

A Spirit Filled Personality

Culture Statement

“We welcome the demonstration of the Holy Spirit in our services, which equips us to do the work that God has called us to do. We enjoy the supernatural life Jesus died to give us.”

1 Corinthians 13:1 NKJV

Though I speak with the tongues of men and of angels, but have not love, I have become sounding brass or a clanging cymbal.

Ephesians 3:16 AMPC

May He grant you out of the rich treasury of His glory to be strengthened *and* reinforced with mighty power in the inner man by the [Holy] Spirit [Himself indwelling your innermost being and personality].

“Paul told us here that we can move beyond just the ability to speak in tongues and we can actually have a spirit-filled personality.”

Sow to the Spirit

Galatians 6:7-8 AMPC

7 Do not be deceived *and* deluded *and* misled; God will not allow Himself to be sneered at (scorned, disdained, or mocked [a]by mere pretensions or professions, or by His precepts being set aside.) [He inevitably deludes himself who attempts to delude God.] For whatever a man sows, that *and* [b]that only is what he will reap. **8** For he who sows to his own flesh (lower nature, sensuality) will from the flesh reap **decay and ruin and destruction**, but he who sows to the Spirit will from the Spirit reap **eternal life**.

“The decision between feeding our flesh or feeding our spirit is one we are constantly making as long as we live.”

Revelation 3:19 AMPC

19 Those whom I [dearly and tenderly] love, I tell their faults and convict *and* convince *and* reprove and chasten [I discipline and instruct them]. So be enthusiastic *and* in earnest *and* burning with zeal and repent [changing your mind and attitude].

20 Behold, I stand at the door and knock; if anyone hears *and* listens to *and* heeds My voice and opens the door, I will come in to him and will eat with him, and he [will eat] with Me.

21 He who overcomes (is victorious), I will grant him to sit beside Me on My throne, as I Myself overcame (was victorious) and sat down beside My Father on His throne.

“Which door in your life is God knocking at?”

Strong in Spirit During Life’s Problems

“The devil sets us up to get us upset.”

“Study in the area you’re having a problem.”

Matthew 26:41 NIV

Watch and pray so that you will not fall into temptation. The spirit is willing, but the flesh is weak.

“When you make right choices, not only do you help yourself but it enables you to be used by God to help someone else.”

Divine Delays and Growing Up

James 1:2-4 AMPC

2 Consider it wholly joyful, my brethren, whenever you are enveloped in *or* encounter trials of any sort *or* fall into various temptations. **3** Be assured *and* understand that the trial *and* proving of your faith bring out endurance *and* steadfastness *and* patience. **4** But let endurance *and* steadfastness *and* patience have full play *and* do a thorough work, so that you may be [people] perfectly and fully developed [with no defects], lacking in nothing.

“While we’re waiting and while our circumstances aren’t what we want them to be, we’re growing.”