

The secret of living the abundant life, of walking in victory, of being an over comer, of fulfilling our destiny and growing up in Christ, is in the flow of God's Spirit (His life) in our heart. This is something that takes place in our spirit. It is something that happens in our spirit as it fellowships with the Holy Spirit.

We are commanded to be continually filled with the Spirit; there is nothing more important than the flow of God's divine life in our heart. When the life of God is flowing in our heart, Jesus is being formed in us, the divine nature is growing and expanding and increasing in our life. With joy we draw from the wells of salvation and out of our belly (spirit) shall flow the living waters.

When we come into a walk in the spirit, where we experience the divine nature, then we can become aware of the things that are in our heart or get into our heart that hinder the flow of this life, keeping us from inheriting the promises of God.

Eternal life (the divine nature) is a gift from God, but we have to learn how to guard our heart, how to maintain a spiritual condition where our spirit is in contact with the Holy Spirit so that the life of God is flowing in us so that we can begin to grow quickly in the Lord, overcoming everything that is contrary to His Spirit. We have to learn how to abide in the vine so that the life flow of the Spirit cleanses our heart and produces fruit in our life.

We see in the illustration of Isaac and the wells how the enemy works to stop up the well.

Gen 26: 12 Then Isaac "he laughs" sowed in that land, and received in the same year an hundredfold: and the LORD blessed him.13 And the man waxed great to grow, become great or important, promote, make powerful, do great things, and went to go, walk

forward to go, walk, *and grew* becoming great, growing up *until he became very* to grow, become great or important, promote, make powerful, do great things *great* exceedingly, much:**14** *For he had possession of flocks, and possession of herds, and great store of servants: and the Philistines* immigrants- a newcomer to a country who has settled there *envied* be jealous *him*.**15** *For all the wells* spring *which his father's servants had digged in the days of Abraham his father, the Philistines had stopped* to stop up, shut up, keep closed (so that an opening or hole is covered or blocked) *them, and filled them with earth*.**16** *And Abimelech* my father is king" *said unto Isaac, Go from us; for thou art much mightier than we*.**17** *And Isaac departed thence, and pitched his tent in the valley of Gerar* a lodging place, *and dwelt there*.**18** *And Isaac digged again the wells of water, which they had digged in the days of Abraham* "father of a multitude" or "chief of multitude *his father; for the Philistines had stopped them* **after the death of Abraham**: *and he called their names after the names by which his father had called them*.**19** *And Isaac's servants digged in the valley, and found there a well of springing water*.**20** *And the herdmen of Gerar did strive* contend, to make complaint, to quarrel *with Isaac's herdmen, saying, The water is ours: and he called the name of the well Esek* "contention"; *because they strove* to strive, contend, quarrel *with him*.**21** *And they digged another well, and strove* contend, to make complaint, to quarrel *for that also: and he called the name of it Sitnah* "strife".**22** *And he removed from thence, and digged another well; and for that they strove not: and he called the name of it Rehoboth* "wide places or streets"; *and he said, For now the LORD hath made room* to be or grow wide, be or grow large, to enlarge *for us, and we shall be fruitful* to bear fruit, be fruitful, branch off *in the land* earth (inhabitants).

The wells which Abraham dug were filled with earth. Earth is a type of the land or heart; it refers here to that which is earthly or

material, the cares or things of this life, the problems, the difficulties and the passing scene.

The wells our spiritual fathers before us have dug are filled with earth. A spiritual father is one who is mature in the Lord and led by the Spirit. The word they preach or write may explain the revelation they receive from God very clearly but this does not mean that we will experience it, so that we can walk in it. Reading a book which logically explains a subject will not help us get into the flow of the Spirit (the revelation and nature and power of God flowing into us).

A part of the flow of the Spirit we receive is a revelation of a word from God. In order to receive revelation we need spiritual ears to hear and spiritual eyes to see. Receiving revelation from God depends upon certain qualities of spirit we must maintain. Receiving revelation from God is hearing the voice of God, the life flow of His Spirit into us. To receive the flow of the life of God, we must have a right spirit. If we have a wrong spirit we cannot receive revelation.

To receive revelation from God something has to happen to our spirit. Our spirit must make connection or contact to the Spirit of God. All revelation from God is experiential, and it begins in being poor in spirit, or broken in spirit. This is manifest in a godly sorrow in which we experience tears of joy. The Lord dwells with those who have a contrite spirit; he is near to those who have a broken spirit.

When we experience the love of God, the joy of God (the nature of God) our spirit is connecting with God and it is in this connection that we receive revelation from him. Revelation comes like flashes of light, we see something and in the seeing we experience God, we have a meeting with God, we touch God, or make a connection with him that we did not have a moment ago, it is a being filled of his Spirit, it is an impartation from God. Revelation is a result of the life flow of the Spirit.

Our spirit is not that much under the control of our mind; revelation does not come through the reasoning process. Once we receive revelation then we can reason it out. We receive revelation in our spirit and then our mind understands. The mind is a part of our soul. We are renewed or generated in the spirit of our mind. When our spirit is connecting with God, then the mind understands.

The bible says the wisdom of God comes down from heaven (the spiritual realm). It is an impartation from God. Once we receive revelation and move in it, then we understand it because we experience it. Revelation is not dependent upon how good we are at reasoning, it is dependent upon the Spirit of God touching us or moving us. It is a breakthrough that happens in our spirit.

The best way to receive revelation is to start worshiping God with all our heart. It comes in a flow of godly sorrow or in the flow of joy or in the flow of love. It is God revealing himself to us.

