

THE SPIRITUAL CONNECTION

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Filled with the Holy Spirit

Being filled with the Holy Spirit is a very special gift that is given to all of us, when we are born again in the spirit of the Lord. Until we are truly born again in the spirit, we will never really understand the unending rewards and blessings that are there, for all who believe in the Lord. In Galatians 5 :22,23, The Lord says when the Holy Spirit controls our lives He will produce this kind of fruit in us: love, joy, peace, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self control; and there is no conflict with the law. The nine fruits of the Spirit are all the qualities, that are lacking in the world today. If more of the worlds thinking would reflect on the fruits of the Holy Spirit instead of relying on the evil that lurks within all of us, the world would be a beautiful place to live. About the evil that lurks within us all, in Galatians 5:19-21 The Lord says but when you follow your own wrong inclinations, your lives will produce these evil results: impure thoughts, eagerness for lustful pleasure, idolatry, spiritism (that is, encouraging the activity of demons), hatred and fighting, jealousy and anger, constant effort to get the best for yourself, complaints and criticisms, the feeling that everyone else is wrong except those in your own little group- and there will be wrong doctrine, envy, murder, drunkenness, wild parties, and all sort of thing. Let me tell you again as I have before, that anyone living that sort of life will not inherit the kingdom of God.

The underlined words above are not some religious nonsense that stems from religion in general, they are the inspired words of God through the Bible. The Bible is and always will be the most profound book of knowledge and wisdom, this world has ever known. There is no greater book ever written about life in general, then the Bible.

So my friends in Christ, may The Lord empower your lives with the fruits of The Holy Spirit .

Understanding the fruits of the Holy Spirit

- 1. Love: an attitude that moves us to put God and others ahead of ourselves. A spirit that impels us to give, to serve, and to forgive.**
- 2. Joy: a spirit of gladness rooted in our faith, expressed through song, and accompanied by an optimistic spirit.**
- 3. Peace: inner serenity derived from God and based on the reality of our peace with God through Christ's sacrifice.**
- 4. Longsuffering: patience in the midst of difficult circumstances and in our relationships with difficult people.**
- 5. Kindness: practicing the golden rule of treating others as we expect them to treat us.**
- 6. Goodness: open, honest, pure, and generous behavior.**
- 7. Faithfulness: we can be trusted and depended on in all our relationships.**
- 8. Gentleness: a tenderness of spirit that enables us to discipline others properly, to endure persecution graciously, and to witness to others sensitively.**
- 9. Self-control: the quality that gives us control over our desires, especially those that relate to the body.**

Holy Spirit filled checklist

- () I have submitted to the Holy Spirit, asking Him to lead me.**
 - () I am learning from the Bible through regular reading, study, and meditation.**
 - () I am relying on the Holy spirit to help me overcome my sinful desires.**
 - () I enjoy getting together with God's people for fellowship, Bible study, and prayer.**
 - () People who know me think of me as a happy joyous Christian.**
 - () When trouble comes, I am at peace in my innermost being.**
 - () I am gentle in my relationships with other people and patient with God.**
 - () I can point to certain times when the Holy Spirit has given me the power to perform a certain task or carry a heavy burden.**
 - () I am growing in self-control**
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Spiritual Cliché for the month of April

Proverbs 25:18 Telling lies about someone is as harmful as hitting him with an axe, or wounding him with a sword, or shooting him with a sharp arrow.

April edition of hope for living

The Spirit of God

I will pray the Father, and He will give you another Helper, that He may abide with you forever. John 14 :16

During His lifetime on earth, Christ's presence could be experienced only by a small group of people at any given time. Now Christ dwells through the Spirit in the hearts of all who have received Him as Savior and Lord. The apostle Paul wrote, " Do you not know..... that the Spirit of God dwells in you ?" (1 Cor. 3: 16)

The Holy Spirit is given to every believer—not for a limited time, but forever. If he left us for one moment, we would be in deep trouble. But He doesn't!

He is there to give you both the gifts and the power to work for Christ. He is there to give you the strength in the moment of temptation. He is there to produce the fruit of " love, joy, peace, longsuffering, kindness, Goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control."

You will never have more of the Holy Spirit than you do right now. But will He have more of you.?

Author: Billy Graham

Special prayer intentions for the sick

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**GIVE THANKS AND PRAISE THIS EASTER SEASON FOR OUR
RISEN LORD, FOR THE FREE GIFT OF ETERNAL SALVATION.**

HAPPY EASTER FROM THE SPIRITUAL CONNECTION