

SPIRITUAL GIFTS GUIDE STUDENT MANUAL

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THE POWER OF EXPECTATIONS

1. WHAT HAPPENS WHEN I LIVE IN EXPECTATION?

For I live in eager expectation and hope... Philippians 1:20a

⊗ I _____ THE NORM

⊗ I _____ WHAT I CAN _____

For all creation is waiting eagerly for that future day when God will reveal who his children really are. – Romans 8:19

Jesus replied, "What do you mean, 'If I can'?"...Anything is possible if a person believes." – Mark 9:23

⊗ I _____ IN CONFIDENCE

God, who began the good work within you, will continue his work until it is finally finished on that day when Christ Jesus comes back again. – Philippians 1:6

2. HOW DO I BEGIN TO LIVE IN EXPECTATION?

⊗ LIVE FOR _____, NOT FOR _____

For I live in eager expectation and hope that I will never do anything that causes me shame, but that I will always be bold for Christ, as I have been in the past, and that my life will always honor Christ, whether I live or I die. – Philippians 1:20-21

“I live in eager expectation and hope that...

- 1) ...I will never do anything that would cause shame;
- 2) ...I will always be bold for Christ;
- 3) ...My life will always honor Christ.

☒ LIVE TO _____, NOT TO BE _____

For to me, living is for Christ, and dying is even better. Yet if I live, that means fruitful service for Christ. I really don't know which is better. – Philippians 1:21-22

☒ LIVE TO _____ THE LIVES OF _____

I'm torn between two desires: Sometimes I want to live, and sometimes I long to go and be with Christ. That would be far better for me, but it is better for you that I live. I am convinced of this, so I will continue with you so that you will grow and experience the joy of your faith. Then when I return to you, you will have even more reason to boast about what Christ Jesus has done for me. – Philippians 1:23-26

3. WHAT DOES LIVING IN EXPECTATION LOOK LIKE?

☒ WE SEE _____

But whatever happens to me, you must live in a manner worthy of the Good News about Christ, as citizens of heaven. – Philippians 1:27a

☒ WE SEE THE _____

Then, whether I come and see you again or only hear about you, I will know that you are standing side by side, fighting together for the Good News. – Philippians 1:27b

☒ WE SEE THE _____

Don't be intimidated by your enemies. This will be a sign to them that they are going to be destroyed, but that you are going to be saved, even by God himself. – Philippians 1:28

The God of peace will soon crush Satan under your feet. – Romans 16:20a

☒ WE SEE _____

For you have been given not only the privilege of trusting in Christ but also the privilege of suffering for him. We are in this fight together. You have seen me suffer for him in the past, and you know that I am still in the midst of this great struggle. – Philippians 1:29-30

THE REASON FOR YOUR EXISTENCE

1. TO BE _____ BY GOD

Long ago, even before he made the world, God loved us... – Ephesians 1:4a

We know how much God loves us, and we have put our trust in him. God is love, and all who live in love live in God, and God lives in them. – 1 John 4:16

This is real love. It is not that we loved God, but that he loved us and sent his Son as a sacrifice to take away our sins. – 1 John 4:10

God showed his great love for us by sending Christ to die for us while we were still sinners. – Romans 5:8

He was wounded and crushed for our sins. He was beaten that we might have peace. He was whipped, and we were healed! All of us have strayed away like sheep. We have left God's paths to follow our own. Yet the LORD laid on him the guilt and sins of us all. – Isaiah 53:5-6

2. TO BE A _____ OF GOD'S _____

(God's) unchanging plan has always been to adopt us into his own family by bringing us to himself through Jesus Christ. And this gave him great pleasure. – Ephesians 1:5

But to all who believed him and accepted him, he gave the right to become children of God. – John 1:12

3. TO _____ GOD'S _____

But you are not like that, for you are a chosen people. You are a kingdom of priests, God's holy nation, his very own possession. This is so you can show others the goodness of God, for he called you out of the darkness into his wonderful light. – 1 Peter 2:9

4. TO _____ GOD _____

Glory and honor to God forever and ever. He is the eternal King, the unseen one who never dies; he alone is God. Amen. – 1 Timothy 1:17

THE UNIQUE ROLE GOD HAS CALLED YOU TO

1. GOD _____ ME _____

You made all the delicate, inner parts of my body and knit me together in my mother's womb. Thank you for making me so wonderfully complex! Your workmanship is marvelous—and how well I know it. – Psalms 139:13-14

2. GOD _____ ME _____

All that I know now is partial and incomplete, but then I will know everything completely, just as God knows me now. – 1 Corinthians 13:12b

