

WORD

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WHAT

Prayer must always be connected to the main source—the Holy Spirit. Without Him, prayer is powerless and misguided. When we pray, the Holy Spirit is alerted to guide and empower us in our petition and intercession. This was what the early Christians experienced as written in the Book of Acts. What happens when we pray with the Holy Spirit?

1 The Holy Spirit gives us wisdom on how to share the gospel.

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Not only are we given the words to say as we share the gospel, the Holy Spirit brings power in every message we give. Why should we rely on the power of the Holy Spirit instead of our own ability when sharing the gospel?

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2 The Holy Spirit blesses us with spiritual gifts and enables us to worship.

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As we pray, the Holy Spirit blesses us with gifts that enable us to enjoy worshipping and serving Him. Prayer and praise are powerful tools that can help us live victorious lives. How has prayer or worship helped you overcome a difficult situation?

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3 The Holy Spirit anoints us to do great exploits for His kingdom.

²²News of this reached the church in Jerusalem, and they sent Barnabas to Antioch. ²³When he arrived and saw what the grace of God had done, he was glad and encouraged them all to remain true to the Lord with all their hearts. ²⁴He was a good man, full of the Holy Spirit and faith, and a great number of people were brought to the Lord. ACTS 11: 22-24

Like Barnabas, we can fully yield to the Holy Spirit in prayer and be used by God mightily in His kingdom. Allow the Holy Spirit to fill you up everyday and be an instrument to reach many people with the gospel. Share a story about someone who was enabled to do something great in God’s kingdom.

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