CONTINUING DAILY

or, How the Way to Live Can Become a Living Reality

- A. DAILY THANKING: Continue thanking God in prayer for personal victory and power. To get over always asking for things, do not ask God for anything for several days. Just thank Him. You are learning a tremendous lesson about prayer in making your requests known as expressions of thanks. Never get over or take for granted what God is doing in your life. Phil. 4:6-7
- B. DAILY AGREEING with God about "self" being "crucified with Christ." By "counting it so" daily, you continually experience deliverance from self's bondage and power. Gal. 2:20; 6:14; Rom. 6:11
 - I claim no right to myself; no right to this understanding, this will, or these affections that are in me; neither do I have any right to this body or its members; no right to this tongue, hands, feet, ears, smell, or taste. I have given myself clear away and not retained anything of my own. I have been to God this morning and told Him that I gave myself wholly to Him....For the future I claim no right to myself in any respect.....
- C. DAILY CLAIMING a fresh infilling (yielding, controlling) of the Holy Spirit for power and victory. Start each day this way. Walking in the Spirit is the Christ-life being lived out in your life as "resurrection life." God can only fill your life to the level of your own cleansing and emptiness. Ask the Holy Spirit to continue to reveal and convict you of sins. Eph. 5:18-21; Jn. 16:7-14
- D. DAILY CLEANSING: Keep "current accounts" with God! Personal spiritual victory is a lifestyle of continuous obedience in repentance as the Holy Spirit reveals what is not pleasing to God. Only as you "walk in the light" by confession and repentance can the blood of Christ continue to cleanse and a right relationship with God be restored. Do not allow things to "pile up" regarding sins. Deal instantly with God and claim a fresh infilling of the Holy Spirit in the specific cleansed areas. Allow Him to take control. Agree with God about not giving self "room to operate" (control) in those areas again. Acts 5:32; Rom. 8:13; I Jn. 1:7-9; Eph. 4:26-27
- E. DAILY FEEDING AND FELLOWSHIPPING with God must be a priority. No one who seeks to walk in the power of the Holy Spirit can take lightly his communion with God in worship and prayer and the absolute necessity of the power of God's Holy Word daily. His Word cleanses your life, feeds your spirit and re-molds your mind into thinking God's thoughts after Him. Ps. 16:11; 19:7-14; 119:9, 11, 38; Phil. 4:8; Col. 3:16; I Pet. 1:22-23

- F. DAILY RESISTING satan and his forces is essential. Recognize who is your *real* enemy. Be aware of his devices and purpose to destroy God's people, His Word and His Kingdom. *Spiritual warfare* begins when you take God seriously. The enemy hates this and will seek to destroy it. Christ Himself had to take His authority over satan. So did the Apostle Paul and others. When Christ sent out His disciples and then "seventy" others, He gave them authority over satan and his forces. He said it was authority over "all power of the enemy." This authority is not for only a few mature believers or a certain group in the church. It is a *necessary* part of *every* believer's life. By nature of your relationship with Christ, God gives *you* authority over satan. You *cannot* do it on your *own* or in your own strength. Resisting can only be successful when you are truly "submitting" totally to God. Js. 4:7; Lk. 10:17-21; Acts 16:16-18; I Pet. 5:8-9; Eph. 6:10-18; II Cor. 10:3-5
- G. DAILY SHARING: God does not meet your need merely for you to enjoy it for yourself. He longs to share His love and power through you to the world. Share daily what God is doing in your life with other believers, unconverted friends, neighbors, and relatives. The sooner you share the sooner the reality of these truths will be realized in your own heart. Ps. 126; Mk. 5:19; Ps. 107:2
- H. DAILY PRAYER: Consider a prayer like the one below before stepping into each day.

Lord Jesus, thank You for freeing me from the bondage and power of my sinful self at Calvary. Live this life today through me by Your indwelling Holy Spirit and accomplish Your purpose in me. Thank You, Jesus. I love you. AMEN.

A FINAL WORD OF ENCOURAGEMENT

This is just the *beginning* of the grand adventure of **WALKING WITH GOD** in the power of the Holy Spirit. Much more is to be learned. Remember, if you should *lose* a **few** skirmishes in the battle against satan, that is **no sign** or reason to believe you have "lost the war." "Greater is He that is in *you*, than he that is in the world." I Jn. 4:4

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SO GLAD YOU MET GOD!

