

LIVING A SPIRIT-FILLED LIFE

Objective for Learning: To know the depth and desire of the Lord for us to experience and live fully in step with His Spirit.

Objective for Living: To live in a way that depicts the Spirit of God living and moving through your thoughts, words, gifts, actions, and life.

Objective for Reproducing: To be able to pray for, train, lead, and release other followers of Jesus in a Spirit-filled and empowered lifestyle.

Scriptures for Living a Spirit Filled-Life:

- Ephesians 5:18
- Acts 1:8
- Galatians 5:16
- John 14:16
- Acts 4:31
- Acts 2:4
- Acts 13:52

- Acts 4:8
- Romans 8:5
- Colossians 3:1-2
- John 6:63
- John 3:8
- Luke 11:13
- Ephesians 3:19

How do each of these Scriptures help to **define** and **illuminate** what accountability is and why it is important?

Hearing (Discussion Points and Questions):

Overview:

Jesus told us that He came to give us life and life abundantly, yet most followers of Jesus settle for a nominal Christian existence. God wants us to lay hold of the promises of Psalm 27:13 that we will see the goodness of the Lord *in the land of the living*, not just when we die and go to heaven! He knew we couldn't do this on our own, which is why He sent the Holy Spirit to help us live an empowered and Spirit-filled life!

Ephesians 5:18 tells us to not be drunk with wine but filled with the Spirit. Clearly, Paul is indicating that a Spirit-filled life changes you in the best way possible! Confidence and power increases (Acts 1:8, 4:31), the fruit of the Spirit is revealed (Gal. 5:22-23), wisdom is confirmed (Acts 15:28), and supernatural gifts are given (1 Cor. 12:7-11). The Holy Spirit allows us to become all that we were made to be in Christ and to bring His Kingdom here on earth as it is in heaven!

Questions for Learning and Living:

- What does it mean to live a Spirit-filled life? To be filled with the Spirit?
- How do we pursue that type of filling of the Spirit so that we can walk in step with the Spirit like Galatians 5:25 tells us?
- What are the benefits of pursuing the Holy Spirit in this way?
- What questions do you have pertaining to the Holy Spirit?

Questions for Reproducing:

- What are some practical steps to help followers of Jesus move into deeper relationship and experience with the Spirit of God?
- How do you pray with someone to be filled with the Spirit?
- Who have you seen live this out well? What were some of the things they did to cultivate their relationship with the Holy Spirit that you can do and then lead others to do as well?

Doing (Implementation and Application):

- What is Jesus saying to you about this?
- How are you going to respond? Look at your personal discipleship assessment.
 - Give 1-3 concrete action steps that you are going to do this week to help you take the next step of learning, living, or reproducing in this area.
- Try to ask the question "Can I pray for you?" multiple times this week in different contexts with different people. Come back and share what happened.
- Choose one of the Scriptures that really impacted you and commit to memorizing it this week.