

OUR SPIRIT IS LIKE A SPONGE

When we were born again, our spirit became alive to God. Our spirit is the part of us that has direct contact with the Spirit of God. That which is born of spirit is spirit.

John 3:6 That which is born of the flesh is flesh; and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit. 7 Marvel not that I said unto thee, Ye must be born again.

Before we were born again we didn't even know we had a spirit. But once our spirit was regenerated, we began to experience the love of God, the joy of God and all the attributes of God.

We have a yes in our spirit to the will of God and our spirit desires God, it is the part of us that fellowship's with God. When we are born again our spirit becomes divine. That which is born of the Spirit is spirit. We are literally born of God; our spirit absorbs the uncreated eternal life of God, his divine nature.

If we were to try to create in the natural realm a picture of the human spirit, it would not be at all like a ghost; it would be more like a sponge.

Our spirit absorbs God. Jesus said, "My words are spirit, and they are life" (John 6:63). When Jesus spoke his words were filled with the life God. His words can so fill us; we can be so absorbed with them that we would begin to live a different kind of life completely.

Jesus said, *“If you abide in Me, and My words abide in you” (John 15:7)*. That means we have literally absorbed the words into our spirit. They have been written on the tablets of our heart (II Corinthians 3:3). We absorb it. *“If you abide in Me, and My words abide in you, ask what you will” (John 15:7)*.

God is turned loose in the power and in the authority of His own word within us as our spirit absorbs it. We learn to live in God when we learn to live in the word with our spirit is absorbing it.

We have to get the word of God into our spirit; the word has to come alive in our spirit. Our spirit has ears and when we are hearing God our spirit is absorbing what we hear.

If we don't get the life of God flowing into our spirit, our spirit will be like a vacuum, where it will absorb something else. Even though our spirit is born of God if we don't keep it active, drawing and fellowshiping with God, if something breaks our spirits connection with God Spirit, our spirit can absorb something else.

Our spirit must be sanctified or it can become defiled. We worship God with our spirit and we can worship Him and literally create a new spiritual atmosphere. Then we move right into its upward pull. There is an upward pull of heaven upon our spirit; our spirit ascends into the presence of God.

The things of spirit are highly contagious. That is true in a negative as well as a positive sense. If we contact someone who has bitterness in their heart, we too will have to fight bitterness.

While the human aura has certain defenses, it also has the quality of a sponge and can absorb a great deal. Unless the anointing upon us is strong enough to overcome the surrounding hostile forces, we will become subject to them. We must become literally charged with the presence of the Lord. This is how we fulfill **Romans 12:21: Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.**

When someone comes against us with a negative spirit we have to move in the opposite spirit. When someone says something nasty to us we don't say something nasty back, we let our words be filled with the grace and love of God.

When we fast and when we pray, we are seeking to absorb God. We are seeking for God to transfer what He is into us, until we become what He is.

We change by absorbing God, not self-improvement. We become a new generation by God imparting to us His love and His faith, His light, His nature, and His wisdom. When we fast and when we pray, we are a sponge that soaks up God. That is transference.

In Holy Communion we are also applying this principle. We partake of Christ's body and His blood so that His virtue and His life might be transferred to us. Jesus said, "He who eats me, he also shall live because of Me." John 6:57b. It all flows from Him to us.

Transference is basic to the ministry within the Body of Christ. Not much can happen until we learn that it works by transference. Out of the fullness of the Spirit within us, because we are filled with the Spirit, we can speak words of life to our brother and sister, and they will receive a blessing. The fullness is transferred.

Words mean very little. Someone can talk to us all day; and it will not necessarily benefit us, unless they are able to give a flow of the Spirit to us. Jesus said, "My words are spirit and they are life." If the life of Jesus is flowing in those words, then they bring about a change. When we hear a prophecy, we want to absorb what God is saying.

Paul told the Thessalonian church, "The word which you received of us, you received not as the word of man, but as it is in truth, the word of God, which also effectually worketh in you that believe" (I Thessalonians 2:13). They did not listen to hear the words of a man speaking; they listened to hear God speaking to them through those human lips. And those words effectually worked in the lives of the people because there was a transference.

Ministry is effective because we minister God to our brother and sister. We draw from God and we impart to another.

We need to see how effective things of spirit are? The human spirit is not only effective in sending and absorbing; it also acts like a pipeline. We can channel whatever is in our spirit.

We need to learn how to keep our spirit right with God, so that there is a pure healthy flow.

We may not always understand the reactions that people have to us. Unconsciously they may be reacting to something that is wrong in our spirit. But when our spirit reaches out with a pure flow of love, they will be drawn to us.

We overcome the evil in other people, by letting Gods love flow through our spirit.

When we begin to see our spirit as a sponge, we will learn how to keep it open to God, and closed to other things. Our spirit can literally draw the life of God into it.

This is the key to all ministry- we keep our spirit open to God and drawing from his Spirit and then we minister it to others.

If we learn how to keep our spirit built up and strong, then we can break through to the lord and reach spiritual highs that we have never attained before. We do not want to just survive or maintain a certain spiritual level; we want to break through to the highest level we can possibly reach.