

## *The Supply of the Spirit*

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The Apostle Paul said, “For I know that this shall turn to my salvation through your prayer, and the *supply* of the spirit of Jesus Christ.” (Phil. 1:19) The NIV version states it this way. “For I know that through your prayers and the help given by the Spirit of Jesus Christ, what has happened to me will turn out for my deliverance.” We cannot make things “turn out” victoriously by ourselves but God will turn things around and give us the victory by the *supply* of the Holy Spirit on the inside of us.

On a recent trip to Wilmington, North Carolina, I toured the downtown historic area, which was built right on the river. The tour guide said, “The old homes in this section of the city were the original homes which were built before the civil war.” He went on to say, “During the civil war, the union army barricaded the river making it impossible for the confederate army to receive supplies. As a result, the northern troops were able to take the city without a fight.” The city, with all of its beautiful southern homes and brick cobblestone streets, was spared the devastating affects of war and the city was taken without resistance.

When I heard the tour guide say, “The city was taken because their supplies were cut off from getting to them,” I thought of Paul’s words in Philippians 1:19 about the *supply* of the spirit. I thought how the devil tries to cut off this supernatural supply, so that God’s provisions do not arrive and so we do not experience God’s best.

The Holy Spirit, which is called the Spirit of Truth, has a very important role and function in our lives. We must never underestimate the work of the Holy Spirit and the privileges we have as believers in following His leadership. The scriptures declare He brings into plain view that which as been hidden. As a result, following the leading of the Holy Spirit will make us successful in life.

There are several things we must know to take full advantage of the Holy Spirit’s work in our lives:

1. His guidance has been made available to us.

I John 2:20, “But ye have an unction from the Holy One, and ye know all things.”

2. His guidance comes when we ask in faith.

Js. 1:5-6, “If any of you lack wisdom, let him ask of God, that giveth to all men liberally, and upbraideth not; and it shall be given him. But let him ask in faith, nothing wavering. For he that wavereth is like a wave of the sea driven with the wind and tossed.

3. His guidance comes by not being influenced by the things we see in the natural.

II Corinthians 4:18, “While we look not at the things which are seen, but at the things which are not seen: For the things which are seen are temporal; but the things which are not seen are eternal.”

4. His guidance comes by not making hasty decisions.

Isaiah 38:16, “He that believeth shall not make haste.”

5. His guidance comes by not being led by reasoning.

Proverbs 3:5, “Trust in the Lord with all your heart, and lean not to thine own understanding.”

We need to trust what He gives to us on the inside and follow Him. The Holy Spirit is not someone who forces or pushes but He always invites, prompts and leads. Through the supply of the Spirit we can hear from heaven and receive God’s best in our lives. Everything changes and situations turn for the better because of the Holy Spirit’s work and his supernatural supply.

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