

THE THINGS OF THE SPIRIT
The Manifestation Of The Spirit

I. **God promised to manifest Himself to us-Jn14:16-I will pray the Father, and he shall give you another Comforter** (consoler/comforter-strengthen, called alongside to help), that he may **abide** (stay, dwell, be present, with the notion of help) with you forever; ¹⁷Even the Spirit of truth; whom the world cannot receive, because it seeth him not, neither **knoweth** (understand, aware) him: but ye **know** him; for he **dwelleth** (abide) with you, and shall be in you. ¹⁸I will not leave you comfortless: **I will come to you.** ²¹He that hath my commandments, and keepeth them, he it is that **loveth** (value, esteem) me: and he that **loveth** (value, esteem) me shall be **loved** of my Father, and I will **love** him, and **will manifest myself to him** (exhibit, appear, show, come to view, make known, clearly visible, obvious to the understanding, apparent, not obscure or difficult to be seen) **AC-I will let myself be clearly seen by him and make myself real to Him-ICB-Show myself to Him).**²²...How is it that thou wilt manifest thyself unto us and not unto the world? ²³...If a man love me, he will keep my words: and my Father will love him and we will come unto him and make our **abode** (residence) with him

A. **We should be experiencing the reality of The Spirit/His presence-He is abiding with/in us; If I was living with you, you would encounter my reality, you would have experiences with me that confirmed my reality**

These are the things of The Spirit →

B. **The reality of His presence can be experienced in a variety of ways-Helper (Jn14:16), teacher (Jn14:26), leading (Jn16:13), hearing His voice (Jn16:13), His joy (1Th1:6), power, signs, wonders (Ac10:38,1:8), presence (Ac2:3), gifts of the Spirit (1Co12), fruit of The Spirit (Ga5)**

1. **Don't hunger for specific manifestations of The Spirit, just hunger for Him-Some manifestations are more spectacular than others, but every manifestation of The Spirit is powerful and beneficial**

C. **He both comes to us and manifests Himself to us by The Spirit-V18,V21**

D. **God manifesting Himself to us are real encounters with His reality-Gn5:24-AC-Enoch walked in habitual fellowship with God-Ex33:18-Shew me thy glory-Gn15:12-Deep sleep fell upon Abram..great darkness fell upon him. And he said unto Abram..a burning lamp passed between those to pieces-Ac2:3-It sat upon each of them-Ac10:44-Holy Ghost fell on all them which heard the word-Ac10:19-The Spirit said unto him (Peter)-Ac8:29-The Spirit said unto Philip-Ac16:6-(Were forbidden of the Holy Ghost to preach in Asia..they assayed to go into Bithynia: but the Spirit suffered them not-Ac6:5-Stephen, a man full of faith and the Holy Ghost...⁸and power did great wonders and miracles among the people**

E. **Without these encounters life becomes dry-Ps63:1-O God, thou art my God; early will I seek thee: my soul thirsteth for thee, my flesh longeth for thee in a dry and thirsty land, where no water is; ²To see (experience) thy power and thy glory, so as I have seen thee in the sanctuary.³Because thy lovingkindness is better than life-1Co12:13-Made to drink into one spirit**

F. **The key to manifestations of The Spirit is honor (NOT desperation)-Jn14:21**

II. **Desire the things of the spirit-1Co14:1-Follow after charity, and desire spiritual gifts, but rather that you may prophesy-CJ-Keep on eagerly seeking the things of The Spirit-DARBY-Be emulous of spiritual manifestations-BBE-Go after love; still desiring to have the things which the Spirit gives-WE-Love is the thing you should want more than anything else. But you should also want other things the Spirit gives.**

- A. Many ignore this verse and don't want the things of The Spirit-They only want what their head can understand
1. The things of the Spirit go beyond human understanding-The only way to get into them is to be willing to go beyond your own understanding-1Co2:14-The natural man receives not the things of the Spirit of God; for they are **foolishness** (silly, absurd) unto him: neither can he **know** (understand) them, because they are spiritually discerned
 2. I am unwilling to go beyond the scriptures-I'm am willing to go beyond my natural understanding
- B. Your desire affects your pursuit, your pursuit affects your experience-God doesn't just want you to desire them, but to experience them-Lk11:9-Ask, and it shall be given you; seek, and ye shall find; knock, and it shall be opened unto you. ¹⁰For every one that asketh receiveth; and he that seeketh findeth; and to him that knocketh it shall be opened. ¹¹If a son shall ask bread of any of you that is a father, will he give him a stone? or if he ask a fish, will he for a fish give him a serpent? ¹²Or if he shall ask an egg, will he offer him a scorpion? ¹³If ye then, being evil, know how to give good gifts unto your children: how much more shall your heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to them that ask him?-Mt5:6
1. If we ask God for the moving of His Spirit He will give it to us
 2. There are some who don't want these things, won't pursue these things and in turn won't experience these things-Then question the reality of these things because they've never experienced them
- C. The manifestation of The Spirit has been given (God wants us to have it), but you must go get it-1Co12:7-Js18:3- How long are ye slack to go to possess the land, which the Lord God of your fathers hath given you?