You did not receive a spirit that makes you a slave again to fear, but you received the Spirit of sonship. And by him we cry, "Abba, Father." – Romans 8:15-16 (NIV)

3. GOD _____ ME _____

Luke 15

4. GOD _____ ME _____

But my life is worth nothing unless I use it for doing the work assigned me by the Lord Jesus—the work of telling others the Good News about God's wonderful kindness and love. – Acts 20:24

THE IMPORTANCE OF BEING A SERVANT

"You know that in this world kings are tyrants, and officials lord it over the people beneath them. But among you it should be quite different. Whoever wants to be a leader among you must be your servant, and whoever wants to be first must be the slave of all. For even I, the Son of Man, came here not to be served but to serve others, and to give my life as a ransom for many." – Mark 10:42-45

OUR NEED: SEE THE SERVANT

1. SEE _____ JESUS _____

For even I, the Son of Man, came here not to be served but to serve others, and to give my life as a ransom for many." – Mark 10:45

2. SEE _____ JESUS _____

When he looked out over the crowds, his heart broke. So confused and aimless they were, like sheep with no shepherd. – Matthew 9:36 (Message)

Deeply moved, Jesus touched their eyes. They had their sight back that very instant, and joined the procession. – Matthew 20:34 (Message)

"O Jerusalem, Jerusalem, the city that kills the prophets and stones God's messengers! How often I have wanted to gather your children together as a hen protects her chicks beneath her wings, but you wouldn't let me." – Matthew 23:37

3. SEE _____ JESUS _____

Jesus said, "Foxes have dens to live in, and birds have nests, but I, the Son of Man, have no home of my own, not even a place to lay my head." – Matthew 8:20

4. SEE _____ JESUS _____

OUR GOAL: BECOME THE SERVANT

Whoever wants to be a leader among you must be your servant, and whoever wants to be first must be the slave of all. – Mark 10:43-44

1. WHY _____?

2. WHAT _____?

3. HOW _____?

"If any of you wants to be my follower," he told them, "you must put aside your selfish ambition, shoulder your cross, and follow me. If you try to keep your life for yourself, you will lose it. But if you give up your life for my sake and for the sake of the Good News, you will find true life." – Mark 8:34-35

4. HOW _____?

GUT CHECK: What am I going to do to _____ between Jesus' level of servanthood and my own.

THE HOLY SPIRIT YOU CAN COUNT ON

1. THE HOLY SPIRIT IS _____

➔THE SPIRIT IS ETERNAL

Just think how much more the blood of Christ will purify our hearts from deeds that lead to death so that we can worship the living God. For by the power of the eternal Spirit, Christ offered himself to God as a perfect sacrifice for our sins. – Hebrews 9:14

➔THE SPIRIT KNOWS ALL THINGS

For what man knows the things of a man except the spirit of the man which is in him? Even so no one knows the things of God except the Spirit of God. – 1 Corinthians 2:11 (NKJV)

➔THE SPIRIT IS ALL-POWERFUL

The angel replied, "The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you. So the baby born to you will be holy, and he will be called the Son of God." – Luke 1:35

