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In this issue of the magazine, we are focusing on the subject of the Holy Spirit. It’s an often misunderstood and shunned subject in today’s churches. But once you understood who the Holy Spirit is and the power that the Holy Spirit brings, you won’t deny its place in your life.

I was in ministry for years without the Holy Spirit so I know first-hand the benefits of being filled. I did not accept Christ as my personal Savior and Lord until the year I was married. My wife and I soon joined a Baptist church in our area. About a month after we started attending that church, the Lord called me into the ministry. I was in the church when Jesus spoke to me as He spoke to Paul on the Damascus road. He told me, in what seemed to me to be an audible voice, "You are to preach My Gospel." I heard it so clearly that I turned around to see who spoke to me. Nobody was there, so I knew it had to be Jesus, and that I had been called into the ministry.

After we had attended the church a while, I started hearing words like sanctification, righteousness, Holy Spirit. I had also begun reading the Bible, and I would read these accounts of people being filled with the Spirit. I asked the people at the church about being filled with the Spirit, and I was told that when I accepted Jesus as my personal Savior and Lord, I was automatically filled with the Holy Spirit.

I went on for 17 years thinking I was filled with the Holy Spirit. Eventually, I reached a point where I was spiritually dry. I knew there was something missing, but I did not know what that something was. I did not know how to explain it, where to find it, or what to do. I was so frustrated that I was ready to say, "Forget it," and leave the ministry. Finally, the Lord showed me through various situations that I was not filled with the Spirit.

There are too many cases of a lot of zeal and commitment being expelled without any power, and a direct result of that is a lot of mediocre witnessing. Jesus would not tell us about receiving the power if we did not need it. And when it comes to going about the Lord’s business, we definitely need it. The word translated as power in Acts 1:8 really means "ability." Without the power of the Holy Spirit, we do not have the supernatural ability to be as effective as we can be.

I urge you, if you haven’t already, to acquaint yourself with the Holy Spirit so that you can walk in power. You will never regret it.

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You said that if I would confess with my mouth the LORD JESUS and believe in my heart that You raised Him from the dead, that I would be saved. I believe JESUS died for my sins and that You raised Him from the dead for my benefit. HEAVENLY FATHER, I thank you for the gift of salvation and for accepting me now as Your child.

In JESUS’ name, Amen.

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THE HOLY SPIRIT:
The Helper We All Need

By Apostle Frederick K.C. Price
he Holy Spirit is really a person, a divine person. He is on the same level as God the Father and Christ Jesus, and like God the Father and Jesus, He is a distinct personality. Yet all three of these distinct individuals comprise the one and only true God.

This is not as complex a concept as it may sound, and it is entirely scriptural. In Genesis 5:1-2, we have this statement:

This is the book of the genealogy of Adam. In the day that God created man, He made him in the likeness of God. He created them male and female, and blessed them and called them Mankind in the day they were created.

God uses the singular and the plural together in this verse because "Mankind" is actually the name for man in general. Man and woman are of the species "Mankind." They are both called Mankind, yet they are plural because they are separate persons, and they have separate personalities and functions. According to the above scriptures, we can say Mankind is one, yet he is two.

In the same sense, God is one, yet He is three — Father, Son and Holy Spirit — and all through the Bible, there are references that indicate this plurality. The most famous of these references is in Genesis 1:26, which states, Then God said, "Let Us make man in Our image, according to Our likeness...." Us and Our indicate more than one, yet the words image and likeness are singular. They are of the same species — God — yet their personalities and functions are completely different.

There are many verses in the Bible which show us the Holy Spirit's personality. For example, Paul tells us in Romans 8:27:

Now He who searches the hearts knows what the mind of the Spirit is, because He makes intercession for the saints according to the will of God.

The word Spirit here is capitalized, as it should be. Usually, when you see Spirit capitalized, it refers to the Holy Spirit, not to man's spirit. You are a spirit. God is a Spirit. Jesus is a Spirit, angels are spirits, demons are spirits, Satan is a spirit, and the Holy Spirit is a Spirit.

The phrase the mind of the Spirit indicates the Holy Spirit has a mind. Having a mind presupposes having a will, and Paul adds in 1 Corinthians 12:11:

But one and the same Spirit works all these things, distributing to each one individually as He wills.

So the Holy Spirit also has a will. In Isaiah 63:10, we have another aspect of the Holy Spirit listed:

But they [the children of Israel] rebelled and grieved His Holy Spirit;

So He turned Himself against them as an enemy,

And He fought against them.

You have to have a personality to experience grief. According to this verse, the Holy Spirit can be grieved, so the Holy Spirit not only has a mind and a will, but also emotions.
We have still another aspect of the Holy Spirit shown to us in Genesis 6:3:

And the LORD said, "My Spirit shall not strive with man forever, for he is indeed flesh...."

The statement strive with man does not mean we are engaged in a tug-of-war with the Holy Spirit. One of the purposes for the Holy Spirit’s being here in the earth-realm is to awaken an awareness in unsaved people that they are estranged and separated from God, that God loves them, and that He has provided a way for their estrangement to be reconciled through Jesus Christ. He places that conviction in their hearts so they will seek God and eventually accept Jesus as their personal Savior and Lord. That is what is meant by the phrase strive with man.

