

Empowerment Required

Lesson 17 – Outline

1. God has imparted perfect wisdom and complete revelation into your born-again spirit.

“Wisdom is the principal thing; therefore get wisdom: and with all thy getting get understanding” (Prov. 4:7).

- A. Wisdom and understanding are keys that will unlock anything else in life you need.
 - B. Therefore, draw on that wisdom and receive understanding so the floodgates of your soul will open up to allow God’s truths already in your spirit to manifest in the physical realm.
2. Without the empowerment of the Holy Spirit, you won’t be able to fully release all of these wonderful realities already present in your born-again spirit.

- A. The Holy Spirit is the One who releases the wisdom and revelation of God.

“But the Comforter, which is the Holy Ghost, whom the Father will send in my name, he shall teach you all things, and bring all things to your remembrance, whatsoever I have said unto you” (John 14:26).

- B. He comforts, teaches, reminds, guides into all truth, listens, speaks, shows things to come, glorifies Jesus, and receives of Him and shows it by revelation to you.

“I have yet many things to say unto you, but ye cannot bear them now. Howbeit when he, the Spirit of truth, is come, he will guide you into all truth: for he shall not speak of himself; but whatsoever he shall hear, that shall he speak: and he will shew you things to come. He shall glorify me: for he shall receive of mine, and shall shew it unto you” (John 16:12-14).

3. When you receive the baptism in the Holy Spirit, the ability to pray in tongues comes with it.

- A. As you pray in the Spirit, you draw on and release the wisdom that’s in the born-again part of you.

- B. It’s not the only way, but it’s certainly one of the primary ways.

4. The baptism in the Holy Spirit is a second, separate experience from salvation.

- A. You are endowed with power by the Holy Ghost and the gift of speaking in tongues, which will help you operate this power.

- B. Speaking in tongues produces tremendous spiritual benefits.

5. If you aren’t baptized in the Holy Spirit and speaking in tongues, you’re really missing out.

A. In fact, you're probably frustrated and powerless in your Christian life.

B. Will you obey the Lord's command?

“Receive ye the Holy Ghost” (John 20:22).

(If you call the Andrew Wommack Ministries Helpline [719-635-1111], someone in our Phone Center will be happy to answer your questions and pray with you to receive. We see many, many people baptized in the Holy Spirit and speaking in tongues over the phone!)

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Lesson 17 – Discipleship Questions

1. What does Proverbs 4:7 call wisdom?
2. What two things should we be sure to get?
3. What baptism did Jesus receive in Luke 3:21?
4. What baptism did Jesus receive in Luke 3:22?
5. How did the Holy Spirit descend upon Him?
6. What did the voice from heaven say?
7. In Luke 4:1, how does the Bible describe Jesus immediately after being baptized in the Holy Spirit?
8. Where did the Spirit immediately lead Him?
9. According to Luke 4:14, how did Jesus return to Galilee after facing down the devil in the wilderness?
10. Had Jesus done any miracles before being baptized in the Holy Spirit?
11. What did Jesus call the Holy Spirit in John 14:26?
12. What does He do?
13. What did Jesus call the Holy Spirit in John 16:13?
14. According to John 16:13-14, what does He do?
15. What did Jesus do to His disciples in John 20:22?
16. After that, what did He say?
17. Was this a suggestion, a request, or a command?

18. According to 1 Corinthians 14:13, what are we able to ask for and receive when we pray in tongues?

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Lesson 17 – Scriptures

“Wisdom is the principal thing; therefore get wisdom: and with all thy getting get understanding” (Prov. 4:7).

“Now when all the people were baptized, it came to pass, that Jesus also being baptized, and praying, the heaven was opened, And the Holy Ghost descended in a bodily shape like a dove upon him, and a voice came from heaven, which said, Thou art my beloved Son; in thee I am well pleased” (Luke 3:21-22).

“And Jesus being full of the Holy Ghost returned from Jordan, and was led by the Spirit into the wilderness...And Jesus returned in the power of the Spirit into Galilee: and there went out a fame of him through all the region round about” (Luke 4:1 and 4).

“But the Comforter, which is the Holy Ghost, whom the Father will send in my name, he shall teach you all things, and bring all things to your remembrance, whatsoever I have said unto you” (John 14:26).

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“And when he had said this, he breathed on them, and saith unto them, Receive ye the Holy Ghost” (John 20:22).

“Wherefore let him that speaketh in an unknown tongue pray that he may interpret” (1 Cor. 14:13).