

Growth Stages of your spiritual being Manifesting & Developing the "spirit man"

- 1) **Birth of the spirit** - comes when I put the Spirit's influence & my spiritual development first
 - taking on the nature of God,
 - receiving the rights and privileges of sonship
 - putting a 'premium' on the position of the Holy Spirit
 - putting God first
 - Acts 1:8a *"But ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you"*
- 2) **The Filling of the Spirit** - the Holy Ghost has to "inform" my spirit
 - I'm "positioned" for every promise in the Word
 - I'm "prepared" to receive all the fruits of the Spirit
 - I show boldness in my spirit by speaking in tongues everyday
 - My courage comes from the in-dwelling Spirit when I speak in tongues
 - The Spirit is the most important thing in my life
 - Romans 8:26-27 [vs. 26 *"Likewise the Spirit also helpeth our infirmities: for we know not what we should pray for as we ought: but the Spirit itself maketh intercession for us with groanings which cannot be uttered."*] [vs. 27 *"And he that searcheth the hearts knoweth what [is] the mind of the Spirit, because he maketh intercession for the saints according to [the will of] God."*]
- 3) **The Feeding of my spirit** - when I read, rightly divide, study and digest the Word
 - The "truth" will make me free
 - Feed my spirit with the "things" [the Word] of God
 - John 3:6 *"That which is born of the flesh is flesh; and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit."*
 - Matthew 4:4 *"But he answered and said, It is written, Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceedeth out of the mouth of God."*
- 4) **Train my spirit to Hear what the Spirit says to me** - the truth is in Jesus Christ
 - Hear and know the truths of the Spirit realm
 - Avoid hearing the lies of this present evil world
 - See Matthew 13:23 *"But he that received seed into the good ground is he that heareth the word, and understandeth [it]; which also beareth fruit, and bringeth forth, some an hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty."*
 - See Mark 4:24 *"And he said unto them, Take heed what ye hear: with what measure ye mete, it shall be measured to you: and unto you that hear shall more be given."*
- 5) **The Leading of the Spirit** - receive inspiration from God
 - Be a child of the living God, as much as you can, be led by the Spirit
 - See Romans 8:14 *"For as many as are led by the Spirit of God, they are the sons of God."*
 - See Galatians 5:25 *"If we live in the Spirit, let us also walk in the Spirit"*
- 6) **The Growing of the Spirit inside** - concerning the fruits of the Spirit
 - Do my "fruits" increase, are the "fruits" growing and flourishing?
 - Develop the actual Character and characteristics of the Holy Spirit
 - Adopt the attitude of the Holy Ghost
 - See Galatians 5:22-23 [vs. 22 *"But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, gentleness, goodness, faith,"*] [vs.23 *"Meekness, temperance: against such there is no law."*]

7) **The Flowing of the Spirit** - the "fruits" prepare & mature me to operate the "gifts"

- "Growing" [the fruits] leads me to "Flowing" [the gifts]
- The 'fruits' must grow first then I can let the 'gifts' flow
- The 'fruits' create the right atomsphere for the 'gifts'
- The 'fruit' produces and the 'gifts' deliver
- See **1 Corinthians 12:7-11, 30** to review the "gifts" [also see Table-1 below]
- To see how the the 'fruits' and the 'gifts' can work together, look at
 - **1Corinthians 12:31 to 1 Corinthians 13:13**

Revelation Gifts	Power Gifts	Inspiration Gifts
Word of Wisdom	Faith (Special not ordinary)	Prophecy
Word of Knowledge	Working of Miracles	Gift of Unknown Tongues
Discerning of spirits	Gifts of Healing	Gift of Interpretation of Tongues

Table-1, "Nine Gifts of the Holy Spirit"

Words of Wisdom

- There's a defect in the spirit, when there's a respect for the intellect!
- We bear the fruit of the Spirit, and yield to the gifts of the Spirit!
- The fruits give us excitement, the gifts are how we execute!

Resources:

Dr. Leroy Thompson, Sr, [Ever Increasing Word Ministries](#), 2002 Camp Meeting, Louisiana, USA

Syntopic Intelligence - Faith Corner, http://www.syntopic.net/faith_corner.html

The Blue Letter Bible, <http://www.blueletterbible.org/>

The Leadership Toolkit, <http://www.leadership-toolkit.com/info.html>