

Begin Memorizing 2 Timothy 1:7:

“For God did not give us a spirit of timidity, but a spirit of power, of love and of self-discipline.”

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The Holy Spirit

God has revealed Himself to humanity through three persons...God the Father, God the Son and God the Holy Spirit.

The Father revealed Himself in Old Testament times only to selected ministers for specific purposes.

The Son revealed Himself in the form of human flesh to walk and talk with those privileged to have lived in the region of Israel at the time when He visited earth some 2000 years ago.

The Holy Spirit has revealed Himself throughout human history and is present with us today in the intimacy of our hearts, souls and minds. The presence of the Holy Spirit gives us spiritual life and empowers us to live and minister in the will of God.

It is important to understand who the Holy Spirit is and how He operates in the lives of believers...as well in the lives of the unsaved.

PRAY before you start! Answer the questions briefly and in your own words.

Who is the Holy Spirit?

To understand the Holy Spirit's role in our lives we need to find out what the Bible says about the nature of the Holy Spirit.

Is the Holy Spirit God?

The Bible ascribes attributes to the Holy Spirit that can only be attributed to God.

Match these attributes to the corresponding verse:

Eternal; Omnipresent; Omniscient; Supernatural power; Involved in Creation; He has a mind; He is a person; can be lied to; can insult Him; can grieve Him; can blaspheme against Him.

1. Hebrews 9:14
2. Psalm 139:7
3. 1 Cor. 2:10
4. Genesis 1:2
5. 1 Cor. 12:11

6. John 16:13
7. Romans 8:27
8. Acts 5:3
9. Ephesians 4:30
10. Hebrews 10:29
11. Luke 12:10

### **The indwelling of the Holy Spirit**

12. What did Jesus promise His disciples that His Father would do? John 14:16, 26
13. When a person genuinely acknowledges Jesus as Lord of their life, what can be said about them? 1 Cor. 12:3
14. From these verses, write what the Bible says is true about every believer:  
Romans 8:11  
1 Cor. 2:12  
1 Cor. 3:16  
Titus 3:5, 7
15. According to Galatians 4:6, why does God send His Spirit to indwell the believer?
16. According to our memory verse, what are some results that are produced in the life of a believer by the Holy Spirit?
17. Similarly, what are the fruit developed in a person's life that show that the Holy Spirit is at work in them? Gal. 5:22-23

### **Role of the Holy Spirit in a person's life**

18. What are the two nature's in a person's life? Gal. 5:16-17
19. What three things does the Spirit do in John 16:8?

This is important because it is the Holy Spirit who "convicts" a person of their sin—not us.

20. Who should control your life?
21. Whom does the Holy Spirit glorify? John 16:13-14
22. What is the sword of the Spirit? Eph. 6:17
23. What effect does the word of God have in the believer? Hebrews 4:12

24. What role does the Holy Spirit play in the following aspects of the Christian life?
- Sanctification: 1 Peter 1:2; 2 Thess. 2:13. What is sanctification?
  - Knowledge: John 14:26, 16:13; 1 Cor. 2:13-14. Christ said that the Holy Spirit would be our

c. Comfort: John 14:16-17. How long will the Holy Spirit be with us?

The word translated here as Helper, Counselor, or Comforter carries the meaning of one who is “called alongside to assist.” The Holy Spirit does not work instead of us, or in spite of us, but in us and through us.

d. Intercession: Romans 8:26-27. What is one activity that the Holy Spirit helps you with?

25. What were some of the apostle’s activities after being filled with the Holy Spirit?  
Acts 2:42

The Spirit led life is:

- A life of obedience (question 18)
- A life centered on Christ (21)
- A life founded on God’s word (23)
- A life of prayer (24d.)
- A life of fellowship (25)

### **Walking in the Spirit**

Walking in the Spirit is opposite of walking according to the flesh (Galatians 5:16-25)—  
“16So I advise you to live according to your new life in the Holy Spirit. Then you won’t be doing what your sinful nature craves. 17The old sinful nature loves to do evil, which is just opposite from what the Holy Spirit wants. And the Spirit gives us desires that are opposite from what the sinful nature desires. These two forces are constantly fighting each other, and your choices are never free from this conflict.”

The Holy Spirit dwells inside of a Christian and considers the Christian’s body as His “temple” (1 Corinthians 6:19-20). In 1 Corinthians 3:17, God gives us a warning against defiling that temple, and in Mark 7:15, 21-23 Christ described that which defiles a person. Living a life according to the Spirit has awesome results for us (Galatians 5:22-23). The evidence of a changed and Spirit-filled person is in their fruit. On the other hand, there is a stern warning that if we do not live in obedience to the Spirit, we cannot bear fruit (John 15:5) and will be “cut off” from our place of closeness to Christ (John 15:2). Walking in the Spirit means continually choosing to put the fleshly desires “to death,” choosing to follow Christ in the way He walked and seeking the Spirit’s leading in our life.

Where do I begin?

Most of us quickly think of God the Father and God the Son (Jesus Christ) when we discuss the concept of God. The Holy Spirit tends to be on the “back burner.” As

believers we have to mature past that way of thinking. The Holy Spirit is the form of God that is intimately active in our personal life, communing with our spirit. Saying this does not minimize the Father's nor the Son's importance, but it should raise the awareness of the Holy Spirit's role. When we are faced with a decision, be aware that the Holy Spirit is ready to guide us. When we feel a tug of conviction, realize it is the Holy Spirit warning us that we are straying. When we see an opportunity to witness but are afraid of sounding ignorant, pray that the Holy Spirit will teach us and give us the right words and attitude.

We need to train ourselves to think of the Holy Spirit as our constant companion.

How do I maintain the relationship?

If we are able to accomplish that which is mentioned in the preceding paragraph, sustaining our relationship with the Holy Spirit should not be difficult. Human beings need constant reminding, however, so we should memorialize our experiences with the Holy Spirit in some way, either by writing them down, telling others about them, etc. Sustaining a relationship is accomplished by continual communication. We talk about "loving God" and "loving Jesus." Yes, we should also love the Holy Spirit. He is our lifeline constantly looking out for us, keeping us from evil and teaching us to walk with God. Commune with Him, cry with Him, rejoice with Him. Rejoice in the Oneness we can share with Him through Jesus' cleansing blood.

26. If it is your desire, write a commitment to walk with the Spirit in obedience.

27. How are you going to accomplish this task?

28. What areas of your life have you allowed to be dominated by the flesh?

29. What are you planning to do about these?

From memory, write out your memory verse below.

Notes/Questions: if you have any questions about the Holy Spirit or anything you would like us to pray about-write us a note!