

Take time to think about each one of the following promises regarding the Holy Spirit. Consider how each one is manifest in your life; and if it isn't, spend some time asking God for that specific thing.

- The Spirit helps us speak when we are in precarious situations and need to bear witness (Mark 13:11; Luke 12:12).

- The Counselor teaches and reminds us of what we need to know and remember. He is our comforter, our advisor, our encourager, and our strength. He guides us in the way we should go (Ps. 143:10; John 14–16; Acts 9:31; 13:2; 15:28; 1 Cor. 2:9–10; 1 John 5:6–8).

- From the Spirit we receive power to be God's witnesses to the ends of the earth. It is the Spirit who draws people to the gospel, the Spirit who equips us with the strength we need to accomplish God's purposes. (Acts 1:8; Rom. 8:26; Eph. 3:16–19).

- By the power of the Spirit we put to death the misdeeds of the body. The Spirit sets us free from the sins we cannot get rid of on our own. (e.g., Rom. 8:2).

- Through the Spirit we have received a spirit of adoption as children, which leads us into intimacy with the Father, instead of a relationship based on fear and slavery. (Rom. 8:15–16).

- The Holy Spirit convicts people of sin. He does this both before we initially enter into right relationship with God and as we journey through this life as believers (John 16:7–11; 1 Thess. 1:5).

- The Spirit brings us life and freedom. Where the Spirit is, there is freedom, not bondage or slavery. (Rom. 8:10–11; 2 Cor. 3:17).

- By the power of the Holy Spirit we abound with hope because our God is a God of hope, who fills His children with all joy and peace (Rom. 15:13).

- As members of God's kingdom community, each of us is given a manifestation of the Spirit in our lives for the purpose of the common good. (1 Cor. 12:7).

- The fruit of being led by the Spirit of God includes love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control. These attitudes and actions will characterize our lives as we allow ourselves to be grown and molded by the Spirit. (2 Cor. 3:18; Gal. 5:22–23).

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