

## THE THINGS OF THE SPIRIT

### Our Profit & Edification

I. **God promised to manifest Himself to us-Jn14:16-I will pray the Father, and he shall give you another Comforter, that he may abide (dwell, be present) with you forever; <sup>18</sup>I will not leave you comfortless: I will come to you. <sup>21</sup>He that hath my commandments, and keepeth them, he it is that loveth (value, esteem) me: and he that loveth me shall be loved of my Father, and I will love him, and will manifest myself to him (**ST**-Appear, show-**TH**-Make known, come to view-**W18**-Clearly visible, obvious to the understanding, apparent, not difficult to be seen-**AC**-I will let myself be clearly seen by him and make myself real to Him).<sup>22</sup>...How is it that thou wilt manifest thyself unto us and not unto the world? <sup>23</sup>...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 with him**

- A. God manifests Himself to us by His Spirit-By living in/with us, helping, teaching, leading, guiding, speaking to us, working through us
- B. Desire the things of The Spirit-1Co14:1-Desire spiritual gifts-CJ-Keep on eagerly seeking the things of The Spirit-DAR-Be emulous of spiritual manifestations

## II. The purpose of The things of The Spirit is our profit and edification

- A. There's purpose in the manifestation of The Spirit-If we don't understand the purpose misuse and abuse follows (EX-Toliet face wash, garbage disposal); The purpose of the manifestation of The Spirit isn't to be weird, exalt flesh, fulfill the flesh's desire to see/feel
- B. Anytime The Holy Spirit manifests it's for our profit-1Co12:7-The manifestation of the Spirit is given to every man TO profit withal-NTFE-The point of the spirit being revealed...is so that all may benefit
  - 1. Manifestation-ST-Expression-WS-Observable-MO-Outward evidencing, clear display-BBE-The Spirit's working-GNB-The Spirit's presence-HCSB-Demonstration of The Spirit-MKJV-Showing forth of The Spirit
    - a. All our expressions/manifestations of The Spirit-His leading, helping, teaching, speaking, presence, joy, power, gifts -
  - 2. Profit-ST-Advantage-Success, prosperity, benefit, gain; good; TH-Help-W18-Proceed forward, advance, improve, grow better-AC-Good and profit-HCSB-To produce what is beneficial-ICB-To help
    - a. Profit is connected to The Holy Spirit-Jn16:7-It is expedient (1Co12:7-Same word) for you that I go away: for if I go not away, the Comforter (helper) will not come unto you
  - 3. God wants us to profit-Is48:17-I am the Lord thy God which teaches you to profit (ascend, gain, success)-NET-How to succeed-NLV-To do well-YL-I am thy God...teaching thee to profit-Js1:8, 1Tm4:15, Hb12:10, 1Tm4:8-Ps35:27-CEV-God is glad when all goes well for his servant-CSB-He takes pleasure in his servant's well-being-GNB-Pleased with the success of his servant-NIRV-He is pleased when everything goes well with the one who serves him-ICB-He loves to see his servants do well-VO-When good things happen to His servant
    - a. The Holy Spirit is carrying out the Father's will-Jn16:13

C. Anytime The Holy Spirit manifests it's for our edification-1Co14:12-As ye are zealous of spiritual gifts, seek that ye may excel **TO** the edifying of the church-CJ-Since you eagerly seek the things of the Spirit-AM-Since you are so very eager to have spiritual gifts and manifestations of the Spirit, strive to excel in ways that will build up the church

1. Edifying-ST-Confirmation-Fix, settle, make firm, strengthen; TH-Building up, growth in wisdom, piety, happiness, holiness; WS-Profit, advancement, (opp.) destruction-ER-Help the church grow stronger-NET-Strengthen the church-BBE-For the good of the church-CEV-Helpful to the church-WEY-Benefit the Church
2. The Holy Ghosts builds up-Jude18-How that they told you there should be mockers in the last time, who should walk after their own ungodly lusts. <sup>19</sup>These be they who separate themselves, sensual, having not the Spirit. <sup>20</sup>But ye, beloved, building up yourselves on your most holy faith, praying in the Holy Ghost
3. God wants us strong-Dt31:6,7,23,Js1:6,9,18,10:25,1Ch22:13,28:20-Be strong and of good courage-1Sm4:9-Be strong and quit yourselves like men-1Ch28:10-Be strong and do it-2Ch25:8-Be strong for battle-2Ch32:7-Be strong and courageous-Is35:4-Be strong, fear not-Dn10:19-Be strong, yea, be strong-Dn11:32-The people that do know their God shall be strong, and do exploits-Hb2:4-Be strong, O Zerubbabel...be strong, O Joshua...be strong, all ye people of the land...and work-Ze8:9,13-Let your hands be strong-1Co16:13-Stand fast in the faith, quit you like men, be strong-Ep6:10-Be strong in the Lord and in the power of His might-2Tm2:1-Be strong in the grace that is in Christ Jesus
4. These manifestations of The Spirit can be the difference between quitting or continuing-We can't continue, we can't fight, we can't resist, we can't stand being weak and so the Holy Ghost shows up to edify you for battle-2Co3:6,Jn6:63,Ep3:16,Jn14:17

III. **Anytime the Holy Spirit manifests Himself and anyway He manifests Himself, it will always leave you in in better shape (He's here to help)**

- A. The further away the church gets from the manifestation of The Holy Spirit the worse shape it will be in-Without the things of The Spirit, the church will never be what it could be or needs to be
- B. Any quenching of The Spirit, at any time, for any reason is to our detriment because He manifests for our profit and edification-1Th5:19-Quench not the Spirit-AC-Do not quench (suppress or subdue) the Holy Spirit-BBE-Do not put out the light of the Spirit-CEV-Do not turn away God's spirit-CSB-Do not stifle the Spirit-ER-Don't stop the work of the Holy Spirit-GNB-Do not restrain the Holy Spirit-GW-Do not put out the Spirit's fire-WE-Do not stop the Spirit when he wants to do something
  1. Quench-ST-Extinguish-Put out, put an end to; TH-Suppress, stifle divine influence-W18-Still, quite, check, stifle (stop, hinder)-WS-Prevent the Holy Spirit from exerting His full influence
- C. We quench The Spirit by not yielding to Him and to what He's doing-Be open to Him and yield to Him; You don't want to say no to The Spirit just because you don't understand