Many ministers of the Gospel, especially many years ago, thought they were supposed to preach people under conviction. They would use everything they could to make people feel guilty so they could bring them to a place of accepting Christ as Savior and Lord. But that is not really the minister’s job.

All the minister is supposed to do is impart the Word of God to the people. Faith comes by hearing the Word. Once that Word goes out, and faith comes, the Holy Spirit can bring an understanding to the individual hearing the Word that he or she needs Jesus as Savior and Lord.

Jesus reveals even more about the Holy Spirit in John 14:26:

"But the Helper, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in My name, He will teach you all things, and bring to your remembrance all things that I said to you."

The Holy Spirit teaches us, and He witnesses to us about the things of God. Jesus restates this in John 15:26, where He says:

"But when the Helper comes, whom I shall send to you from the Father, the Spirit of truth who proceeds from the Father, He will testify of Me."

In both these verses, Jesus uses the term Helper. That describes another job the Holy Spirit has — to assist or help the Body of Christ. The Holy Spirit is also the Spirit of truth. Whenever He is around, He will tell you only the truth. Whenever there are lies, the Holy Spirit is not involved.

Another duty assigned to the Holy Spirit is listed in John 16:8:

"And when He has come, He will convict the world of sin, and of righteousness, and of judgment."

The Holy Spirit will convict and convince the world — not the Church, but the world. This goes along with the striving with man that we saw in Genesis 6:3. The world needs to be convinced and convicted because it does not have the Word of God and needs Christ. The Church has the Word, and it should be brought under conviction relative to its relationship with the Lord by the Word. — EIF
Every believer should be filled with the Holy Spirit; doing so is an essential part of living the overcoming, abundant life. In order to reach the next level in our spiritual walk with God, we need the Holy Spirit. He is the best friend we could possibly have and He stands ever ready to comfort, help and teach us. Our Heavenly Father sent this mighty power from heaven to mediate between Him, Jesus and man. The Word says in Luke 3:21, “When all the people were baptized, it came to pass that Jesus also was baptized; and while He prayed, the heaven was opened. And the Holy Spirit descended in bodily form like a dove upon Him.”

In this powerful series, Pastor Frederick K. Price teaches on the importance of being filled with the Holy Spirit, as well as:
- Two reasons why the Holy Spirit could not come during Jesus’ earthly ministry.
- What is being filled all about?
- Speaking with tongues and praying in tongues.
- The difference between being born of the Spirit and filled with the Spirit.
Too many Christians have the faith that waits instead of the faith that takes. They are waiting for God to do something about their circumstances, and God is waiting for them to do something first. There is a stalemate, and no one is receiving anything. We must actively reach out and take hold of God’s promise and make them a part of our everyday lives.

Fear is one of the greatest obstacles to faith. Some say, “This faith thing doesn’t work.” The problem is that they are attempting to believe beyond their level of faith, and they become discouraged and give up. Christians must be fully convinced that they can have what God says they can have and can do what He says they can do, through Jesus.
For many years I have observed the children of the Most High God, who are supposed to be saved, live their lives at a level that is lower than the standard that the Word of God has set for them to live and operate.

Why would God redeem His people and then expect them to live at the very bottom scale in life—unable to manage a stable life for themselves and their families? He would not! This is not to shame people for their present standard of living but to raise the bar—to elevate God’s people so that the world will see how God has blessed them.

God wants all of His children to flow in His wisdom and understanding so that your present living standard is raised to a higher level. Even if you are living very well, you will strive to live even higher. Regardless of your age or color, you will live better.

Born-again: what does that mean?

When you receive Jesus Christ as your personal Savior and Lord, you are in Christ and you became a new creature in Christ Jesus. You are now a person who can no longer live without Christ. He is yours and you are His. You were living a life of sin doing whatever came to your mind; the Holy Spirit takes you from that lifestyle and grafts you into the lifestyle of Jesus, a lifestyle that knows no sin. A lifestyle that is above sin. You are now a new person one that has never lived before. Think of this as one who never existed before.

All old things (the sin nature that caused you to live separate from GOD) has passed away... and all things in your life have become new! When you are born-again, you receive the life and nature of God in your spirit; once again, YOU ARE A BRAND NEW PERSON! But please understand this is not all there is this is just a start! Many people become born-again and they are happy but this is where they stop. However, God has provided much more! — EIF

Our Covenant Rights

What and where did these “covenant rights” come from? They came from God! How God loved man so very much that He came into covenant with man; not for God’s sake but for man’s. Without God’s love, mankind would cease to exist. This is true even if people believe or not. Even if people live or die it is still true.

Therefore, our “Salvation Package” includes not only “missing Hell and going to Heaven” but it involves every aspect of our lives – spirit, soul and body. When we become born-again by God’s Spirit, we also partake of His Divine Nature (2 Peter 1:2-4).

