Jesus' Sermon - Mt. 7:26-27 (NIV): But everyone who hears these words of mine and does not put them into practice is like a foolish man who built his house on sand. The rain came down, the streams rose, and the winds blew and beat against that house, and it fell with a great crash."



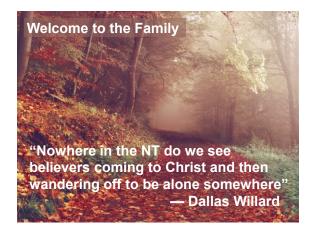






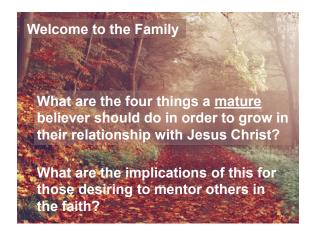


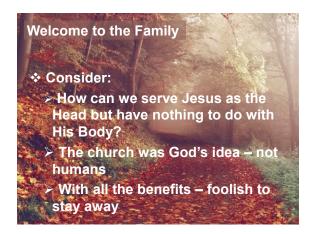




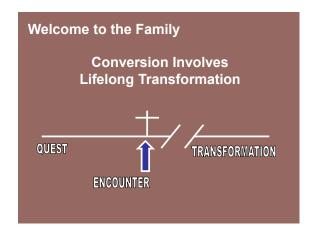




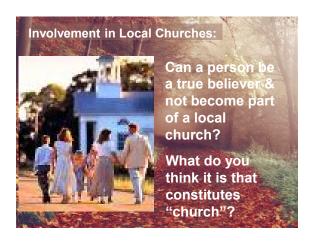








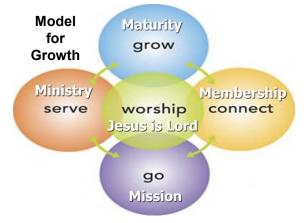




Welcome to the Family	
Claiming the Strengths of the Local Church:	
What are the primary things that drew you to become a part of you church?	ur V
If you were looking for a church what kind of things would you lo	ok



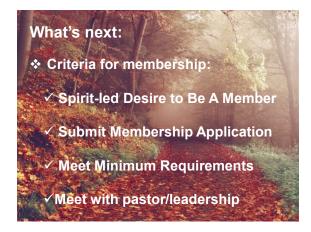




0 Reasons For Church Membership:
1. It was an apostolic precedent (Acts 2:42–47)
2. The first-century believers kept track of each other (Acts 2:42–47)
3. Ekklesia is the original Greek word
for "church" – people not a place
4. Church membership is an expression of commitment

10 Reasons For Church Membership:
5. Church membership models caring
6: Church membership shares the burden
7. Church membership breeds encouragement
8. Church membership says, "I'll serve"

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10	Reasons For Church Membership:
9	Church membership is an attitude of
	submission
	0. Church membership is symbolic of
	our heavenly citizenship

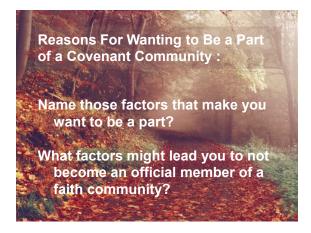


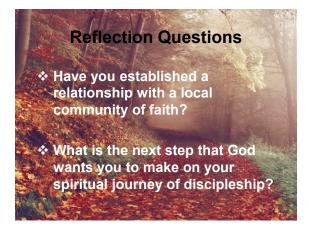


<b>⇔</b> C	Community Covenants – What
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Marie Company of the	Agree with Mission & Core Values
	Serving Others
	Giving Time/Talents/Finances
	Priority of Prayer
	Living Witness

Welcome to the Family	
❖Forms of discipleship to look for in the local church:	
➤ One on One Mentoring ➤ New Believer's Class	
> Small Group Meetings	
Support Groups for Strength & Nurture	

