The Holy Spirit

How can you help to ensure the Holy Spirit is active in and through your life?

God lives within us by His Holy Spirit.

The Holy Spirit works in our lives as we obey and seek Him.

We move the Holy Spirit through prayer.

Apart from God, we are left to our own devices (II Corinthians 10:2-5).

I. Samson and the Holy Spirit.

- Called by God from birth to deliver Israel (Judges 13:1-5).
- Grew up blessed by God (Judges 13:24-25).
- Received extraordinary strength from the Holy Spirit (Judges 14:19).
- Samson strength remained after he spent the night with a harlot (Judges 16:1-3).
- Samson's gift was dependent on keeping his Nazirite vow of not cutting his hair (Judges 16:17, 19-20).
- Samson's hair re-grew, he prayed to God, and he became strong again (Judges 16:22, 28-30).

What do these passages teach us about the Holy Spirit? Gifts?

II. Jesus and the Holy Spirit. (John 1:19-34)

What do you think it means that Jesus emptied Himself when He became a man? (Philippians 2:7)

What do you think was the significance of the Holy Spirit coming to rest on Jesus?

How many recorded miracles were manifested in the life of Jesus before He was baptized? After?

What do the following passages say about Jesus and the Holy Spirit?

Full of the Holy Spirit when tested <u>Luke 4:1</u>
Cast out demons by the Holy Spirit <u>Matthew 12:28</u>
Empowered to preach <u>Luke 4:18</u>
Anointed with the Holy Spirit and with power <u>Acts 10:38</u>
Empowered to empower? <u>John 3:34-35</u> (Did Jesus have every spiritual gift?)

III. Jesus teaching on the Holy Spirit.

- The Holy Spirit as a helper (John 14:16-17, John 15:26)
- The Holy Spirit as a teacher (John 14:26, John 16:13, I John 2:27)
- The Holy Spirit empowers (Acts 1:8)
- The Holy Spirit and salvation (John 3:3-8)
- The Holy Spirit grieved (Ephesians 4:29-32)
- The Holy Spirit can be quenched (<u>I Thessalonians 5:19-20</u>)(Arden and Marcia Dahl)

What do the following passages say about the Holy Spirit?

I Corinthians 2:12 We have received the Holy Spirit to know the things of God.

I Corinthians 3:16 The Holy Spirit lives within us.

Galatians 5:16-23 The fruit of the Spirit is evidence of the Holy Spirit working in our lives

Ephesians 5:18 What does it mean to be filled with the Spirit? (come back to)

IV. How do we move the Holy Spirit? (Luke 11)

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