"THE INDWELLING SPIRIT"

Introduction:

1. A Series of Questions:
   (Repeating same sins? How love "unlovely" people? Sometimes I can't even pray? Nothing I do turns out right?)
   GOD WILL HELP!

2. Spirituality:
   (a) Life centered in God.
   (b) Nurtured by the "spirituality sequence".
   * Acknowledge God vs. our helplessness
   * Submit to the lordship of Jesus
   * Expose ourselves to God's power resources
     (devotion, fellowship, worship)
   * Begin experiencing God's power in me.
   * It produces the fruits of the spirit.

3. Today - "Experiencing God's Power In Us."

Discussion:

I. THE HOLY SPIRIT COMES TO LIVE IN US WHEN WE ARE BORN AGAIN

A. See: Promise -- Jno. 14:16 - Jno. 7:37-39
   Gift -- Acts 2:38; Acts 5:32; Eph. 1:13; 1 Cor. 3:16;
   Gal. 4:6; Rom. 5:5; Rom. 8:9-11; II Tim. 1:14

B. He is a Person not an "Essence"
   1. Eph. 5:18 - "filled" (i.e. let your life be influenced by His presence).
   2. V.S. Eph. 4:30; Acts 7:51; I Thess. 5:19
      (by "exposing ourselves" to the source of power)

II. HE ACTIVELY WORKS IN OUR LIVES

A. By Faith We Know He is There
   1. Acts 2:38 - (as we know forgiven by faith)
   2. Not physical or emotional sensation.

B. But We also Know Because of What He Does in Us:
   1. He prays for me - Rom. 8:26 - 27
      (like the "re-arranged" flowers)
   2. He reinforces my strength - Eph. 3:17 (Phil. 4:13)
      (like power steering)
   3. He gives me power to love the "unlovely"
      Rom. 5:5 ; (Matt. 5:43ff)
4. He is my "down payment" on Heaven.
   Eph. 1:13; 4:30 Rom. 8:15-18
   (a) Real estate
   (b) The life I live by His power is a foretaste of Heaven.

5. He guides my life into meaningful activity - Rom. 8:28
   (Our Mission Work)

Conclusion:

1. "Must be "plugged in" before we can be "turned on"
   (exposed to source)

2. Without this
   (a) frustration - work centered
   (b) failure -- man oriented

3. Let the God of Universe make you live.
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