The Greek words for “saved” and “salvation” are “Sozo” and “Soteria” which mean to save, deliverance, safety/protection, preservation, soundness and healing.

Meditate everyday on the Scriptures below; get them into your heart. You will be on the path of knowing who you are in Christ Jesus and what you have in Him.

**Salvation** – Romans 5:12; John 3:16; Romans 10:9; Matthew 8:17; John 1:12

**Deliverance** – Colossians 1:12-14; Galatians 3:13


**Healing/soundness** – Matthew 8:17; Isaiah 53:4-5; 1 Peter 2:24; Psalms 103:3; Psalms 107:20

**Preservation** – 2 Corinthians 9:8; 12:9; Psalms 27:5; 32:7; 40:11; 41:2; 121: 7-8; Jude 1
Growing up in a traditional church, I was taught that we dress accordingly to respect the house of God. You always stayed sharp, especially if you were single because the church is the best place to find a partner. I agree with this. But I wonder: why are there so many single women in the church. As a man of God who desires to unite with a Christian woman, I decided to do my own research by interviewing several single Christian women.

When you think about women and how they operate it’s difficult to understand how they do the things they do. Ironically, while writing this article the song "Superwoman" by Alicia Keys was one of the songs that played on my iTunes playlist. I recently wrote about how men aren’t Manning-Up and taking care business which puts the woman in a position where she has to become a "superwoman" to play both roles as mother and father. Fortunately I was raised by both of my parents in a good Godly Christian household. I noticed something special and unique about how my mother handled her many roles as a mother, wife, first lady, business owner, counselor, friend, daughter, sister, teacher, minister and community activist. One can only imagine if she was a single mother trying to accomplish all of those responsibilities by herself. God has a special calling for women like my mother who endure and successfully accomplish multiple task/roles. A superwoman is what we want to call these ladies, but a more suitable title would be a super God working through that woman.

When it comes to attending church, you can go back as far as you want, but you’ll always see more women than men in the church. On the other hand, you’re lucky if you get men to show up on Sundays, especially during the NFL football season. It’s been said that the male to female ratio in church is one man to every five women. That’s quite a difference and shows the obvious female dominance in the church. So many households are divided because of that difference. If the man doesn’t attend church, who then puts the house in order? Things then begin to slowly but surely affect the household because the man doesn’t man up, put God first and set an example for his family. When asked the question, one young lady said "It might not even be that some women are single but that they’re dating or married to men who don’t hold the principle of living for God and therefore don’t come to church at all." This is true and again it’s a house divided that’s going to eventually cause some type of strife or conflict within the relationship. God is supposed to be that foundation.

The numbers for men in the church are already scarce, but think about how few single men are in the church. Since there only a few single men in the church, the single women have to make their presence known. The majority of the time the attention seek-
ing behaviors are obvious in the woman's attire. Something is definitely wrong with that picture. How do they get the attention they desire and still keep their Christianity intact? To answer that question I called up another woman of God who lives in Shreveport, LA. She stated that "Single women should make themselves available by being active in church, look good but not trashy, be the best single woman you can be and do everything you can do to be ready for when your soul mate comes along." She also mentioned how Paul said that if you can be single that's actually a good thing so you can only focus on God. Personally I agree with her points and could even apply it into my life.

Another beautiful single sister had this to say, "I think there is a role reversal amongst men and women, where men desire to be approached and women cling to the traditional roles, by wanting to be approached by the man." Being raised in the South, where I was taught to be a complete gentleman, it's hard for me to believe that a man wants a woman to approach him and show interest. Men who want to be approached are a new generation of men whose ego is enormous. Personally, I have a certain way of showing my interest in a woman. After I approach her with my very charming yet intellectual greeting, I then try and figure out whether this woman and I could possibly be compatible with each other. I then tell her that I would love to get to know her more and for her to take my number down. Remember, I'm writing this article from a single, 24-year-old man's perspective. Believe it or not, this approach has been successful for me for some years now as it's the perfect balanced approach. The man shows initial interest, then the two converse with the man telling the woman to take his number down so they can further their liking for one another only if she feels the same. Lastly, the ball is then put into the woman's court to make a decision whether she wants to actually get to know the guy more by texting or calling the guy to confirm her interest. Simple enough?

Our dating experience as Christians are like any other person's—sometimes successful; sometimes not. What I wonder is why do we do something our own way and then go complaining to Our Heavenly Father about the outcome. Many times God just wants us to be still and know that He is. It says in Isaiah 40:31; "but they that wait upon the Lord shall renew their strength." Good things come to those who wait, granted we do have to implement action but to wait on a called purpose is key. Coach Tony Dungy once said "God called us to be faithful, not successful but if you remember this you
will end up being both.” Our Heavenly Father calls on us to be faithful and not to put our soul mate before Him. If you remember this, you’ll end up with God Almighty and your desired soul mate.

Luke 12:48 states: “To whom much is given, much is required.” After my countless relationships over the years and my knowledge on the subject, I knew that I was in a position to help others in their single walk. The answers received from my interviews were on target, but the answer is within the subject of this article, seek God first and He’ll provide your SOUL mate second.