Suggestions for connecting with a local church:
 Search local church directories
 Find a Bible believing church
 Find one with people you can relate to – who are "born-again"
 Find one close enough to your home you can attend regularly
 Make a commitment to work through the initial challenges





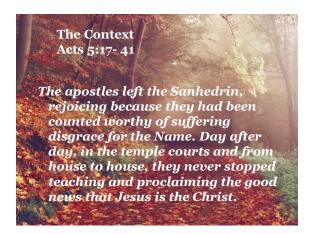


<b>❖</b> Fundamental Principles
Conversion is much more of a process rather than event
> We need a sense of awe and wonder at the complexity of the conversion
experience
Every believer is called to be a witness, not just professional clergy
Relationship is key to earning trust among our audience
> Incarnational witness is essential

not mere proclamation

## ❖ Fundamental Principles Christians must be willing to expose their weaknesses as well as their strengths There are key non-negotiables regarding the gospel that must be communicated ✓ The authority of the Scripture ✓ Exclusivity/inclusivity of Christ Our witness should have a sense of urgency because of the immediacy of Christ's return



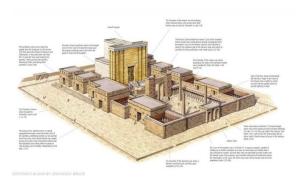








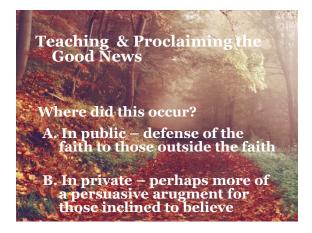


















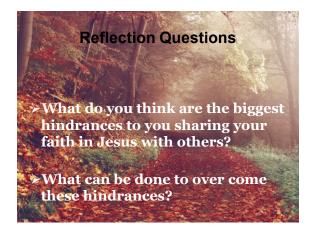


















### Jesus Did It:

Mt. 3:13-16: Then Jesus came from Galilee to the Jordan to be baptized by John. But John tried to deter him, saying, "I need to be baptized by you, and do you come to me?" Jesus replied, "Let it be so now; it is proper for us to do this to fulfill all righteousness." Then John consented...

### Jesus Did It:

Mt. 3:13-16: ... As soon as Jesus was baptized, he went up out of the water. At that moment heaven was opened, and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and lighting on him. And a voice from heaven said, "This is my Son, whom I love; with him I am well pleased."

<b>❖ Jesus Commands it – Mt. 18:</b> ▮
<b>➢</b> Bible teaches that every Christian
should be water baptized
In order to do so we must report and
In order to do so, we must repent and
believe on Jesus Christ
> Important spiritual significance in
that we outwardly identify with Jesus
Christ and affirm our commitment to

### **❖ Jesus Commands it - Mt. 18:**

live for him

- > Entrance into the water during baptism identifies us with Christ's death on the cross, His burial in the tomb and his resurrection from the dead
- > Jesus freely chose to die in our place, so must we willingly enter into the waters of baptism to rise in newness of life in Him

### **Expected of Every Christian:**

Ethiopian Eunuch: The eunuch asked Philip, "Tell me, please, who is the prophet talking about, himself or someone else?" Then Philip began with that very passage of Scripture and told him the good news about Jesus. As they traveled along the road, they came to some water and the eunuch said, "Look, here is water. Why shouldn't I be baptized?"...

<b>Expected</b>	of Every Christi	an:
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Ethiopian Eunuch: ... And he gave orders to stop the chariot. Then both Philip and the eunuch went down into the water and Philip baptized him. When they came up out of the water, the Spirit of the Lord suddenly took Philip away, and the eunuch did not see him again, but went on his way rejoicing (Acts 8:34-38, NIV)

### Philippian Jailer:

The jailer called for lights, rushed in and fell trembling before Paul and Silas. He then brought them out and asked, "Sirs, what must I do to be saved?" They replied, "Believe in the Lord Jesus, and you will be saved—you and your household." Then they spoke the word of the Lord to him and to all the others in his house.