When our heart is troubling us, we have to learn how to distract our minds from reasoning out our circumstances. The independence of our thinking processes colors everything so that we are not receiving an exact revelation from God. We cannot lean upon our own understanding but must acknowledge God in our ways. We trust the Lord to reveal the solution or answer to that which is troubling us.

In order to receive revelation from God, to receive an answer from the Lord, the first thing we must do is to dismiss, to let go, to send away the problem from our minds. As long as we are dwelling on the problem, we cannot receive an answer from the Lord.

We have to lay the burden at God's feet, or cast the care upon the Lord. We have to get out of our mind, and trust the Lord with all our

heart. We are believing God for the answer and not leaning (an inclination or tendency toward something such as a particular set of opinions) upon our own understanding. We know we have cast the care upon the Lord when we experience the peace of God guarding our hearts and minds, and then in this state of heart the answer will come, all of a sudden our spirit will sense or be aware of the answer.

In a walk with God we have to learn how to get out of the reasoning processes and into the flow of revelation. When we receive the revelation, then we can reason everything out. When God reveals something to us we have a knowing on the inside, which becomes the basis upon which the understanding comes.

Anytime we are depressed or discouraged we never see anything clearly, revelation comes when we have the proper condition of spirit. When we are filled with the Spirit, when we are filled with God's love, joy and peace then our spiritual eye becomes good and we begin to see clearly.

When God speaks a word to us, something is created in us. The revelation we receive from God is creative. Something happens inside us when God speaks to us. A revelation of a word comes to our heart and creates us. We are born again as a result of hearing a living word from God. God imparts himself in the words that He speaks.

When we reach the place of learning how to be continually filled with his Spirit, we will reach into a flow of revelation and moving in God in which the world we live in has never seen.

Luke 12: ¹¹And when they bring you unto the synagogues, and unto magistrates, and powers, take ye no thought how or what thing ye shall answer, or what ye shall say: ¹²For the Holy Ghost shall teach you in the same hour what ye ought to say.

The disciples were not to try and reason out what they were going to say, the Holy Spirit would teach them what to say, they would be speaking in a flow of revelation.

Humility is a state of spirit that is totally dependent upon the Lord; it is in this state of spirit where we receive revelation from the Lord. We put no confidence in ourselves or in the flesh; we do not lean upon anything else but the Lord. When we deliberately humble ourselves before the Lord, we step out of the blindness that comes by trying to reason everything out.

In everything that we do and say, we must do with the faith that God is going to help us. It is in being poor in spirit, in walking in a spirit of repentance, maintaining a heart of worship that we will begin to enter into the flow of revelation in which God will get all the glory for the things that we do and say.

The process of revelation is related to our trust in God. We humble ourselves before him, and look to him for revelation. When we lean unto our own understanding and try to reason everything out, we are still moving in ourselves and this is a sure way to be defeated.

In order to keep a consistent flow of the Spirit in our heart we are going to have to learn how to maintain a right spirit at all times. We can see in the parable of the sower the condition of heart we need in order for the revelation of the word to produce fruit. There are things that can enter our heart so that the flow of the Spirit is blocked or stopped up. Every manifestation of the self-life cuts off the flow of the Spirit.

In order to be a spiritual person requires diligence. We have to discipline our time in order to walk with God. The discipline of our physical life is the key to the liberty of our spiritual life. We have to

learn how to worship, how to wait on the Lord, how to meditate upon his word, and how to pray. Then as we maintain a spiritual condition we can minister to others.

There is a continual war over the flow of the Spirit in our lives; a walk with God is a flow of the Spirit. It is in learning how to maintain a spiritual condition, in which we are continually being filled with the Spirit. The diligence upon which we keep the wells flowing, will determine whether or not we will be fruitful. We have to watch the spiritual flow in our life.

There are persons, places and things that can hinder the flow of the Spirit. If something is hindering our spiritual growth and the flow of the Spirit, we may need to separate ourselves from it and dig another well. If we are not being fed in the church where we are going to and having a meeting with God every time we enter the doors, we may need to look for another church.

The flow of the Spirit is our communing with the Lord; we have to watch the flow of the Spirit more than anything else. The more spiritual we become the less we are going to be able to relate or fellowship with one another on a human level.

We have to begin developing good spiritual relationships that will increase our intimacy with God, instead of draining the life of God out of us. If we do not maintain the flow of God into our life, nothing else will work. The flow the Spirit is the key of whether we will be a success or failure in the Christian life.

The flow of the Spirit stops when we become absorbed with ourselves and our own problems; we have to stay focused on the lord in order to maintain the flow. The key to spiritual endurance is our focus on the Lord, in which we are maintaining the flow. We can

endure almost anything as long as we are able to tune into the Lord and keep the flow of the Spirit in our heart. If we are not in tune with the Lord, when problems come they can wipe us out. Nothing we really bother us or move us if the flow is there. But without a flow from God, the littlest things will bother us.

We have to learn how to set our heart upon God and keep our environment as spiritual as possible. We are changed by our exposure to the Spirit of God. We are in the world but not of it, so we will have contact with it and the people in it, but as long as we keep our spirit right we only have to wash our feet. As long as we are relating rightly to the Lord we will be able to relate rightly to people and the things we go through.

We need to be concerned about our relationships in the body of Christ, but the main emphasis is on our relationship to the Lord. The emphasis of the bible is on the Lordship of Christ, and where the Spirit of the Lord is there is liberty, and this is talking about the flow of the Spirit.