Our Heavenly Father is a jealous God and He doesn’t want any man or woman to be put before Him. Once you remember to put God first, He’ll manifest your dreams and desires according to your faith. Even if you do meet your soul mate without God, if your relationship isn’t based on God’s principles and you’re not living accordingly, your relationship will not stand on just physical attraction alone. Even for those living in the natural it takes more than just physical attraction to keep each other interested. If your house isn’t built with a solid foundation it will eventually crumble. That foundation is God’s Word. Once we understand that, we’ll begin to see the benefits of righteousness.

Sometimes it’s hard for us to understand how can we go after God and end up with our desired soul mate. We as believers have to do just that “believe” and stand on God’s word. Our Heavenly Father knows the desire of our hearts. He knows we want to be in love, experience marriage and have a lasting bond with our spouse. I love to tell the story of my own parents and how the two met while both seeking after God. Both of my parents had just gotten serious about the things of God and were still "baby" Christians trying to find themselves. My mom actually had a fiancee when they first met. At the time, both of my parents were new members of Crenshaw Christian Center in Los Angeles, CA., but met at Rev. Kenneth Hagin’s Camp Meeting in Tulsa, Oklahoma. Surprisingly the two never met while attending Crenshaw. Through a mutual friend they were introduced, vowing that they would stay in contact with each other when arriving back in L.A. As time went by, the two continued to seek after God first. He made a way where my mom got released from the situation she was in and of course my dad ran for the opportunity to befriend her in a more affectionate way. They both stayed committed to the Lord and eventually got married a few months later. They both sought after God first and then each other. Our Heavenly Father appointed them to meet and ultimately be together.

As single men and women of God, we have to simply believe God for our mate. Our faith plays a big part in us finding our mate. Believe God for the love you desire with your future spouse. He doesn’t just want a few of his children happily married with a family, living life abundantly. He wants that for ALL of His children. — EIF
Believers must recognize that Christ lives in them. As a result, His liberty releases them from the dominance of sin and gives them the title deed to experience true holiness and righteousness. In this series, Dr. Betty R. Price teaches the Believer how to walk in their newness of life

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At the beginning of my senior year in high school, I had my life all planned out. I knew exactly what I wanted to do, and how I wanted to get there, I wanted to be a physician. Through the help of very supportive teachers, they cheered me on; they spoke life to my life, and interceded on my behalf. I would do four years of college majoring in one of the sciences, take the Medical College Admission Test (MCAT) and do four years of medical school — then, I’ll be done. Again, this way my plan.

I chose to attend Xavier University of Louisiana in New Orleans. They ranked very high in placing minorities into medical school. I completed my first year at Xavier, and returned to begin my second year in August 2005. Just a few days after classes began, Hurricane Katrina hit. I was stuck in a residence hall, the only safe place on campus. Just outside of the entrance doors, cars, animals and humans floated down the paved streets. The stench of the backed up sewage system quickly began to make people sick. Some passed away in the same building that I sought refuge in. The top of the ceiling had caved in, the bottom floor began to seep water. Our safest place was between the second and fourth floors. The only food we had was that which was stocked up from the day prior, and from the vending machine that had to be broken into. Both quickly ran out and the tainted water wasn’t safe to drink.

Xavier closed for one semester which left me and the other 3,000 students without a school. To continue my education without breaks or losing credits, I was temporarily accepted into the University of California, Los Angeles. I completed the fall quarter of my sophomore year there. Because this was just on a temporary basis, I had to find another institution to permanently attend. Because I lost everything in Hurricane Katrina, I decided not to return to Xavier. I applied and was accepted into the University of Southern California, where I received my degree in 2008.

Just prior to attending my first week of classes as a transfer student at USC, my father unexpectedly passed away. I left the memorial service early so I could attend my first class at USC. That semester, my grades were subpar. During my junior year at USC, I applied to 15 medical schools. I was rejected from all of them. My grade point average fell too low during my sophomore year to be considered competitive. I decided not to give up. I applied to the University of California, Davis as a graduate student where I focused on all sciences to help boost my GPA. In just a year, my mission was complete. I re-applied to medical school and was accepted to the University of Utah School of Medicine.

On July 19, 2010, I was sworn in as an officer in the United States Army. I knew I wanted to serve my country in a capacity where I would be able to utilize my growing expertise in the medical field. Within the army, I found my niche, the Army Medical Department (AMEDD).

AMEDD is responsible for healthcare readiness of U.S. soldiers on both U.S. soil and on foreign territory. As a medical student, my obligations in the Army were restricted and limited—as I had to successfully pass medical school so I could proceed as an Army Physician after graduation.

To my surprise, just two weeks into my 3rd year of medical school, I received orders from the U.S. Army to complete mandatory training in a course called the Basic Officer Leadership Course (BOLC) at Fort Sam Houston in San Antonio, TX. This course prepares officers within AMEDD on how to treat soldiers who have been injured during times of war, both the
physical and mental, and how to be effective leaders in the field. The course spans about a month, and within this month is non-stop training.

