

WELCOME, HOLY SPIRIT
Learning to Live in His Presence — Part I

CENTRAL TRUTH

The Holy Spirit does not merely visit the believer. He lives within us. Therefore, we should learn to live every day consciously aware of His presence.

John 14:16–17

I. ACKNOWLEDGE HIS PRESENCE

The first step toward deeper fellowship with the Holy Spirit is becoming consciously aware that He is already present.

He does not occasionally visit us. He lives within us. He remains with us. We are His dwelling place.

John 14:16–17 1 Corinthians 6:19

Consider: How much of your day do you actually live consciously aware that the Holy Spirit is with you? If God Himself has taken up residence within you, how should that affect the way you live—even when nobody else is around?

II. REMEMBER THAT THE HOLY SPIRIT IS GOD'S GIFT

We did not earn the Holy Spirit. God gave Him to us.

Jesus taught that His departure would be to the disciples' advantage because the Helper would come. Therefore, our relationship with the Holy Spirit should include gratitude.

Acts 2:38 John 16:7

Consider: How often do you consciously thank God for giving you the Holy Spirit?

III. REMEMBER THAT HE IS A PERSON, NOT MERELY A POWER

The Holy Spirit is not an “it.” He knows. He wills. He speaks. He guides. He teaches. He can be grieved.

Because He is a Person, we can have fellowship with Him.

John 16:13–14 1 Corinthians 2:11 1 Corinthians 12:11 Acts 13:2 Ephesians 4:30

IV. TALK TO HIM BECAUSE HE IS PRESENT

Fellowship with the Holy Spirit should not be limited to church services or morning devotions.

Acknowledge His presence throughout your day. Ask for His help when tempted, His guidance when confused, His strength when weak, and His teaching when you open Scripture. Thank Him when He helps you.

John 14:16

Personal Reflection

When, during my normal day, am I most likely to forget that the Holy Spirit is with me?

What could remind me to acknowledge His presence?

V. DON'T MAKE PRAYER A MONOLOGUE

Prayer should involve more than telling God what we want and immediately moving on.

Pray with an open Bible. Speak to God. Then listen to what He has already spoken through His Word. Allow the Holy Spirit to teach you, remind you, correct you, and apply God's Word to your life.

John 14:26 Ephesians 4:29

VI. INVITE HIS EXAMINATION

Ask God to reveal what you may not recognize about yourself.

Is there an attitude you are excusing? Is there someone you have not forgiven? Is pride influencing your decisions? Is there something in your life that is grieving the Holy Spirit? **Psalms 139:23–24**

Personal Reflection

What might the Holy Spirit be showing me about myself that I need to address?

VII. THANK HIM EVEN WHEN HIS MINISTRY IS UNCOMFORTABLE

We appreciate the Comforter when He comforts us. We should also appreciate Him when He convicts us.

Conviction is an expression of God's love. When sin, pride, bitterness, unforgiveness, selfishness, or disobedience is exposed, the Holy Spirit is not working against us. He is working to sanctify us.

Don't only thank the Holy Spirit when He makes you feel better. Thank Him when He shows you where you need to become better.

Hebrews 12:11

VIII. PRACTICE HIS PRESENCE

Practicing His presence does not mean trying to bring the Holy Spirit near. He is already present.

It means developing the habit of living consciously aware of the One who already lives within you.

Galatians 5:25

LIVING THE WORD THIS WEEK

- When you awaken — acknowledge His presence.
- Before reading Scripture — ask for His teaching.
- During difficulty — ask for His help.
- During temptation — ask for His strength.
- When convicted — respond in obedience.
- When uncertain — seek His guidance through the Word.
- Before sleeping — thank God for His presence throughout the day.

THIS WEEK'S QUESTION

If I truly remembered that the Holy Spirit was with me every moment, what would I do differently?

MEMORY STATEMENT - His presence is permanent. My awareness of His presence must become intentional. John 14:16–17 • Galatians 5:25