

Haggai 1:13 Then Haggai, the Lord's messenger (ambassador), *spoke the Lord's message* (word of communication-used only here in the old covenant) *to the people, saying I am with you* (together with, to walk with) *says the Lord."* *So, the Lord stirred up*(to arouse, awaken, stir to action, motivate) *the spirit of Zerubbabel* (flow of the spirit)*the son of Shealtiel*(asked of God), *governor*(lord over) *of Judah*(worship), *and the spirit of Joshua* (the Lord delivers) *the son of Jehozadak*(Jehovah-cleansing of self, to impart righteousness, *the high priest, and the spirit of all the remnant of the people; and they came and did* (moving in the vision to accomplish, performing with the goal in view)*work*(God's creative work, his workmanship) *on the house of the Lord of Hosts, their God*

2tim 1:6 *Wherefore I put thee in remembrance that thou stir up* (continuous action, to kindle up, inflame one's mind, strength, zeal. denotes "to kindle afresh," or "keep in full flame" (*ana*, "up," or "again," *zoos*, "alive," *pur*, "fire"), and is used metaphorically where "the gift of God" is regarded as a fire capable of dying out through neglect.) *the gift of God, which is in thee by the putting on of my hands.* *7For God hath not given* (imparted) *us the spirit of fear; but of power* (a spirit of strength, achieving power), *and of love* (to see the need and meet it), *and of a sound mind* (from *sophron*, lit., "saving the mind, to discipline or correct, train to think and act soberly, discretely, and in moderation. The word means self discipline, sobriety, sound mind, and sound judgment. It is the mind under the spirits control).

When we learn how to activate our spirit, we can feel the power of God in it, the love of God in it. When our spirit is active we are actually in our right minds. If our spirit is not active our minds will deceive us, we are naturally in darkness, until we break into the Lord's Presence where He begins to influence and direct our thinking.

The gift of God is the eternal life He imparts to us when our spirit was made alive in Christ, but the word of God calls us to lay hold upon this life.

*1tim 6:*¹¹ *But thou, O man of God, flee* (command continuous, to flee away, seek safety by flight, metaph. to flee (to shun or avoid by flight) something abhorrent, esp. vices) *these things; and follow after* (command continuous, to run swiftly in order to catch a person or thing, to run after, to press on: figuratively of one who in a race runs swiftly to reach the goal, pursue-press hard after with earnestness and diligence in order to obtain) *righteousness* (the sum total of the requirements of God, that which is in conformity to the revealed will of God-His standard,), *godliness* (devotion or dedication, a god-ward attitude that does what is well pleasing in His sight, It is activated through the Holy Spirit as our spirit is in submission to his in the proper attitude of worship, it is both an attitude and a manner of life, it literally means well directed reverence, a right spirit toward God, from *eu*, "well," and *sebomai*, "to be devout,"), *faith* (conviction of the truth, faithfulness, the character of one who can be relied on), *love, patience* (maintaining a right spirit-tranquil endurance), *meekness* (dead to self, the power of the spirit under control, gentleness, mildness, teachable).¹² *Fight* (command continuous, to contend with an adversary, preserving amidst opposition-temptation, to contend with adversaries, fight, to contend, struggle, with difficulties and dangers, to endeavor with strenuous zeal, strive: to obtain something) *the good fight* (an assembly, a place of assembly, the place of contest, the contest for a prize, any struggle or contest, a battle) *of faith, lay hold on* (command to begin this moment, to lay hold of, take possession of, attain, attain to, to seize upon, of laying "hold" on eternal life-practically appropriating all the benefits, privileges and responsibilities involved in the possession of it) *eternal life, whereunto thou art also called, and hast professed* (to speak by the Spirit his lordship-our identification with Him) *a good profession before many witnesses.*

We are to follow after-which is another way of saying stir up the gift of God, we are to follow after the attributes of God which is His eternal life, we are to fight- which refers to resisting anything that hinders our intimacy with God, and lay hold on eternal life which is talking about abiding in the Spirit, abiding in the life flow of God.