As a medical student, I was used to staying up late at nights, and waking up early in the morning. I wasn’t however expecting to wake up at 4:00 a.m. for strenuous physical training. I didn’t quit...ever. Cadre (the military’s teaching staff) would tell you if you quit now, you will quit on that soldier who needs you the most. Right after physical training was over, you had 30 minutes to change into full uniform and be ready to start your work day at 6:00 a.m.

Regardless of your profession within the medical department, all soldiers must meet minimum qualifications—from administrative assistants to the pilots. We all had to qualify on M16 rifles and 9mm handguns. In the U.S. Army, you are a soldier first before your profession. If a threat comes to you or your comrade, you must be able to defend yourself. At 105 degrees, in full battle fatigue (which adds 10 degrees to the temperature); we often spent hours shooting at multiple targets: prone, on one knee, and even unsupported only relying on our shoulder to keep the weapon in our control. You must be able to eliminate a target with penetration to the abdomen. Through quite a bit of sweat, tears, and frustration I shook it off and reminded myself that I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me. Needless to say, I ended up passing with flying colors.

Towards the end of training, there was an obstacle course we all had to complete. There were 16 courses total, which had to be done in just a few hours. I balanced myself on a moving balance beam, climbed countless of obstacles without the support of a harness, jumped over walls, climbed ropes almost 100 feet in the air, crawled as low to the ground as possible as metal bars directly over your head would painfully remind you that you were too high, and the list goes on. The physical demands were tough, but I succeeded.

Two weeks prior to concluding my service of training, I was contacted by a superior officer, who informed me that I would be platoon sergeant the following week. Our platoon is made up of 70 soldiers. Platoon sergeant is responsible for executing orders taken from superiors. So not only was this my first formal introduction into AMEDD, but now I am solely in charge of 70 other people, some whom outrank me. They follow my command, and do not do anything until they hear from me. This is a lot of power, more than I would ever imagine having. Again, fear and doubt of being an effective leader reared its ugly head. At the conclusion of my first day as platoon sergeant, I asked the Holy Spirit to give me the wisdom, knowledge, and understanding to be effective. At the conclusion of my leadership, all platoon sergeants had a one-on-one meeting with a superior officer and cadre to provide constructive criticism on how we maintained our platoon. The only comment in my file: “LT Hawkins proved to be an effective and efficient leader of all of his subordinates. He is to be applauded. He conducted himself with great poise, and has met and exceeded all leadership responsibilities given to him.”

August 28, 2012 was graduation day. I received two certificates: One from the Surgeon General of the United States officially welcoming me to the medical department regiment, and the other from the Army Medical Department Center and Schools saying I qualified with all training. Through the trials, tribulations, setbacks, obstacles and fear, I stood on God’s Word to push me through. As Apostle Price often quotes from James 2:17, faith by itself, if it does not have works, is dead. It took a whole lot of me just doing, as a step of faith, during this past month. I knew the devil would come, but I also knew that I was prepared to take him head on. I was relieved from my military duty successfully passing everything, and now I’m back to my clinical rotations in medical school. To God be the Glory! —EIF
lot of people have a tendency to think that just because something is BIG that this means that it is healthy. But, that can be a wrong diagnosis. Just because someone is big in body size does not necessarily mean that he or she is healthy. And just because such a one may get bigger and bigger is no indication of good health or good health practices.

In the same way, there are churches that are big in size with a lot of people. And, again many would think that the church is doing fine just because it is big. But, they are not actually dealing with whether the church is healthy or not – healthy in the sense that the leadership and Helps Ministry workers who are visible before the people are living lives above reproach. And, it is the duty of the leadership to inspire and encourage the congregation to truly worship God in spirit and in truth.

John 4:23 says:
But the hour is coming, and now is, when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth; for the Father is seeking such to worship Him.

One of the primary ways of worshipping God is through music. All churches have some form of music as a way for the people to join together in group praise and worship. All big churches have at least one major choir. At Crenshaw Christian Center (CCC) we have several music ensembles, and several large choirs. Each and every member of each and every auxiliary group is required to be a part of Helps Ministry and complete an application. They are also required to go through a moral’s interview, in which they are asked about their personal living standards and lifestyle. If there is a problem, such as an immoral lifestyle (sex outside of marriage, for example), such applicants are not permitted to participate in any Helps Ministry auxiliary including the Music Department until the problem has been corrected for one full year.

By Apostle Frederick K.C. Price
It is my belief that anyone representing Jesus should live a life above reproach. And, all Helps Ministry workers (including choir members) are considered in leadership positions – representing this local church and the Lord. Unfortunately, we have heard of too many situations involving members of choirs in sex-related scandals in some of the most prominent ministries. In many cases, such church members are allowed to stand before the congregation, as if sinless and without retribution. What an insult to the Lord.