### Philippian Jailer:

At that hour of the night the jailer took them and washed their wounds; then immediately he and all his family were baptized. The jailer brought them into his house and set a meal before them; he was filled with joy because he had come to believe in God—he and his whole family (Acts 16:29-34, NIV).

### Paul describes what happens in baptism in Rom. 6. 3-6:

... all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? Therefore we have been buried with him by baptism into death, so that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, so we too might walk in newness of life. For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we will certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his.

### Separate from Holy Spirit Baptism:

The next day John saw Jesus coming toward him and said, "Look, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world! This is the one I meant when I said, 'A man who comes after me has surpassed me because he was before me.'

### Separate from Holy Spirit Baptism:

I myself did not know him, but the reason I came baptizing with water was that he might be revealed to Israel." Then John gave this testimony: "I saw the Spirit come down from heaven as a dove and remain on him...

### Separate from Holy Spirit Baptism:

... I would not have known him, except that the one who sent me to baptize with water told me, 'The man on whom you see the Spirit come down and remain is he who will baptize with the Holy Spirit.' I have seen and I testify that this is the Son of God." (Jn. 1:29-34, NIV).

### Summary

All Christians should be baptized

"Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, . . . (Mt. 28:19).

### Summary

Though we are not saved by being baptized in water, God commands us to do so

Peter replied, "Repent and be baptized, every one of you, in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins. And you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit (Acts 2:38).

Summary	
Someone may be baptized in water after he or she has repented and	
believed in Jesus	
Those who accepted his message	
were baptized, and about three	
thousand were added to their number that day (Acts 2:41).	
Summary	
Infant baptism is not Scriptural,	
but older children who made a	
baptized	
At that hour of the night the jailer took them and washed their ————————————————————————————————————	
wounds; then immediately he and all his household were baptized	
(Acts 16:33).	
What happens when we repent,	
believe, and are water baptized?	
— We identify with Christ's death burial and resurrection	
Or don't you know that all of us who were	
baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? 4 We were therefore buried with	
him through baptism into death in order that, just as Christ was raised from the	
dead through the glory of the Father, we too	
may live a new life. For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we will	

What happens when we repent, believe, and are water baptized?  — We are forgiven of our sins  Peter replied, "Repent and be baptized, every one of you, in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins. And you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. (Acts 2:38).	
What happens when we repent, believe, and are water baptized?  — Our old man is crucified  For we know that our old self was crucified with him so that the body ruled by sin might be done away with,[a] that we should no longer be slaves to sin— (Romans 6:6).	
What happens when we repent, believe, and are water baptized?  — We experience a circumcision of the heart  No, a person is a Jew who is one inwardly; and circumcision is circumcision of the heart, by the Spirit, not by the written code.  Such a person's praise is not from other people, but from God.  (Romans 2:29).	

### What happens when we repent, believe, and are water baptized? — In water baptism we are immersed in water, in the baptism of the Spirit we are immersed in the Spirit Then John gave this testimony: "I saw the Spirit come down from heaven as a dove and remain on him. And I myself did not know him, but the one who sent me to baptize with water told me, 'The man on whom you see the Spirit come down and remain is the one who will baptize with the Holy Spirit.' I have

seen and I testify that this is God's Chosen

### Summary

One" (Jn. 1:29-34).

- > Any Christian may baptize another Christian in water, but Jesus is the baptizer of the Holy Spirit (Acts 8:34).
- We should be baptized in the name of the Lord; the Father, Son and Holy Spirit (Acts 2:38, Mt. 28:18).
- Immersion is the scriptural pattern for water baptism (cf. examples above).

### **Reflection Questions**

- Have you been baptized in water since you became a believer in Jesus Christ?
- > If not, what would stop you from being obedient in following Jesus in water baptism?







