

**IT IS NOT BY MIGHT NOR BY POWER BUT BY MY SPIRIT SAYS THE LORD OF HOSTS**

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**Reading:**        *Zech 4:6*

1.        **We are able to serve God by the Person, Presence and Power of the Holy Spirit. There is no other way.**
2.        Only by the Holy Spirit can we **be His witnesses**, *Ac 1:8*.
3.        Only by the Holy Spirit can we **cast out demons**, *Mat 12:28*,
4.        Only by the Holy Spirit can we **pray effectively**, *Eph 6:18*,
5.        Only by the Holy Spirit can we **worship God**, *Jn 4:23,24*.
6.        Only by the Holy Spirit can we **love with God's love**, *Rom 5:5*.
7.        Only by the Holy Spirit can we **move in the gifts**, *1Cor 12: 7-10*.
8.        Only by the Holy Spirit can we **grow in the fruits of the Holy Spirit**, *Gal 5:22,23*.
9.        Only by the Holy Spirit can we **minister the Gospel**, *2Cor 3:5,6*.
10.      Only by the Holy Spirit can we **know God's truth**, *1Jn 2:27*.

**So then:**

1.        First of all we **must be born again** of the Spirit, *Jn 3:3,5*.
2.        After the new birth we **are to be baptised in water**, *Ac 2:38,41, Ac 8:12,16, and with the Holy Spirit*, *Mat 3:11, Ac 1:5, Ac 2:4*.
3.        **Then the Holy Spirit is the One who can lead us in God's ways**, *Rom 8:14*

**How can we receive the Holy Spirit?**

- **Know God is willing to give you the Holy Spirit**, *Jn 4:10,14, Jn 7:37,38,39, Ac 2:38,39, Lk 11:9-13*.
- **Confess all your sins and turn** from them, *Pro 1:23, Pro 28:13*.
- **Come to Jesus, be born again and baptised** into Jesus Christ, *Jn 3:3,5, Ac 2:38*.
- **Give your whole life over to God**, *Pro 23:26*.
- **He will baptise you with the Holy Spirit**, *Mat 3:11*.
- **Claim God's promise** to give you the Holy Spirit as a free gift by faith, *Lk 11:13, Ac 2:38,39, Ac 1:4*.

**Keep being filled with the Holy Spirit by:**

- **Giving more time to prayer, praise, thanksgiving and worship**, *Eph 5:18,19, Ps 63:1-8*.
- **Spending time in the Word of God each day**, *Ps 119:9-11, Ps 1:1-3, Col 3:16*.
- **Repenting of all known sin**, *Pro 1:23, Pro 28:13, 1Jn 1:9, Ps 66:18, Jam 4:8-10*.
- **Obedying God**, *Ac 5:32, 1Jn 3:22, Jn 15:14, Jn 14:21, Mk 12:30,31*.
- **Witnessing to the lost**, *Ac 1:8, Ac 8:4, Ac 11:19, Phil 1:14, Lk 19:10*.
- **Serving God**, *2Cor 3:6, 1Cor 15:58, Mat 6:33*.
- **Praying in tongues**, *1Cor 14:2, Jude 20*.
- **Walking humbly with God to serve Him and other people**, *1Pet 5:5, Mic 6:8, Hos 10:12, Is 66:1,2*.
- **Submitting to God and resisting the devil**, *Jam 4:7*.

**Things to avoid.**

- **The distractions of this world**, *Lk 8:14*, cares, riches and pleasures of this life.
- **Pressure from the world to conform** to its values, attitudes and standards, *Rom 12:2*.
- **Focusing on the things of the flesh** and its desires, *Rom 8:6,7,8*.
- **Watching unclean TV programmes** or looking at pornography, *1Jn 2:16*.
- **All contact with demons and the occult**, *Deut 18:10-13, Ac 19:19,20*.