

THE HOLY SPIRIT AND YOU
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“If you love me, show it by doing what I’ve told you. I will talk to the Father, and he’ll provide you another Friend so that you will always have someone with you. This Friend is the Spirit of Truth. The godless world can’t take him in because it doesn’t have eyes to see him, doesn’t know what to look for. But you know him already because he has been staying with you, and will even be in you!”
(John 14:15–17, Message)

1. THE HOLY SPIRIT HELPS ME.

“Through the help of the Holy Spirit it was strengthened and grew in numbers, as it lived in reverence for the Lord.” (Acts 9:31, GN)

“But I am telling you the truth: it is better for you that I go away, because if I do not go, the Helper will not come to you. But if I do go away, then I will send him to you.” (John 16:7, GN)

2. THE HOLY SPIRIT IS MY FRIEND.

“The Friend, the Holy Spirit whom the Father will send at my request, will make everything plain to you. He will remind you of all the things I have told you.” John 14:26, The Message)

“A man who has friends must himself be friendly...” (Proverbs 18:24, NKJV)

“The LORD is a friend to those who fear him. He teaches them his covenant.”
(Psalm 25:14, NLT)

3. THE HOLY SPIRIT EMPOWERS ME.

“But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes upon you. And you will be my witnesses, telling people about me everywhere—in Jerusalem, throughout Judea, in Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.”
(Acts 1:8, NLT)

- a. He changes my identity.
- b. He changes my personality.

GROWTHWORK

“As for me and my house, we will serve the LORD.” (Joshua 24:15, ESV)

1. Clean house.

“Then Joshua told the people, “Purify yourselves, for tomorrow the LORD will do great wonders among you.” (Joshua 3:5, NLT)

- a. Personally – my heart and mind.
- b. My home – our family.
- c. My vocation.
- d. My influence.

“Didn’t you realize that your body is a sacred place, the place of the Holy Spirit? Don’t you see that you can’t live however you please, squandering what God paid such a high price for? The physical part of you is not some piece of property belonging to the spiritual part of you. God owns the whole works. So let people see God in and through your body.” (1 Corinthians 6:19–20, The Message)

2. Welcome the Holy Spirit

- a. Intercede for your family.

“One day some parents brought their children to Jesus so he could lay his hands on them and pray for them.” (Matthew 19:13, NLT)

- b. Give forgiveness to one another despite your personal pain.

“Shouldn’t you have mercy on your fellow servant, just as I had mercy on you?” (Matthew 18:33, NLT)

- c. Establish Meaningful Symbols.

“In the same way, he took the cup of wine after supper, saying, “This cup is the new covenant between God and his people—an agreement confirmed with my blood. Do this in remembrance of me as often as you drink it.” For every time you eat this bread and drink this cup, you are announcing the Lord’s death until he comes again.”
(1 Corinthians 11:25–26, NLT)