Music is an important part of church services, particularly for praise and worship and in preparation for receiving the Word. But, too many people tend to get too carried away emotionally with certain music, particularly with what is called gospel music. Such music actually anesthetizes the people so they can feel good soulishly. But they are usually very, very lean spiritually. Developing one's spirit is far more important than feeding one’s soul. That is why God told me to “teach” rather than “preach,” and not to televise the choir on our Ever Increasing Faith Ministries television program. It is the application of the Word that sets Christians free, and not that sweet pill of emotion most Christians receive on Sundays, worked up and spurred on by a soulish choir.

I am all for music in the Church, because I know it can be an addendum to what the Spirit of God would want to do in a church service. When done for the purpose of exalting our Heavenly Father, it can also “jump start,” as well as enhance the anointing.

We are blessed at CCC to have a wonderful Music Department and Music Director, who makes sure that the music ministry lines up with the Word of God in content and in spirit. — EIF
have spoken many times about how we need to be doers of the Word of God so that when we face our greatest challenges, all the discipline and training that went into our becoming doers of the Word will work on our behalf. But if we do not develop that discipline or build ourselves up on our most holy faith with all the little tests that we go through every day, how will we have enough faith to stand when bigger challenges arise. We won’t!

What is just as important as building up our faith is maintaining it after we have faced a major attack from the devil. Too many people think that once God has helped them withstand such an attack, they can relax because they have won the battle. But the devil is still walking about like a roaring lion, seeking whom he may devour (1 Peter 5:8). If we don’t remain vigilant and continue walking by faith, Satan will find some way to take advantage of our laxity so he can devour us.

When I was diagnosed with inoperable lymphoma back in 1990, I had to undergo major surgery just so the doctors could diagnose the condition. The results of that biopsy on the tumor found in my pelvic area was the worst news you could receive in your life. Many people receiving the same news would probably give up and go home to die! But because of the Word, I had built up in me, and because I gave that Word precedence over all the circumstances concerning my health, God was able to work through the doctors to manifest my healing. Still, if I hadn’t continued giving the Word first place in my life by confessing and acting on it, and if I hadn’t changed some things in the natural to take care of my body, I might not be enjoying my divine health today.

To maintain my health in the spirit realm, I continue to confess every day that God restores health to me and heals me of all my wounds (Jeremiah 30:17). I continue to say that whatever things I ask when I pray, I believe that I receive them, and I shall have them (Mark 11:24). I declare daily that every cell in my body is normal and that every organ is functioning properly. And I continue to praise and thank the Lord for it all. Another Scripture I confess is Psalm 103, the first five verses of which read:

1 Bless the LORD, O my soul;
   And all that is within me, bless His holy name!
2 Bless the LORD, O my soul,
   And forget not all His benefits:
3 Who forgives all your iniquities,
Who heals all your diseases,  
Who redeems your life from destruction,  
Who crowns you with lovingkindness and tender mercies,  
Who satisfies your mouth with good things, So that your youth is renewed like the eagle’s.

Still another Scripture I use is Psalm 107. Verse 20 reads, He sent His Word and healed them, and delivered them from their destructions. First Peter 2:24 says: who Himself bore our sins in His own body on the tree, that we, having died to sins, might live for righteousness—by whose stripes you were healed. These are wonderful verses to confess, not just when you are sick but all the time so you can keep your spiritual immune system built up.

There are also some physical things we should do along with confessing and living by God’s Word. We have this treasure in earthen vessels (2 Corinthians 4:7); we are the temple of the Holy Spirit who is in us, and we are not our own (1 Corinthians 6:19). I’m sure none of us would want to live in a run-down house, with a leaky roof and the plumbing stopped up. So why should we expect the Holy Spirit to do so, especially since our bodies are God’s property, not ours?

One of the things we need to do to keep our “temples” in good shape is exercise. Paul writes in 1 Timothy 4:8, For bodily exercise profits a little... but as my husband has said on several occasions, we need to take advantage of the little profit that it gives us. Although I don’t like to exercise, I like the results that come from exercising, such as feeling better, improved muscle tone, staying healthier and sleeping more soundly at night. For this reason, I purpose to do the exercise because I want to live a long and healthy life.

I exercise three times a week. After stretching (and you always should do some stretching exercises before you work out so you don’t hurt yourself by pulling any muscles), I do 175 sit-up crunches, 50 side kicks and 50 back kicks for each leg, and a total of 90 arm raises with five-pound weights. Some people like going to the gym or the fitness club because there they can use weight machines, exercise bikes and things like that. Others, like myself, are more comfortable exercising at home. No matter what you do, though, you should consult a doctor before starting an exercise program so he can help you decide what is best for you and what things you may need to avoid doing.

Along with exercising, you have to watch what you eat. This is where I have made the most changes. Before the cancer attack, I seldom ate live fruits and vegetables. Now I make sure to do so every day—fruits in the morning, a salad at lunch and vegetables with my meal at night. I also used to drink nine cups of coffee a day and I would not drink water because I did not like the taste of water. But we all need to drink water so we can flush the toxins out of our system. If we don’t, those toxins can build up and cause all sorts of problems later on in life. Now I have only two cups of coffee a day and drink plenty of water every day.

