

*Note: The 2023 teaching on the video doesn't follow this handout line by line. The points are made in a different order. This handout does review the major points in the 2022 video teaching.*

### I. The Lampstand Represents Our Relationship with Holy Spirit

- We are Temples of Holy Spirit
- The lampstand in the temple symbolizes the Holy Spirit and our relationship with God. (7 Spirits of God)
- The lamp and its light represent illumination and understanding that comes from the Holy Spirit. (revelation is a revealing from God of Something we could not see or understand previously)
- The priests had to tend to the lampstand daily, keeping them lit, which signifies we must actively tend to our relationship with the Holy Spirit.

### II. Why 7 Lamps? (Isa 11:2)

The 7 lamps represents the 7 Spirits of God or 7 manifestations of Holy Spirit anointing on Jesus and as his followers are available to us.

1. The Spirit of the Lord (Holiness)
2. Wisdom
3. Understanding
4. Counsel
5. Might (miraculous power)
6. Knowledge (of the Word, about people, and situations)
7. Fear of the Lord (reverence)

### III. Holy Spirit Comes to Dwell In Us

- Peter says the Holy Spirit first comes into our lives during water baptism.  
Acts 2:37-42
- A secondary work - Baptism of the Holy Spirit first happened at Pentecost when the church was born and believers were filled with the Holy Spirit. Acts 2
- We would desire to continually be filled with Holy Spirit throughout our lives.  
Eph 5:18

### IV. Treating Holy Spirit as God, a Holy Person who is with us

- The Father, Son, and Holy Spirit are distinct Persons. The Bible speaks of the Father as God (Phil. 1:2), Jesus as God (Titus 2:13), and the Holy Spirit as God (Acts 5:3-4).
- We should not view Him as an impersonal force.
- He is a Holy Person, We are called to build an intimate relationship with the Holy Spirit as God in us.

- This honors and pleases God when we treat the Holy Spirit as a real person.
- We can talk to Him, welcome Him, worship Him, and make Him our "senior partner" as we walk with God.

V. Cultivating Our Relationship with Holy Spirit

- We need to actively tend to our relationship with the Holy Spirit daily.
- This brings illumination, power, understanding, and intimacy with God.
- Ways to cultivate:
  - Prayer, worship
  - Read Scripture, meditate
  - Practice listening to the Spirit's voice
  - Be aware of grieving the Spirit through sin or ignorance
  - Ask for fresh anointing from the Spirit
  - Operate in our spiritual gifts
  - Live life through guidance of the Spirit

VI. Obedience and Living Empowered by Holy Spirit Produces Fruit

- Trying to obey God in our own flesh leads to failure.
- The Law of the Spirit empowers us to live obediently.
- As we are filled with and walk in step with the Spirit, following His promptings, we are empowered to obey.
- The Holy Spirit produces fruit in us. These are behavior traits that are representative of Jesus. The apostle Paul referred to these characteristics as the fruit of the Spirit. "The fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control" (Galatians 5:22-23, NLT)

VII. Praying at the Lampstand Reminds Us to Actively Cultivate Our Relationship with Holy Spirit

- The lampstand reminds us to daily tend to our relationship with the Holy Spirit.
- We must not take this relationship for granted or become complacent.
- Actively praying to and fellowshiping with the Holy Spirit, welcoming His presence and listening to His voice is vital for the Christian life.

## VIII. Pray About the Gifts of the Holy Spirit

- Holy Spirit has spiritual gifts He wants to give each believer.
- We should seek to know our gifts and develop them.

1. "Therefore, brethren, desire earnestly to prophesy." (1 Corinthians 14:39)
2. "... and desire spiritual gifts, but especially that you may prophesy." (1 Corinthians 14:1)
3. "Do not quench the Spirit, do not despise prophecies." (1 Thessalonians 5:19)
4. "Do not neglect the gift that is in you ... Meditate on these things, give yourself entirely to them, that your progress may be evident to all." (1 Timothy 4:14)
5. "Therefore I remind you to stir up the gift of God which is in you through the laying on of my hands." (2 Timothy 1:6)

There are 9 gifts of Holy Spirit mentioned in 1 Corinthians 12:7-10

1COR 12:7 A spiritual gift is given to each of us so we can help each other. 8 To one person the Spirit gives the ability to give wise advice; to another the same Spirit gives a message of special knowledge. 9 The same Spirit gives great faith to another, and to someone else the one Spirit gives the gift of healing. 10 He gives one person the power to perform miracles, and another the ability to prophesy. He gives someone else the ability to discern whether a message is from the Spirit of God or from another spirit. Still another person is given the ability to speak in unknown languages, while another is given the ability to interpret what is being said.

The 9 gifts of the Spirit are:

1. Word of Wisdom
2. Word of Knowledge
3. Faith
4. Gifts of Healings
5. Working of Miracles
6. Prophecy
7. Discerning of Spirits
8. Different Kinds of Tongues
9. Interpretation of Tongues

### IX. Pray About the Fruit of the Spirit

The Fruit of the Spirit is a phrase found in the Bible in Galatians 5:22-23. It refers to nine attributes of a Christian life inspired by the Holy Spirit living within them.

“But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, forbearance, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control. Against such things there is no law.” (Galatians 5:22-23)

These 9 fruits of the Spirit are:

1. Love
2. Joy
3. Peace
4. Patience
5. Kindness
6. Goodness
7. Faithfulness
8. Gentleness
9. Self-control

Each of these qualities is important for living a life that is pleasing to God. When we seek the presence of God with humility and faith, we can experience true joy and peace from living according to God's will.

- We shall be known by our fruit! Jesus is looking for our faith in Him to produce fruit.  
- One of the most sobering verses in the Bible is: Mat 7:19 Every tree that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire. The Fruit of the Spirit is something to ask the Holy Spirit to produce in you on a regular basis. A lifelong goal for all of us is a fruitful life in communion with God.

#### **Matthew 3:8**

Bear fruit in keeping with repentance.

#### **John 15 is a great chapter to pray through**

5 “Yes, I am the vine; you are the branches. Those who remain in me, and I in them, will produce much fruit. For apart from me you can do nothing. 6 Anyone who does not remain in me is thrown away like a useless branch and withers. Such branches are gathered into a pile to be burned. 7 But if you remain in me and my words remain in you, you may ask for anything you want, and it will be granted! 8 When you produce much fruit, you are my true disciples. This brings great glory to my Father.