

UNIT 4

KEEPING IN STEP WITH THE SPIRIT

I/ The Spiritual Life

A. Baptism with the Spirit

- Matthew 3:11; Acts 1:5; Acts 11:16; 1 Corinthians 12:13; Acts 8:14-17; 19:1-7

B. Filled with the Spirit

- Ephesians 5:15-21

...addressing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs

...singing and making melody to the Lord with your heart

...giving thanks always and for everything to God the Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ

...submitting to one another out of reverence for Christ

C. Guided by the Spirit

➤ Acts 8:4-25; 20:22-23

The Holy Spirit is the breath of God...Life in the Spirit, Christian discipleship, is rightly construed as life out of our control because we live by borrowed breath. We in the modern world enjoy thinking that we have at last come to the point in human development when we live under no control other than self-control. At Pentecost we discovered that the lives we are living are not our own. Because the Holy Spirit not only enters our time but also commandeers our lives, we can hope for lives that are adventuresome – even wild and unpredictable. –Stanley Hauerwas & William Willimon

II/ The Fruit of the Spirit

➤ Galatians 5:16-26; John 15:1-11

Love	
Joy	
Peace	
Patience	
Kindness	
Goodness	
Faithfulness	
Gentleness	
Self-control	

III/ The Gifts of the Spirit

A. What is the purpose of the gifts?

	Ephesians 4:11	1 Cor 12:8-10	1 Cor 12:28-30	Romans 12:6-8	1 Peter 4:11
1.	Apostles		Apostles		
2.	Prophets		Prophets	Prophecy	
3.				Service	Service
4.	Evangelists				
5.		Wisdom			
6.		Knowledge			
7.	Pastors				
8.	Teachers		Teachers	Teaching	Speaking
9.				Exhortation	
10.		Faith			
11.		Healing	Healing		
12.		Working miracles	Working miracles		
13.		Ability to distinguish spirits			
14.				Contributing	
15.			Helpers	Giving aid	
16.				Mercy	
17.			Administrators		
18.		Tongues	Tongues		
19.		Interpretation of tongues	Interpretation of tongues		

B. Do all of the gifts continue today?

➤ Ephesians 2:18-22; Hebrews 1:1-2, 2:3-4; Jude 1:3; Revelation 21:18

i. Apostles

ii. Prophecy

iii. Tongues & interpretation of tongues

iv. Miracles & healing

C. What is(are) my spiritual gift(s)?

➤ 1 Corinthians 12:7; 1 Peter 4:10

The way to determine our spiritual gifts is not to ask, “What is my ‘thing’ spiritually, my spiritual specialty, that sets me apart from other believers and gives me a distinguishing niche in the church?” Rather, the NT on the whole takes a much more functional or situational approach. The question to ask is, “What in the situation in which God has placed me are the particular opportunities I see for serving other believers in word and deed?” -Richard B. Gaffin Jr.

IV/ Conclusion