Salv	vation – what's in	volved?	
1000000	Already but not the Pauline cor	yet aspect to salvation rpus	
Ü	ustification – r	ighteousness imputed	
S	anctification –	righteousness imparted	
G	lorification – r	ighteousness fully realize	ed



"The NT teaches the existence, availability and desirability of such an experience for all Christians"

— Anthony Palma

"The experience is logically and theologically separate from the conversion experience though it may take place either immediately upon conversion or some time afterward" (lbid).

### **Jesus Affirmed It:**

John 7:37-40: On the last and greatest day of the festival, Jesus stood and said in a loud voice, "Let anyone who is thirsty come to me and drink. Whoever believes in me, as Scripture has said, rivers of living water will flow from within them." By this he meant the Spirit, whom those who believed in him were later to receive. Up to that time the Spirit had not been given, since Jesus had not yet been glorified.









In contrast to works of the fleshGal 5:19-21: The acts of the sinful nature are obvious: sexual immorality, impurity and debauchery; idolatry and witchcraft; hatred, discord, jealousy, fits of rage, selfish ambition, dissensions, factions and envy; drunkenness, orgies, and the like. I warn you, as I did before, that those who live like this will not inherit the kingdom of God.



## Characteristics of Pentecostals: 1. Personal experience 2. Oral communication (testimonies) 3. Spontaneity 4. Otherworldliness (holiness) 5. Devotional life 6. Scriptural authority 7. Evangelistic and Mission Zeal 8. Guidance of the Holy Spirit 9. Gifts of the Holy Spirit 10. Pragmatism



### God's Empowering Presence It's a Fulfilled Promise Lk. 24:44-46: He said to them, "This is what I told you while I was still with you: Everything must be fulfilled that is written about me in the Law of Moses, the Prophets and the Psalms." Then he opened their minds so they could understand the Scriptures. He told them, "This is what is written: The Messiah will suffer and rise from the dead on the third day,

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## God's Empowering Presence It's a Fulfilled Promise Acts 1: 4-5: On one occasion, while he was eating with them, he gave them this command: "Do not leave Jerusalem, but wait for the gift my Father promised, which you have heard me speak about. For John baptized with water, but in a few days you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit."

### God's Empowering Presence

### It's a Fulfilled Promise

Acts 2: 1-5: When the day of Pentecost came, they were all together in one place. Suddenly a sound like the blowing of a violent wind came from heaven and filled the whole house where they were sitting. They saw what seemed to be tongues of fire that separated and came to rest on each of them. All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit enabled them.

### God's Empowering Presence It's a Fulfilled Promise

Acts 2: 15-18: These people are not drunk, as you suppose. It's only nine in the morning! No, this is what was spoken by the prophet Joel: "'In the last days, God says,I will pour out my Spirit on all people. Your sons and daughters will prophesy, your young men will see visions, your old men will dream dreams. Even on my servants, both men and women, I will pour out my Spirit in those days, and they will prophesy.

### God's Empowering Presence It's a Fulfilled Promise

Acts 2: 32 – 33: God has raised this Jesus to life, and we are all witnesses of it. Exalted to the right hand of God, he has received from the Father the **promised Holy Spirit** and has poured out what you now see and hear.



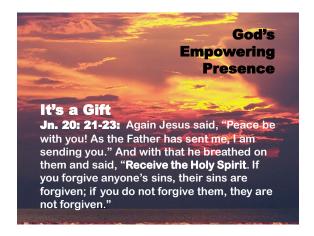




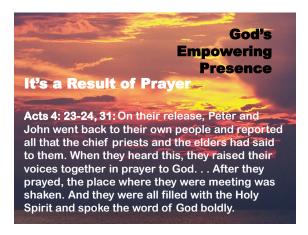
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# God's Empowering Presence It's a Gift Jn. 20: 19-20: On the evening of that first day of the week, when the disciples were together, with the doors locked for fear of the Jewish leaders, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you!" After he said this, he showed them his hands and side. The disciples were overjoyed when they saw the Lord.







