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Doing Life with The Spirit; What the Holy Spirit Does for Us

The Holy Spirit...

- 1. Is a seal
- 2. The first installment of the believer's inheritance.
- 3. The Spirit of Wisdom & Revelation.
- 4. Helps the believe draw near to God.
- 5. Builds the body of believers into a holy temple.
- 6. Strengthens the believer with power in the inner being.
- 7. Motivates unity in the body of Christ.

Ephesians 4: 1 (NLT)

Therefore I, a prisoner for serving the Lord, beg you to lead a life worthy of your calling, for you have been called by God.

a. Jesus calls us to walk in unity.

John 13: 34 & 35 (NLT)

I am giving you a new commandment: Love each other. Just as I have loved you, you should love each other. ³⁵ Your love for one another will prove to the world that you are my disciples."

- b. How can we succeed at living in unity?
 - 1) Develop the right attitude.

Ephesians 4: 2 (NLT)

Always be humble and gentle. Be patient with each other, making allowance for each other's faults because of your love.

2) Detemine to work at unity.

Ephesians 4: 3 (NLT)

³ Make every effort to keep yourselves united in the Spirit, binding yourselves together with peace.

REMEMBER: It's the work of the Spirit

3) Delight in the purpose of unity

Ephesians 4: 4 – 6 (NLT)

⁴ For there is one body and one Spirit, just as you have been called to one glorious hope for the future. ⁵There is one Lord, one faith, one baptism, ⁶ one God and Father of all, who is over all, in all, and living through all.

4) Discover the value of the diversity of gifts and personalities.

Ephesians 4: 7, 11 – 13 (NLT)

⁷ However, he has given each one of us a special gift through the generosity of Christ. ¹¹ Now these are the gifts Christ gave to the church: the apostles, the prophets, the evangelists, and the pastors and teachers. ¹² Their responsibility is to equip God's people to do his work and build up the church, the body of Christ. ¹³ This will continue until we all come to such unity in our faith and knowledge of God's Son that we will be mature in the Lord, measuring up to the full and complete standard of Christ.