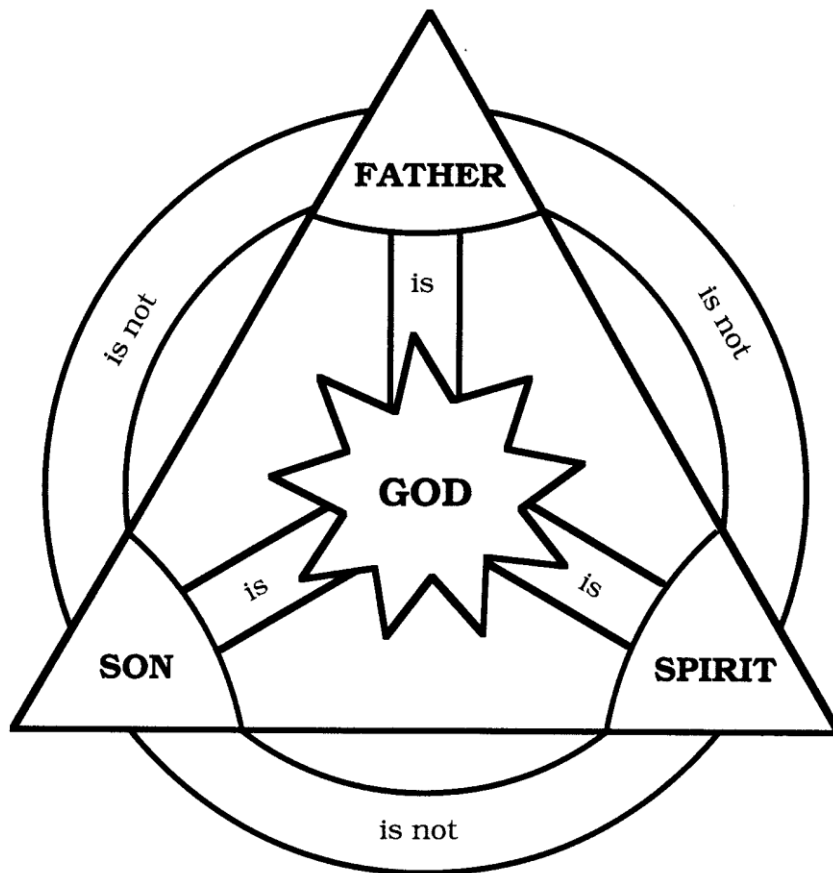
➔THE SPIRIT IS ALL PLACES AT ALL TIMES

Where can I go from Your Spirit? Or where can I flee from Your presence? If I ascend into heaven, You are there; If I make my bed in hell, behold, You are there. – Psalms 139:7-8 (NKJV)

➔THE SPIRIT IS ADDRESSED AS “GOD”

Then Peter said, "Ananias, why has Satan filled your heart? You lied to the Holy Spirit, and you kept some of the money for yourself. The property was yours to sell or not sell, as you wished. And after selling it, the money was yours to give away. How could you do a thing like this? You weren't lying to us but to God." – Acts 5:3-4

2. THE HOLY SPIRIT IS _____



And when Jesus came up out of the water, he saw the heavens split open and the Holy Spirit descending like a dove on him. And a voice came from heaven saying, "You are my beloved Son, and I am fully pleased with you." – Mark 1:10-11

But when the Father sends the Counselor as my representative—and by the Counselor I mean the Holy Spirit—he will teach you everything and will remind you of everything I myself have told you. – John 14:26

→THE SPIRIT REVEALS THE MIND OF GOD

As you read what I have written, you will understand what I know about this plan regarding Christ. God did not reveal it to previous generations, but now he has revealed it by the Holy Spirit to his holy apostles and prophets. – Ephesians 3:4-5

→THE SPIRIT GIVES US THE MEANS TO BE BORN AGAIN

"The truth is, no one can enter the Kingdom of God without being born of water and the Spirit. Humans can reproduce only human life, but the Holy Spirit gives new life from heaven." – John 3:5-6

→THE SPIRIT ALLOWS US TO APPROACH THE FATHER

Now all of us, both Jews and Gentiles, may come to the Father through the same Holy Spirit because of what Christ has done for us. – Ephesians 2:18

→THE SPIRIT TEACHES THE TRUTH OF GOD

No one can know what anyone else is really thinking except that person alone, and no one can know God's thoughts except God's own Spirit. And God has actually given us his Spirit (not the world's spirit) so we can know the wonderful things God has freely given us. – 1 Corinthians 2:11-12

3. THE HOLY SPIRIT IS _____

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

Don't you realize that all of you together are the temple of God and that the Spirit of God lives in you? – 1 Corinthians 3:16

Those who obey God's commandments live in fellowship with him, and he with them. And we know he lives in us because the Holy Spirit lives in us. – 1 John 3:24

I pray that from his glorious, unlimited resources he will give you mighty inner strength through his Holy Spirit. – Ephesians 3:16

THE RENEWAL THE HOLY SPIRIT BRINGS YOU

He saved us, not because of righteous things we had done, but because of his mercy. He saved us through the washing of rebirth and renewal by the Holy Spirit, whom he poured out on us generously through Jesus Christ our Savior. – Titus 3:5-6 (NIV)

1. GOD, GIVE ME A NEW _____

“These people honor me with their lips, but their hearts are far away.” – Matthew 15:8

It is God who gives us, along with you, the ability to stand firm for Christ. He has commissioned us, and he has identified us as his own by placing the Holy Spirit in our hearts as the first installment of everything he will give us. – 2 Corinthians 1:21-22

Create in me a clean heart, O God. Renew a right spirit within me. – Psalms 51:10

2. GOD, GIVE ME A NEW _____

Throw off your old evil nature and your former way of life, which is rotten through and through, full of lust and deception. Instead, there must be a spiritual renewal of your thoughts and attitudes. – Ephesians 4:22-23

3. GOD, GIVE ME A NEW _____

I advise you to live according to your new life in the Holy Spirit. Then you won't be doing what your sinful nature craves. The old sinful nature loves to do evil, which is just opposite from what the Holy Spirit wants. And the