Not long ago, I went to the doctor for a minor ailment. Upon a thorough examination the doctor said that I was in the best of health and that everything looked normal. Praise God that He says that with long life He will satisfy me (Psalm 91:16), and that He always honors His Word for those who will stand on it. I also thank God for bringing people into my path who encouraged me to take better care of my body. God definitely has a part to play in our health, but our part in keeping our temple healthy is just as important.

I would encourage you to do the same as I did. Learn to confess and walk in line with the Word every day. God that He says that with long life He will satisfy me (Psalm 91:16), and that He always honors His Word for those who will stand on it. I also thank God for bringing people into my path who encouraged me to take better care of my body. God definitely has a part to play in our health, but our part in keeping our temple healthy is just as important.

I would encourage you to do the same as I did. Learn to confess and walk in line with the Word every day, let it become health to your flesh and strength to your bones (Proverbs 3:8). But while you do this, also learn what you need to do in the natural realm to keep your body in the best shape possible. I cannot encourage you enough to be diligent about all these things, so that God may be glorified through you. Then you will maintain and enjoy a long healthy life, as He promised every one of His children. —EIF
The Holy Spirit is a divine person, the third person of the Godhead. You will never understand the Holy Spirit if you think of Him simply as a force, or a wind, as some religious groups do. Like God the Father, He is a Spirit, and He has a distinct personality.

The Godhead functions like a corporation. God the Father is the president and chief executive officer. Jesus is the executive vice president and director of operations. The Holy Spirit is the field representative right here on earth. All three are God, but all have different functions.

There are many verses of Scripture that show us that the Holy Spirit is a person. For example, Paul says in Romans 8:27:

Now He who searches the hearts knows what the mind of the Spirit is, because He makes intercession for the saints according to the will of God.

Notice that the word Spirit is capitalized – as it should be – because it is referring to the Holy Spirit and not man’s spirit. The phrase, the mind of the Spirit, indicates that the Holy Spirit has a mind. If the Spirit has a mind, it presupposes that He also has a will. Paul adds in 1 Corinthians 12:11:

But one and the same Spirit works all these things, distributing to each one indi-
vidually as He wills.

So we see that the Holy Spirit not only has a mind but also a will. Isaiah 63:10 indicates that the Holy Spirit has feelings and can be grieved:

But they [the children of Israel] rebelled and grieved His Holy Spirit; so He turned Himself against them as an enemy, and He fought against them.

You cannot experience grief if you do not have a personality. So the Holy Spirit has a mind, a will, and emotions, just as we do. But we must not stop here. We will also find that the Holy Spirit strives, helps, teaches, testifies, guides, convicts, comforts, sanctifies, witnesses, reveals, and commands, as well as performs other functions.

**STRIVE**  
**Genesis 6:3**

And the Lord said, “My Spirit shall not strive with man forever, for he is indeed flesh...

One of the reasons the Holy Spirit is in the earth realm is to make those who are unsaved aware of their estrangement and separation from God. He wants them to know that God loves them and that they have been reconciled to Him through Jesus Christ. So the statement, strive with man, does not mean that we are engaged in any type of competition with the Holy Spirit.

That would be a contest we could never win. But the Holy Spirit places a conviction in the hearts of men so that they will seek God and eventually accept Jesus as their personal Savior and Lord.

**HELPER, TEACHER  John 14:26**

“But the Helper, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in My name, He will teach you all things, and bring to your remembrance all things that I said to you.”

We as Christians have a divine Helper in the person of the Holy Spirit. He teaches us and reveals to us the things of God, supporting those in the Body of Christ in innumerable ways.

Space does not permit me to discuss all of the Holy Spirit’s divine personality traits or qualities, such as being our guide (John 16:13), comforter (Acts 9:31), sanctifier (Romans 15:16), witness (Romans 8:16), commands, forbids (Acts 16:6-7), everlasting (Hebrews 9:14), omnipresent (Psalm 139:7-10), omniscient (1 Corinthians 2:10), doing divine works (Genesis 1:1-3), the ability to raise the dead (Romans 8:11), and so forth.

All these and more are qualities of the Holy Spirit that we as Christians can tap into by receiving the gift of the Holy Spirit with the evidence of speaking with other tongues. I encourage you to get to know Him and make Him the major partner in your life today! —EIF
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Q&A with Drs. Fred and Betty Price

Can the Holy Spirit reveal something new to you via the gifts of the Spirit, and it not bear witness with your spirit?

A Yes, absolutely. The reason what the Holy Spirit reveals may not bear witness with your spirit is that you may not be listening to Him. Many times, the Holy Spirit will say something, and we will not pay attention to what He is telling us. A perfect example of this is when a person gets divorced after being married only a short time. The Holy Spirit told that person not to marry the person he or she married, but the individual did it anyway. Many times, the person thought, "We've already made wedding plans, and it would be an embarrassment to cancel out now," or "We knew it, but we'd already spent all of this money on the wedding." I told my daughters when they were planning their weddings not to worry about the money, that right up to the time I said, "Do you take this man," they could say, "No, daddy, I think I've changed my mind," and it would be fine with me. I wanted their happiness more than I wanted the money. After all, God supplies all my needs, so I can be blessed with more money. That is why the Holy Spirit tries to warn us — not to keep us from doing something, but to tell us that what we want to do may be a big mistake.