### God's Empowering Presence It's a Result of Prayer

Acts 8: 14-17: When the apostles in Jerusalem heard that Samaria had accepted the word of God, they sent Peter and John to Samaria. When they arrived, they prayed for the new believers there that they might receive the Holy Spirit, because the Holy Spirit had not yet come on any of them; they had simply been baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus. Then Peter and John placed their hands on them, and they received the Holy Spirit.

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Acts 19: 1-3: While Apollos was at Corinth, Paul
took the road through the interior and arrived at
Ephesus. There he found some disciples and
asked them, "Did you receive the Holy Spirit when
you believed?" They answered, "No, we have not
even heard that there is a Holy Spirit."
So Paul asked, "Then what baptism did you
receive?" "John's baptism," they replied.

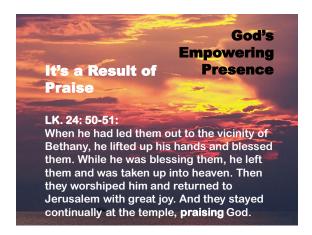
## God's Empowering Presence It's a Result of Prayer Acts 19: 4-6: Paul said, "John's baptism was a baptism of repentance. He told the people to believe in the one coming after him, that is, in Jesus." On hearing this, they were baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus. When Paul placed his hands on them, the Holy Spirit came on them, and they spoke in tongues and prophesied. There were about twelve men in all.



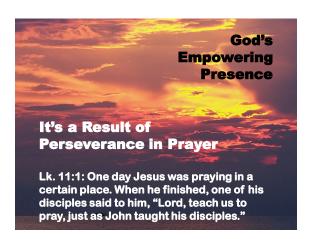
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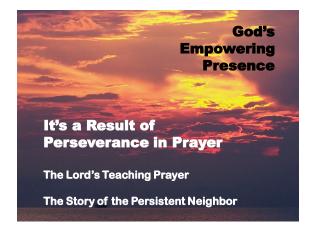
Acts 10: 44-47: While Peter was still speaking these words, the Holy Spirit came on all who heard the message. The circumcised believers who had come with Peter were astonished that the gift of the Holy Spirit had been poured out even on Gentiles. For they heard them speaking in tongues and praising God. Then Peter said, Surely no one can stand in the way of their being baptized with water. They have received the Holy Spirit just as we have."







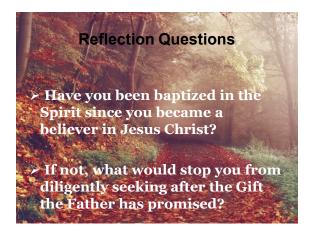




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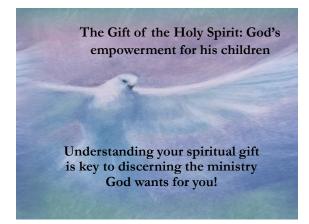
# God's Empowering Presence It's a Result of Perseverance in Prayer Lk. 11: 11-13: "Which of you fathers, if your son asks for a fish, will give him a snake instead? Or if he asks for an egg, will give him a scorpion? If you then, though you are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your Father in heaven give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him!"



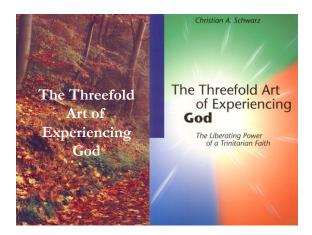






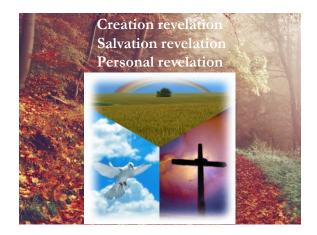


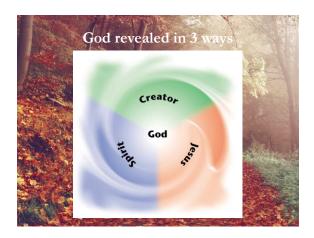
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	There are different kinds of working, but
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3	Now to each one the manifestation of
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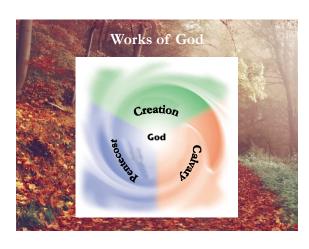


