

We have a good, good Father that gives good gifts. "So if you sinful people know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask Him." Luke

A. Satan's strategy is to minimize the work of Holy Spirit in our lives. For example:

- Holy Spirit gifts ended with the New Testament church. According to 1 Cor 13:8 they ceased or have become useless.
- Speaking in tongues is demonic, not good.
- Praying in tongues is not essential to walking out your salvation.

B. Holy Spirit brings power into our lives:

- Gifts
- Witnessing - winning souls is wise
- Praying in the Spirit

C. Forget not any of His benefits:

- Prayer language - the Enemy doesn't speak that heavenly language. When we don't know how to pray, Holy Spirit does.
- Your prayer language is the language of intimacy. Dr. Cho spends 90% of his prayer time praying in tongues.
- Brings revelation - time spent is an investment in what's coming later. Pray in tongues when we need to intercede.

D. Benefits of praying in the Spirit:

1. Increases Intimacy with God.
 - "That is what the Scriptures mean when they say, "No eye has seen, no ear has heard, and no mind has imagined what God has prepared for those who love him." But it was to us that God revealed these things by his Spirit. For his Spirit searches out everything and shows us God's deep secrets. No one can know a person's

thoughts except that person's own spirit, and no one can know God's thoughts except God's own Spirit." 1 Corinthians

2. Keeps the enemy from knowing what we are praying.
 - "For if you have the ability to speak in tongues, you will be talking only to God, since people won't be able to understand you. You will be speaking by the power of the Spirit," 1 Corinthians 14:2 NLT
3. Builds the inner man's capacity to house the presence and power of God.
 - "Through the power of the Holy Spirit who lives within us, carefully guard the precious truth that has been entrusted to you." 2 Timothy
 - "So then faith comes by hearing, and hearing by the word of God." Romans 10:17 NKJV
4. Rest and refreshing
 - "For the kingdom of God is not eating and drinking, but righteousness and peace and joy in the Holy Spirit." Romans
5. Getting God's counsel - brings peace
 - "That the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give to you the spirit of wisdom and revelation in the knowledge of Him," Ephesians
6. Builds up our holy faith.
 - "But you, dear friends, must build each other up in your most holy faith, pray in the power of the Holy Spirit, and await the mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ, who will bring you eternal life. In this way, you will keep yourselves safe in God's love."
7. Gives way to pure worship.
 - "Well then, what shall I do? I will pray in the spirit, and I will also pray in words I understand. I will sing in the spirit, and I will also sing in words I understand." 1 Corinthians

E. Pray according to God's will:

1. When we pray according to God's will, He hears and answers.

- "Likewise the Spirit also helps in our weaknesses. For we do not know what we should pray for as we ought, but the Spirit Himself makes intercession for us with groanings which cannot be uttered. Now He who searches the hearts knows what the mind of the Spirit is, because He makes intercession for the saints according to the will of God." Romans
- "Now this is the confidence that we have in Him, that if we ask anything according to His will, He hears us. And if we know that He hears us, whatever we ask, we know that we have the petitions that we have asked of Him." 1 John

2. Filling the golden bowls:

- "And when he took the scroll, the four living beings and the twenty-four elders fell down before the Lamb. Each one had a harp, and they held gold bowls filled with incense, which are the prayers of God's people." Revelation
- "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