



**EMPOWERED (part 2)**

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**What happens when the Spirit empowers you?  
Why does the Spirit want to empower you?**

*“Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, the new creation has come: The old has gone, the new is here!”*

**2Cor. 5:17 (NIV)**

Wherever God is **creating something new**, the Holy Spirit is at work! **(Gen. 1:2-3; John 3:5)**

*“For just as each of us has one body with many members, and these members do not all have the same function,<sup>5</sup> so in Christ we, though many, form one body, and each member belongs to all the others.”*

**Rom. 12:4-5 (NIV)**

**1. When the Spirit empowers you, you will connect with other Christians to form one body.**

Q: Are you functioning as part of the body of Christ?    YES    NO

*“We have different gifts, according to the grace given to each of us. If your gift is prophesying, then prophesy in accordance with your faith;<sup>7</sup> if it is serving, then serve; if it is teaching, then teach;<sup>8</sup> if it is to encourage, then give encouragement; if it is giving, then give generously; if it is to lead, do it diligently; if it is to show mercy, do it cheerfully.”*

**Rom. 12:6-8 (NIV)**

**2. When the Spirit empowers you, you will begin to show signs of “Charisma” (Gifts of the Spirit).**

Q: What are you doing that ministers to others? \_\_\_\_\_

**3. When the Spirit empowers you, you will begin to produce Fruit of the Spirit.**

*“But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, kindness, goodness, faithfulness,<sup>23</sup> gentleness, self-control; against such things there is no law.”*

**Gal. 5:22 (NASB)**

Q: What is the difference between “Gifts of the Spirit” and “Fruit of the Spirit”?

- Gifts are **what you do**, but Fruit is **who you are!**
- Fruit of the Spirit is the **Character of Jesus!**

*“But earnestly desire the greater gifts. And I show you a still more excellent way.<sup>1</sup> If I speak with the tongues of men and of angels, but do not have love, I have become a noisy gong or a clanging cymbal.<sup>2</sup> If I have the gift of prophecy, and know all mysteries and all knowledge; and if I have all faith, so as to remove mountains, but do not have love, I am nothing.<sup>3</sup> And if I give all my possessions to feed the poor, and if I surrender my body to be burned, but do not have love, it profits me nothing.*

**1Cor. 12:31-13:3 (NASB)**

Q: Why is Fruit of the Spirit a “**more excellent way**” than Gifts of the Spirit?

- You can be very gifted, and still be **very carnal**. **(Matt. 7:21-23)**
- Gifts only last for a while, but **Character lasts forever!** **(1Cor. 13:8, 13)**
- The **Seed** is in the fruit! **(Gen. 1:11; Luke 8:4-15)**

Q: Are you producing fruit?	<b>YES</b>	<b>NO</b>
Q: Are you building up others?	<b>YES</b>	<b>NO</b>
Q: If the Spirit left you, would anybody notice?	<b>YES</b>	<b>NO</b>

**CHALLENGE:**  
*“Now suppose one of you fathers is asked by his son for a fish; he will not give him a snake instead of a fish, will he? <sup>12</sup> “Or if he is asked for an egg, he will not give him a scorpion, will he? <sup>13</sup> “If you then, being evil, 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 11:11-13 (NASB)**