

**GALATIANS 5:22-23 LISTS THE FRUITS OF THE SPIRIT. THE FRUIT OF HOLY SPIRIT SHOULD BE THE "MARK" OF OUR LIVES AND CHURCHES, YET SOMETIMES THE "WORKS OF FLESH" SHOW UP—EVEN AT CHURCH! IRONICALLY, IT SEEMS THAT THERE ARE ALWAYS SOME PEOPLE WHO WANT CERTAIN THINGS DONE IN CERTAIN WAYS AND FEEL "CALLED" TO THROW OUT THE "FRUIT OF HOLY SPIRIT" TO GET THEIR PLAN ACCOMPLISHED. (YOU MAY EVEN BE ABLE TO THINK OF A TIME WHEN YOU HAVE MADE THAT CHOICE.) WHAT ARE SOME PRACTICAL THINGS WE CAN DO TO HELP OUR CHURCHES ACCOMPLISH GOD'S WILL WITHOUT COMPROMISING THE CALL TO BE LIKE JESUS.**

**IN THE BOOK "WILD GOOSE CHASE," MARK BATTERSON OBSERVES THAT THE CELTIC CHRISTIANS REFERRED TO HOLY SPIRIT AS "THE WILD GOOSE." GOD'S PLANS ARE OFTEN AS MYSTERIOUS AS THEY ARE ADVENTUROUS. HAVE 1 OR 2 PEOPLE SHARE A STORY FROM THEIR PERSONAL OR CHURCH LIVES WHERE GOD TOOK THEM ON A HOLY SPIRIT ADVENTURE.**

**RATE "THE HOLY SPIRIT DEPENDENCE LEVEL" OF YOUR PERSONAL LIFE ON A SCALE OF 1-10 (WITH 10 BEING THE BEST). WHAT ARE SOME THINGS THAT LOCAL CHURCHES COULD DO TO HELP PEOPLE LIVE WITH MORE DEPENDENCE UPON HOLY SPIRIT? ARE THERE SOME THINGS THAT YOU HAVE EXPERIENCED THIS WEEK THAT HAVE CHALLENGED YOU PERSONALLY TO LIVE IN GREATER DEPENDENCE UPON HOLY SPIRIT?**

**RATE "THE HOLY SPIRIT DEPENDENCE LEVEL" OF THE MINISTRY OF YOUR CHURCH ON A SCALE OF 1-10 (WITH 10 BEING THE BEST). WHAT LEADS YOU TO RATE YOUR CHURCH WHERE YOU DID? WHAT ARE SOME THINGS LOCAL CHURCHES CAN DO TO HIGHLIGHT THE IMPORTANCE OF CHURCH-WIDE DEPENDENCE UPON THE MINISTRY OF HOLY SPIRIT? PLEASE BE SPECIFIC.**

**GEORGE MULLER SAID, "THE VIGOR OF OUR SPIRITUAL LIFE WILL BE IN EXACT PROPORTION TO THE PLACE HELD BY THE BIBLE IN OUR LIFE AND THOUGHTS." WHAT ARE SOME THINGS THAT YOU HAVE FOUND HELPFUL IN KEEPING GOD'S WORD CENTRAL IN YOUR SPIRITUAL GROWTH? PLEASE BE SPECIFIC AND AUTHENTIC.**

**HAVE SOMEONE READ 1 CORINTHIANS 12:4-11. GOD GIVES A SPIRITUAL GIFT OR GIFTS TO EVERY BELIEVER IN EVERY LOCAL CHURCH FOR THE "BUILDING UP" OF THE BODY OF CHRIST. HAVE 1 OR 2 PEOPLE IN YOUR GROUP SHARE A STORY OF SOMEONE IN YOUR CHURCH WHO USES THEIR SPIRITUAL GIFT(S) FOR THE BUILDING UP OF THE BODY OF CHRIST.**

**GALATIANS 5:25 CALLS US TO, "KEEP IN STEP WITH THE HOLY SPIRIT." IN THE BOOK "FORGOTTEN GOD," FRANCIS CHAN CONTRASTS SEEKING GOD FOR YOUR FUTURE PLANS WITH SIMPLY WALKING WITH HIM TODAY.**

*Chan writes, "I think a lot of us need to forget about "God's will for my life." God cares more about our response to His spirit's leading today, in this moment, than about what we intend to do next year... it is easy to use the phrase "God's will for my life" as an excuse for inaction or even disobedience. It's much less demanding to think about God's will for your future than it is to ask him what he wants you to do in the next ten minutes. It's safer to commit to following him someday instead of today" (pg. 120).*

**WHAT IS IT ABOUT HUMAN NATURE THAT MAKES "KEEPING IN STEP" WITH HOLY SPIRIT SO TRICKY?**

**HAVE SOMEONE READ ROMANS 12:3-8. THEN, HAVE 1 OR 2 PEOPLE SHARE A STORY OF A TIME WHEN THEY SERVED GOD AND KNEW THAT HE WAS "SPIRITUALLY GIFTING" THEM FOR THE TASK. WHAT HAPPENED AND WHAT GIFT DID GOD EMPOWER THROUGH YOU?**