

The Missing Piece – Bible Study Lesson

Acts 1:8 (NLT)

8 But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes upon you. And you will be my witnesses, telling people about me everywhere—in Jerusalem, throughout Judea, in Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.”

Luke 3:21-22 (NLT)

21 One day when the crowds were being baptized, Jesus himself was baptized. As he was praying, the heavens opened,

22 and the Holy Spirit, in bodily form, descended on him like a dove. And a voice from heaven said, “You are my dearly loved Son, and you bring me great joy.

Over the last 8 lessons, we’ve discussed just about every kind of family and family issue. Before we conclude this series, there is someone in our family that if left out, we will have just wasted 2 months of our lives. In our families, we need to know that one thing that will give us the edge in what’s coming after our families.

We find Him throughout the Bible. In the Old Testament, He makes cameos when He comes upon people. In the Gospels, we see Him briefly. But He’s there. In the Old Testament, we see mostly God the Father. In the Gospels (Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John) we see mostly God the Son (Jesus). But from Acts-Jude we find God the Spirit (The Holy Spirit). Today we’re talking about the Holy Spirit - **The Missing Piece**.

John 14:16 (AMP)

16 And I will ask the Father, and He will give you another Helper (Comforter, Advocate, Intercessor—Counselor, Strengthener, Standby), to be with you forever

Contrary to popular belief, The Holy Spirit is not a dove, wind, or fire. He's a person who talks, thinks, and plans. He is the invisible Jesus in the room. When we involve Him in our families, He rewards us by ordering our steps.

1. He is God's gift to your family.

1 Corinthians 12:13 (NLT)

13 Some of us are Jews, some are Gentiles, some are slaves, and some are free. But we have all been baptized into one body by one Spirit, and we all share the same Spirit.

This might challenge your theology, especially if you grew up in the **certain** church contexts. If you are saved, you already have the Holy Spirit living inside you. He's already with you. He just never yells or forces His way.

THE QUESTION IS NOT, "DO YOU HAVE THE HOLY SPRIT?" THE QUESTION IS, "DOES THE HOLY SPIRIT HAVE YOU?"

2. He confirms God's presence in your family.

Ephesians 5:1 (AMP)

5 Therefore become imitators of God [copy Him and follow His example], as well-beloved children [imitate their father];

The Holy Spirit teaches us the essential requirements for developing Christ-centered families. Our children imitate, mimic, and model our examples. The Bible teaches us to be imitators of God. You can't imitate someone you don't get to know. **IT'S HARD TO DO WHAT YOU WOULD DO, IF I DON'T KNOW WHAT YOU WOULD DO.**

3. He produces Godly examples in your family.

Psalms 16:11 (NASB)

11 You will make known to me the path of life; In Your presence is fullness of joy; In Your right hand there are pleasures forever.

The happiness our families experience is often dependent upon what's happening. Joy and happiness are not the same. The Bible is clear. If we are in His presence, all the joy we need is there. If we want to be truly

fulfilled, joyful and satisfied, we must get into His presence. **HE'S ALWAYS THERE, BUT HE DOESN'T REVEAL HIMSELF UNTIL WE HONOR AND ACKNOWLEDGE HIM.**

4. He produces the Joy in your family.

Luke 24:49 (NLT)

49 “And now I will send the Holy Spirit, just as my Father promised. But stay here in the city until the Holy Spirit comes and fills you with power from heaven.”

Jesus was talking to His disciples and He said, “Your assignment is great. You’re going to do great things. But don’t make a move until you get some power.” He was teaching them the importance of being filled with the Holy Spirit. **DON’T BUY A HOUSE, DON’T DISCIPLINE YOUR KIDS, DON’T START A NEW JOB, DON’T TRY TO BE A DAD, WIFE, SON, DAUGHTER UNTIL YOU GET SOME POWER.**

5. He provides the power in your family.

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