We have to learn how to activate our spirit. This requires intensity. When we worship God with all our heart, His Spirit will literally come down out of heaven and rest upon us. When the Spirit of God is upon us, we are in a different world; we are in the world of the Spirit. Our thinking and feelings are under the influence of the Spirit-when we are filled with the Spirit, or the Spirit is resting upon us.

The degree to which the Spirit of God will possess us depends upon our diligence and consistency in seeking after Him. It is the Lord's will that we be filled with all the fullness of God, but this does not happen instantly. The beginning of being filled with all the fullness of God starts with continually stirring up our spirit.

I have been in churches where I have sought the Lord with all my heart, my spirit was reaching out to the Lord in intense worship and the Holy Spirit came in His manifest presence. The Holy Spirit is in us, but His manifest presence is where he fills the atmosphere. When the Holy Spirit came upon me, He also was in the atmosphere and the rest of the people in the church could sense His Glory. When we are really filled with the Spirit, it affects those around us. Those who are open to the Spirit will be blessed. Those who do not know the Lord will feel nervous. This is why when an angel would appear to a person of God, or Jesus would manifest himself to one of His servants, he would say fear not!

The first thing we must realize, no matter how much of the Spirit of God we have in our life, we need more. We have not been filled with all the fullness of God. Enoch walked with God and he was not for the Lord took him. We are living in the day of translation. We are living in the day of visitation, the day when the Lord will be glorified in His people.

To stir up our spirit refers to waking up spiritually, it refers to making contact with the Spirit of God where we receive an infusion of His Spirit. The word stir up in the Greek consists of three words which means-1 up-again 2 alive 3 fire. This is basically talking about coming alive to God where we can feel the fire or power of His Spirit. We have to wake up spiritually every day and then stay awake, where we are aware of the Presence of God. We cannot walk in the Spirit unless we are spiritually awake.

To stir up our spirit is to make a conscious contact with God, This does not mean we are being led by the Spirit, this comes with maturity, what it does mean is that we are aware of the life of God in our spirit. Our spirit is awake so that our thinking is clear, we can feel the strength of God in our spirit, and the love of God is controlling us. This is something we have to do continually.

Unless we continually stir up our spirit, we will not be able to abide in the Lord. Unless we continually stir up our spirit we will not be able to manifest the divine nature. Once our spirit is awake, then we can abide in the Lord, then we can lay hold upon eternal life, then we can walk in the living works.

The way we stir up our spirit is by speaking, we start praying in the spirit, we start singing in the spirit. We appropriate the Spirit by faith; we believe that we are perfect in Christ, That He is our

sufficiency, and that we can do all things through Him. To stir up our spirit is another way of saying- be filled with the Spirit, but it emphasizes our part. We stir up our spirit, and God responds by filling it.

When our spirit wakes up or makes contact with God, then the rest of our being can become alive unto God. Once our spirit is awake then we can begin to hear and see in the spirit, we can begin to receive revelation from God

Unless our spirit is awake and communing with God and abiding in His Spirit we cannot be a spiritual being, the reason believers are not more spiritual and continually manifest the flesh is because their spirit has not been stirred up in order to lay hold of the Lord.

When we learn how to stir up our spirit, then we can begin to dwell in the heavenly places in Christ in a practical way, otherwise we are going to be to earthbound and will keep falling short of His glory. We need to come to the place where we can move and see and experience things in the spirit world just like we can in the natural world. Our spiritual eyes will tend to go blind unless we learn how to continually stir up our spirit.

When we stir up our spirit so that it is able to lay hold of the Lord, then the provision and promises of the Lord become more real than the problems or testing's we are going through.

The enemy is always trying to create sleepiness and a heaviness- this is why we have to learn how to continually stir up our spirit. If we do not continually stir up our spirit we will walk in a certain degree of deception. When a person is asleep he is not aware of what is going on.

In order to become a spiritual person we have to be totally engrossed with the spiritual and this begins with stirring up our spirit. We need to realize that there is a continual drain upon our spiritual strength and energy; this is why we must stay active in the things of the Spirit. This is what a walk with God is all about.

To stir up our spirit is to awake and put on the Lord's strength, to put on the Lord. When we stir up our spirit and begin to walk in the things the Lord sets before us, we begin to be fed; we begin to experience the abundant life.