By Ralph Sutera

WALKING WITH GOD in His Spirit is the greatest adventure in life! It is thrilling when that walk becomes a glorious reality because of meeting God on His terms!

WALKING WITH GOD in His Spirit is more than a mere decision to live a better life. Nor is it another attempt to rededicate yourself to Christ in hopes to "succeed" in life.

WALKING WITH GOD in His Spirit in the dynamics of spiritual victory is the direct result of obedience in dealing with our sins and self-life in order to be filled with His power. God cannot fill with Himself those who tolerate sin and continue to be full of themselves.

WALKING WITH GOD in His Spirit is the only solution to facing life in the midst of a "crooked and perverse generation" around us. Don't miss God's solution for daily living!

WALKING WITH GOD in His Spirit is to live moment by moment in a conscious awareness of His presence in your life and with a keen sensitivity to all known disobedience to His truth. The Word of God and the work of God must now be given rightful, first place in your life!

WALKING WITH GOD in His Spirit is very personal and will affect everyone around you and everything about you. Share with your pastor what God has done in you as soon as possible. Attend as many services as possible where the focal point is the necessity for Christ to be Lord of your life through the power of the Holy Spirit. Let God amplify these truths in your heart!

GET ON in the grand adventure of WALKING WITH GOD!

Study the rest of this folder with your Bible open for the way to live. Cross reference each verse to learn the Scriptural truth of your commitment to Christ. Notice also what great men of God in the past have said about these things.

DEAL WITH SINS: Forgiveness and Cleansing

- The requirement for meeting God. Prov. 28:13; I Jn. 1:8
- The blood of Christ alone provides the remedy. Rom. 5:8-9;
 Heb. 9:11-14, 22, 28
- Sins must be honestly confessed and forgiveness received. Ps. 32:1-2

Revival is the beginning of obedience to God. Just as in the case of a converted sinner, the FIRST step is a DEEP REPENTANCE, a breaking down of heart, a getting down into the dust before God, with deep humility and a FORSAKING (turning away from) of sin.

---Charles G. Finney

SALVATION

- A. Recognize your condition

 -a sinner separated from a holy God. Isa. 59:1-2;
 Jer. 17:9; Rom. 3:23; 6:23
- B. Confess and repent of your sins--specifically the sin of controlling your life and rejecting Christ as Lord and Saviour. Claim forgiveness and cleansing. Eccl. 7:29; Isa. 53:6; Jn. 3:18, 36
- C. Open your heart to invite and receive Christ into your life. Isa. 55:6-7; Jn. 1:12;II Cor. 5:17

SURRENDER

- A. Recognize that sin breaks your fellowship with God. Ps. 66:18; Isa. 59:1-2; Jer. 44:4-5, 11
- B. Confess all known sins-including the sin of taking control and ruling your own life as being your own master as a believer.
 Ps. 19:12; 139:23-24;
 Prov. 28:13
- C. Claim forgiveness and cleansing from all known sins. 1Jn. 1:9; I Cor. 15:57; Rom. 3:4
- Thank God for forgiveness and cleansing as you turn from sin.
 Thanking is always the first step of faith! Claim it by faith, not by feelings. Il Cor. 9:15; Heb. 11:1, 6a
- Make complete restitution. It is necessary for a clear conscience and evidences true confession and repentance. Make things right with others in areas the Holy Spirit reveals to you. Matt. 5:23-24; 6:12; 18:21; Acts 24:16

DEALING WITH SINS IS NOT ENOUGH for spiritual victory. It is merely the way into **forgiveness** and **cleansing**. You must deal with the "root" problem from which all sin springs forth. **Don't Stop Here!**

DEAL WITH SELF: Deliverance from Bondage

- "Old man" in Romans 6:6 is translated "self."
- The "self-life" relates to the inherent contaminated, proud, selfish spirit that controls you and prevents the reality of the "Christ-life" in the personality of the believer.
- God does not seek to destroy the personality, but deals with the
 contamination that distorts the believer's life. John 12:24-25 shows
 the same corn of wheat bringing forth fruit after "death." God uses
 the same personality and abilities for His glory when "self" is dealt
 with at the cross.