Unless otherwise indicated, Scripture quotations mentioned above are taken from the New King James Version of the Bible.

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Praying for our children is the daily task of parents, grandparents, godparents, foster parents, and everyone who loves children. One way to pray effectively is to pray the Scriptures. Since God has a design and a plan for our children’s lives, we should search His Word and allow the Spirit to lead us to those passages that relate to the needs of our children. As we confess these over our children, we relentlessly trust God to perform His Word in their lives.

As we pray, let’s not forget to pray about other people’s children, too. Pray for the children in your church, pray for the children on your block, and in your community. Pray! Pray! Pray!

In addition to praying for our children, parents also have the biblical responsibility to pray with their children. Praying with children helps us hear their concerns. We encourage them to take their needs to God, and then we trust God to meet those needs.

In turn, children learn to pray because they have heard their parents pray. Here is one heartwarming example.

“My mom taught me how to pray and how to trust God,” Nancy Kwon told me. Her mother had been raised in Korea as a Buddhist, and she was an ardent believer in Buddha until the night she went to her Christian friend’s home for dinner. This friend’s family had no food, but they all sat around the table and said grace. After they thanked God for the food that He was going to give them, they waited.

“My mother watched in amazement and thought that they were a little out of their minds. But after a few minutes, there was a knock at the door. A neighbor was standing there with food she wanted to share with the family. My mother accepted Jesus Christ as her Lord and Savior.

“Over the years, I learned how to pray because I heard my mother pray,” says Nancy. “She had been married to my dad for 11 years, and she prayed for his salvation every day. She never complained about her husband to her parents. She told every-
thing to God. My three sisters and I would hear her pray out loud. She believed Romans 10:11, ‘Anyone who trusts in [God] will never be put to shame.’ Today my father is a pastor.

When we teach our children to pray, we encourage them to trust God for themselves. Children have needs at all ages, so when presented with a “Mommy, I need…,” why not add it to the child’s prayer list? If parents pray simple, one-sentence prayers, children will learn that praying is easy. “Father, I thank you for finding the right parking space.” When God answers, celebrate Him! Give God the glory.

Pray for healing, pray about purchasing a dog, pray for a “window” in heavy traffic, pray about buying the right pair of shoes, pray for the scraped knee to be healed, pray about what church to join, pray for the teacher and the coach, pray for the right friends, pray for what gift to buy, pray when something is lost—pray, pray, pray!

As children learn to pray and see answers to their prayers, God becomes even more real to them. This example underscores the importance of praying audible prayers – prayers your children can hear:

Shelly was exhausted. Between teaching part time and parenting two children full time, she seemed always to be running to catch up with her schedule, despite a helpful and fully engaged husband. Once at home with her daughter, she breathed deeply, ready for a half hour of calm before it was time to pick up her son, Ryan.

“Mom, can we go to the park?” Two-year-old Brittany was tugging at her resolve. Shelly looked at her child and at the bouncy blonde curls framing blushed cherub cheeks. “It’s not very windy today.” Shelly offered this explanation, fully understanding the why behind this request: Brittany had a brand new kite, and she wanted to see it fly. “Please, Mommy!” Brittany’s plea was loud enough for a listening mother to hear. Kissing her half-hour rest good-bye, Shelly swooped up Brittany and the kite and headed right back out the door, into the car, and off to the park.

There really wasn’t enough wind, but the anticipation in Brittany’s eyes was enough to warm the heart of God. Shelly desperately prayed aloud, “God, please send the wind!” The breeze came from nowhere, picked up the kite, and off they ran for a few laugh-filled minutes. It was an eternity for Brittany, but ultimately it was not flying the kite that held her in awe. She had heard her mother pray, and had seen God answer.

“God sent the wind!” Brittany said as she wiggled back into her car seat. “Thank you, Mommy!”

Portions of this article are excerpted from Keeping Your Kids Sexually Pure: A How-To Guide for Parents, Pastors, Youth Workers and Teachers by La Verne Tolbert (www.xlibris.com).
Any person who realizes that there is work to be done in their lives in under construction. None of us have arrived. The way we get there becomes the construction site of our lives. If you’re willing to build a strong foundation in your spirit, then do the finishing work on your soul and body, there are no limits to how high the building of your life can go or how far reaching your impact in the lives of those around you can be.

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Many people have no clue about what Christmas is really all about. They think it’s about going into debt buying gifts. Many of the things associated with Christmas are fictitious: the man in the red suit, Rudolph the red-nose reindeer; and elves working busily in the North Pole. And because people know that’s not reality, some have a tendency to wrap Jesus Christ in that same ribbon tying Him up in fiction. As Christians, we need to be able to separate fact from fiction when it comes to Christmas.

John 3:16 says, “For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life.” That’s really what Christmas is all about.

In this teaching, Apostle Frederick K.C. Price deals with the fact and fiction surrounding the birth of Jesus Christ, as well as:

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