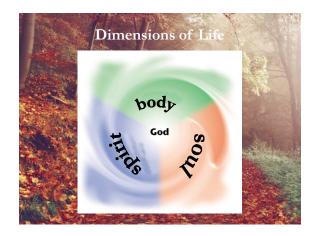




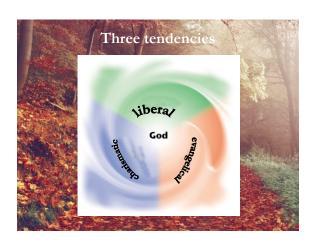


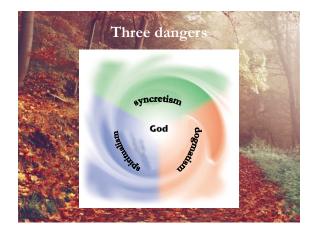


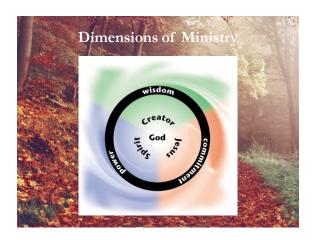












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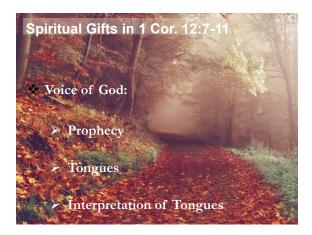
# Wisdom "Out-workings" – divine manifestation of God in people – Christ in us Depicted in Creation To assess the results of our efforts we need wisdom to discover how it is that God is already at work in our midst - both to gift and to call people to commitment to use those gifts

### Spiritual Gifts in 1 Cor. 12:7-11

Now to each one the manifestation of the Spirit is given for the common good. To one there is given through the Spirit the message of wisdom, to another the message of knowledge by means of the same Spirit, to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healing by that one Spirit, to another miraculous powers, to another prophecy, to another distinguishing between spirits, to another speaking in different kinds of tongues, and to still another the interpretation of tongues. All these are the work of one and the same Spirit, and he gives them to each one, just as he determines (NIV).







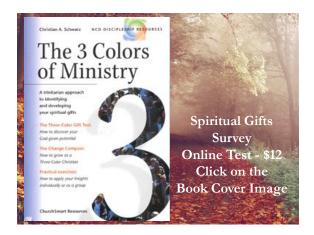
# Spiritual Gifts in Romans 12:6-8 We have different gifts, according to the grace given to each of us. If your gift is prophesying, then prophesy in accordance with your faith; if it is serving, then serve; if it is teaching, then teach; if it is to encourage, then give encouragement; if it is giving, then give generously; if it is to lead, do it diligently; if it is to show mercy, do it cheerfully (NIV).

	Spiritual Gifts in Ephesians 4:11-13
	So Christ himself gave the apostles, the
	prophets, the evangelists, the pastors and
	teachers, to equip his people for works of
	service, so that the body of Christ may be
	built up until we all reach unity in the faith
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16	working in the background to support others who are in a more visible ministry.
17	welcoming even unexpected guests and providing them with food and lodging.
18	spending an hour or more in prayer.
19	hearing what God wants to communicate to us when others speak in tongues.
20	spending a lot of time studying in order to gain new insights.
21	leading people in such a way that they learn to work together toward a common goal.
22	demonstrating a positive mindset in the midst of suffering and pain.
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Power + Commitment + Wisdom
Various individual grace-gifts comprise
the whole of God's church – so what is
needed is a way of assessing our
individual gifting, make a
commitment to minister under the
Spirit's anointing in these gifts and
then seek God for the wisdom to know
how to carry out his work in our lives



# Reflection Questions > Have you been able to identify the spiritual gift(s) that God has enabled you with? > If so, have you made a commitment to serve Him in this capacity? > How will you gather the wisdom you need to do so?