HOW TO DEAL WITH SELF

A. Recognize "self" was crucified with Christ on the cross and is not to be served. Rom. 6:6; Gal. 2:20

Next to seeing Jesus as my Sacrifice, nothing has revolutionized my life like seeing the effigy of my sinful **self** in the sinless dying Saviour. I say to myself....God has nailed the likeness of my self-life to the Cross...

---F.B. Meyer

- B. *Agree* with God's verdict by repenting for allowing self to control your life. The self-life deserves "death." Job 42:6; Lk. 9:24; Rom. 7:14-25 (especially see verse 18)
- C. Renounce all personal rights and accept your "death-union" with Christ already provided for on the cross. By faith through the act of your will, bring "self" to the cross to daily live the "crucified life." The spirit of pride no longer is to reign as "king." Rom. 6:10-14; 16-23; Col. 3:1-10; Eph. 4:20-24

If, then, God has treated the likeness of my sinful self, when borne by the sinless Christ, as worthy of His curse, how terrible in God's sight it must be for myself to hug it, and embrace it, and live for it.

---F.B. Meyer

D. Thank God for deliverance from the bondage and contamination of self-centeredness. Claim it to be so by a conscious exercise of falth, not by feelings. Thank Jesus for providing freedom from the power of sin and satan as you accept His Lordship over your life. Thanking is the first step of faith! Heb. 2:14; 11:1, 6a

DEALING WITH SINS AND SELF IS NOT ENOUGH for spiritual victory. It is the way into forgiveness, cleansing and deliverance from the bondage of self controlling the life. God's power must function daily in your personal life. Don't Stop Here!

DEAL WITH THE HOLY SPIRIT: Victory and Power

- The Holy Spirit enters when a person is converted. As Inner Helper (Comforter) He alone controlling enables Christ to be enthroned Lord and King of your life. He alone exalts Christ. Rom. 8:9; I Jn. 3:24; Jn. 16:13-14
- The Holy Spirit is the spirit of Christ. He must control. Only a
 Spirit-controlled believer can express true qualities of the indwelling
 Christ through his personality by allowing the Spirit to teach and
 reprove daily. Jn. 14:26; 16:7-14; Il Cor. 3:17; Gal. 5:22-23;
 Eph. 5:18-6:9; Col. 3:12-17
- The words "holy," "filled" and "fulness" refer to God's pure and clean spirit--the Holy Spirit. A vessel must be cleansed and purged to be "filled." Only when sins are cleansed and the life is purged from the domination of self can a believer be filled (controlled) by the Spirit as he yields to that Spirit. II Tim. 2:20-21; Eph. 3:19; 5:18-21; Rom. 6:13
- If we believe prayer is the "breath of the Spirit," not being filled explains prayerlessness. This produces faithlessness, failures, weakness, coldness, callousness and compromise in a person's spiritual life. Gal. 5:16-17

The disciples were all filled with the Spirit. And we? Our business is to see to it that in our own lives we unclog (purge) the channels, open the windows and the doors, and let the Holy Spirit have His way with us. Then through us, God will be seen and the work of Christ will be accomplished.

---G. Campbell Morgan

HOW TO BE FILLED WITH THE HOLY SPIRIT

- A. By *recognizing and confessing to God* the sin of disobeying the command to be "filled with the Spirit." Eph. 5:18; 4:30
- B. By *hungering and thirsting* after righteousness. Being content with things as they are will never produce it. Matt. 5:6; Jn. 4:14;II Cor. 12:9a
- C. By believing, inviting, and claiming. It is a conscious act, by faith, not by feelings. Lk. 11:9-13; Gal. 3:14; Eph. 3:17-19; I Thess. 5:24
- D. Thank God for the Spirit's filling (controlling). Thanking is the first step of faith! Settle it! Col. 3:15-17; Rom. 14:23b; Heb. 11:1, 6a

CONTINUING DAILY is *most important*. It is a *lifestyle* to be lived. God gives us the pattern for this *daily* living. Learn how to make this "truth experience" practical in your personal life. *Don't Stop Here!*