Spirit gives us desires that are opposite from what the sinful nature desires. These two forces are constantly fighting each other, and your choices are never free from this conflict. – Galatians 5:16-17

4. GOD, GIVE ME A NEW _____

I pray that God, who gives you hope, will keep you happy and full of peace as you believe in him. May you overflow with hope through the power of the Holy Spirit. – Romans 15:13

THE FILLING OF YOUR LIFE BY THE HOLY SPIRIT

Don't be drunk with wine, because that will ruin your life. Instead, let the Holy Spirit fill and control you. – Ephesians 5:18

1. SPIRIT, _____ ME OF ALL THAT IS _____

Have mercy on me, O God, because of your unfailing love. Because of your great compassion, blot out the stain of my sins. Wash me clean from my guilt. Purify me from my sin. For I recognize my shameful deeds— they haunt me day and night. Against you, and you alone, have I sinned; I have done what is evil in your sight. You will be proved right in what you say, and your judgment against me is just. For I was born a sinner— yes, from the moment my mother conceived me. But you desire honesty from the heart, so you can teach me to be wise in my inmost being. Purify me from my sins, and I will be clean; wash me, and I will be whiter than snow. – Psalms 51:1-7

2. SPIRIT, _____ ME WITH YOUR _____

Oh, give me back my joy again; you have broken me— now let me rejoice. Don't keep looking at my sins. Remove the stain of my guilt. Create in me a clean heart, O God. Renew a right spirit within me. Do not banish me from your presence, and don't take your Holy Spirit from me. Restore to me again the joy of your salvation, and make me willing to obey you. – Psalms 51:8-12

FOUR REQUESTS IN THE SPIRIT-FILLED PRAYER

➔ I NEED TO REJOICE AGAIN

➔ I NEED MY GUILT REMOVED

➔ I NEED MY SPIRIT RENEWED

➔ I NEED A RESTORATION OF JOY and OBEDIENCE

3. SPIRIT, _____ ME TO _____ YOUR WILL

Then I will teach your ways to sinners, and they will return to you. Forgive me for shedding blood, O God who saves; then I will joyfully sing of your forgiveness. Unseal my lips, O Lord, that I may praise you. You would not be pleased with sacrifices, or I would bring them. If I brought you a burnt offering, you would not accept it. The sacrifice you want is a broken spirit. A broken and repentant heart, O God, you will not despise. – Psalms 51:13-17

THE POWER AND GIFTING BY THE HOLY SPIRIT

IF YOU ARE A CHRISTIAN...

1. GOD HAS GIVEN YOU _____

“And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Counselor, who will never leave you. He is the Holy Spirit, who leads into all truth. The world at large cannot receive him, because it isn't looking for him and doesn't recognize him. But you do, because he lives with you now and later will be in you.” – John 14:16-17

“When the Holy Spirit has come upon you, you will receive power and will tell people about me everywhere—in Jerusalem, throughout Judea, in Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.” – Acts 1:8

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

Don't you realize that all of you together are the temple of God and that the Spirit of God lives in you? God will bring ruin upon anyone who ruins this temple. For God's temple is holy, and you Christians are that temple. – 1 Corinthians 3:16-17

2. GOD HAS GIVEN YOU _____

Don't be drunk with wine, because that will ruin your life. Instead, let the Holy Spirit fill and control you. – Ephesians 5:18

Since Christ lives within you, even though your body will die because of sin, your spirit is alive because you have been made right with God. The Spirit of God, who raised Jesus from the dead, lives in you. And just as he raised Christ from the dead, he will give life to your mortal body by this same Spirit living within you. – Romans 8:10-11

After this prayer, the building where they were meeting shook, and they were all filled with the Holy Spirit. And they preached God's message with boldness. – Acts 4:31

3. GOD HAS GIVEN YOU _____

Now there are different kinds of spiritual gifts, but it is the same Holy Spirit who is the source of them all. There are different kinds of service in the church, but it is the same Lord we are serving. There are different ways God works in our lives, but it is the same God who does the work through all of us. A spiritual gift is given to each of us as a means of helping the entire church. – 1 Corinthians 12:4-7

God has given gifts to each of you from his great variety of spiritual gifts. Manage them well so that God's generosity can flow through you. – 1 Peter 4:10

You can discover and implement your spiritual gift in several ways:

- 1. Use the Spiritual Gifts Guide Software.**
- 2. Begin to ask your friends and family members what they believe God has gifted you to do.**
- 3. Start using your spiritual gift in the church and in other situations.**