### Mandate to Give: Parable of the talents (kingdom of heaven)

"Again, it will be like a man going on a journey, who called his servants and entrusted his property to them. To one he gave five talents of money, to another two talents, and to another one talent, each according to his ability. Then he went on his journey. The man who had received the five talents went at once and put his money to work and gained five more. So also, the one with the two talents gained two more. But the man who had received the one talent went off, dug a hole in the ground and hid his master's money (Mt. 25: 14-30).

### Mandate to Give: Parable of the talents

"After a long time the master of those servants returned and settled accounts with them. The man who had received the five talents brought the other five. 'Master,' he said, 'you entrusted me with five talents. See, I have gained five more.'

"His master replied, 'Well done, good and faithful servant! You have been faithful with a few things; I will put you in charge of many things. Come and share your master's happiness!'

"The man with the two talents also came. 'Master,' he said, 'you entrusted me with two talents; see, I have gained two more.'

### Mandate to Give: Parable of the talents "His master replied, 'Well done, good and faithful servant! You have been faithful with a few things? I will put you in charge of many things. Come and share your master's happiness!' "Then the man who had received the one talent came. 'Master,' he said, 'I knew that you are a hard man, harvesting where you have not sown and gathering where you have not scattered seed. So I was afraid and went out and hid your talent in the ground. See, here is what belongs to you.'

### "His master replied, 'You wicked, lazy servant! So you knew that I harvest where I have not sown and gather where I have not scattered seed? Well then, you should have put my money on deposit with the bankers, so that when I returned I would have received it back with interest. "'Take the talent from him and give it to the one who has the ten talents. For everyone who has will be given more, and he will have an abundance. Whoever does not have, even what he has will be taken from him. And throw that worthless servant outside, into the darkness,

where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.

Mandate to Give:
Details from the parable
talenton – unit of measure

60 – 80 lbs.

Value varies considerably from place and time

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## Mandate to Give: What the Scriptures say about tithing Malachi 3:7- 12: Bring the whole tithe into the storehouse, that there may be food in my house. Test me in this," says the LORD Almighty, "and see if I will not throw open the floodgates of heaven and pour out so much blessing that you will not have room enough for it.

Mandate to Give:
What the Scriptures say about tithing

Proverbs 3:9: Honor the LORD with your wealth, with the firstfruits of all your crops; then your barns will be filled to overflowing, and your vats will brim over with new wine.

Mandate to Give:
What the Scriptures say about tithing

Luke 11:42: Woe to you Pharisees, because you give God a tenth of your mint, rue and all other kinds of garden herbs, but you neglect justice and the love of God. You should have practiced the latter without leaving the former undone.

## Mandate to Give: 2 Cor. 9:6 – Sowing & Reaping Remember this: Whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and whoever sows generously will also reap generously. Each man should give what he has decided in his heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. And God is able to make all grace abound to you, so that in all things at all times, having all that you need, you will abound in every good work. As it is written: "He has scattered abroad his gifts to the poor; his righteousness endures forever."

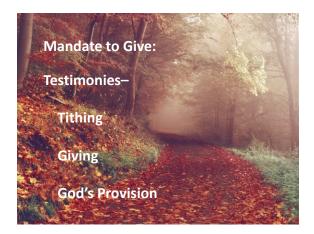
### Mandate to Give: 2 Cor. 9:6 – Sowing & Reaping Now he who supplies seed to the sower and bread for food will also supply and increase your store of seed and will enlarge the harvest of your righteousness. You will be made rich in every way so that you can be generous on every occasion, and through us your generosity will result in thanksgiving to God.

Mandate to Give:
Proverbs 30:7–8 - The Lord Knows
Our Heart

"Two things I ask of you, O LORD;
do not refuse me before I die:
Keep falsehood and lies far from
me; give me neither poverty nor
riches, but give me only my daily
bread.

