

#### HOW TO UNLEASH THE HOLY SPIRIT IN MY LIFE

Jesus said, "If you love me, obey my commandments. And I will ask the Father, and He will give you another Advocate, (Counselor/Comforter)... He is the Holy Spirit, who leads into all truth..." John 14:16-17 (NLT)

"...you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes upon you..."

Acts 1:8 (NLT)

Since you have heard about Jesus and have learned the truth that comes from Him, **throw off** your old sinful nature and your former way of life, which is corrupted by lust and deception. Instead, let the **Spirit** renew your thoughts and attitudes. **Put on** your new nature, created to be like God—truly righteous and holy. **Ephesians 4:21-24 (NLT)** 

1. Intentionally remove the obstacles that hold HIM back. (Quench)

## A. Fear

## What if He doesn't show up?

"And so I tell you, keep on asking, and you will receive what you ask for. Keep on seeking, and you will find. Keep on knocking, and the door will be opened to you... So if you sinful people know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask Him." Luke 11:9-13 (NLT)

# What if <u>He does show up?</u>

"For I know the plans I have for you," says the Lord. "They are plans for good and not for disaster, to give you a future and a hope."

Jeremiah 29:11 (NLT)

For all who are led by the Spirit of God are children of God. So you have not received a spirit that makes you fearful slaves. Instead, you received God's Spirit when He adopted you as His own children...

Romans 8:14-15 (NLT)

#### **B.** Comfort

"So don't worry about these things, saying, 'What will we eat? What will we drink? What will we wear?' These things dominate the thoughts of unbelievers, but your heavenly Father already knows all your needs." Matthew 6:31-32 (NLT)

## C. Volume/business

"...The world cannot receive Him, because it isn't looking for Him..."

John 14:17 (NLT)

But Jesus often withdrew to the wilderness for prayer. Lk. 5:16 (NLT)

# D. Sin

So I say, let the Holy Spirit guide your lives. Then you won't be doing what your sinful nature craves. **Galatians 5:16 (NLT)** 

# 2. <u>Practice</u> saying <u>yes</u> to HIM daily.

Jesus Christ said, "If any of you wants to be my follower, you must give up your own way, take up your cross, and follow me."

Matthew 16:24 (NLT)

**Going deeper on your own:** Read Galatians 5:16-25. Is anything holding you back from having the Holy Spirit lead and guide your life? Do you honestly believe God loves you and wants the best for your life? Is anything holding you back from trusting Him completely? How can we know for sure that the Holy Spirit is leading us regarding an issue? Simple test:

- Is it consistent with the scriptures? God will never tell us to do something that contradicts what He has already said in His word.
- Will this draw me closer too, or take me further from, God?
- Will this make me more like Christ?
- Will this build up His family and bring glory to Christ?