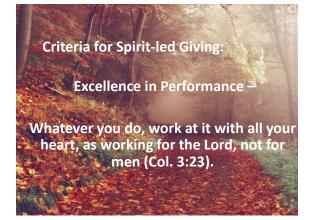
Otherwise I may have too much and disown you and say. Who











Criteria for Spirit-led Giving:

Accountable in Practice —

There is nothing concealed that will not be disclosed, or hidden that will not be made known. What you have said in the dark will be heard in the daylight, and what you have whispered in the ear in the inner rooms will be proclaimed from the roofs (Lk. 12:2-3)

Criteria for Spirit-led Giving:	
Christ-like in Attitude –	
Your attitude should be the same as that	
of Christ Jesus: Who, being in very nature God, did not consider equality with	
God something to be grasped, but made himself nothing, taking the very nature of	
a servant, being made in human likeness (Philippians 2:5-6).	
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Faithful in Stewardship –	
Face who has been given	
From everyone who has been given much, much will be demanded; and	
from the one who has been entrusted with much, much more will	
be asked (Lk. 12:48).	

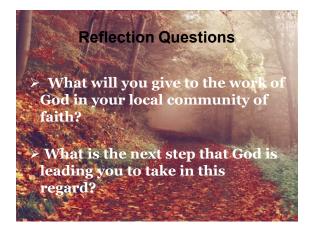
Give, and it will be given to you. A good measure, pressed down, shaken together and running over, will be poured into your lap. For with the measure you use, it will be measured to you" (Lk 6:37-38)







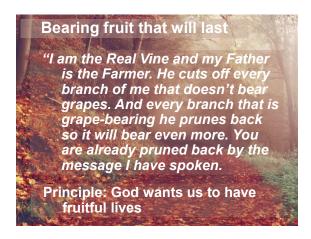












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	"Live in me. Make your home in me
	just as I do in you. In the same way
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	vine, you can't bear fruit unless you
	are joined with me.
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### Bearing fruit that will last

I am the Vine, you are the branches. When you're joined with me and I with you, the relation intimate and organic, the harvest is sure to be abundant. Separated, you can't produce a thing. Anyone who separates from me is deadwood, gathered up and thrown on the bonfire.

### Bearing fruit that will last

But if you make yourselves at home with me and my words are at home in you, you can be sure that whatever you ask will be listened to and acted upon. This is how my Father shows who he is—when you produce grapes, when you mature as my disciples.

Principle: Our ministry is fruitless and dead if Christ is not at the center.

### Bearing fruit that will last

"I've loved you the way my Father has loved me. Make yourselves at home in my love. If you keep my commands, you'll remain intimately at home in my love. That's what I've done—kept my Father's commands and made myself at home in his love.

Principle: Jesus yearns for an intimate loving relationship with us.

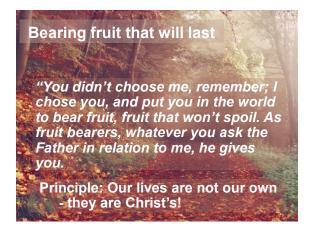
### Bearing fruit that will last

"I've told you these things for a purpose: that my joy might be your joy, and your joy wholly mature. This is my command: Love one another the way I loved you. This is the very best way to love. Put your life on the line for your friends.

### Bearing fruit that will last

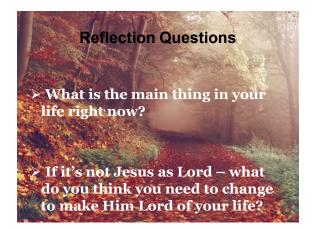
You are my friends when you do the things I command you. I'm no longer calling you servants because servants don't understand what their master is thinking and planning. No, I've named you friends because I've let you in on everything I've heard from the Father.

Principle: There is great joy in loving Spirit-led friendships that are rooted in servanthood to others.













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