

THE *ABOUNDING* CHURCH

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Text: 2 Corinthians 9:8

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INTRODUCTION

Quote: “Other qualities are important; to be Spirit-filled is indispensable.”
—**J. Oswald Sanders**, *Spiritual Leadership*

*“For as many as are led by the Spirit of God, they are the sons of God.”
(Romans 8:14)*

FIVE COMMANDS REGARDING THE HOLY SPIRIT:

- 1. Be _____ with the Spirit
“And be not drunk with wine, wherein is excess; but be filled with the Spirit;” (Ephesians 5:18)
- 2. _____ in the Spirit
“This I say then, Walk in the Spirit, and ye shall not fulfil the lust of the flesh.” (Galatians 5:16)
- 3. _____ in the Spirit
“But ye, beloved, building up yourselves on your most holy faith, praying in the Holy Ghost,” (Jude 1:20)
- 4. _____ Not the Spirit
“Quench not the Spirit.” (1 Thessalonians 5:19)
- 5. _____ Not the Spirit
“And grieve not the Spirit of God, whereby ye are sealed unto the day of redemption.” (Ephesians 4:30)

Quote: “Without the Spirit of God, we can do nothing. We are as ships without the wind, branches without sap, and like coals without fire, we are useless.”—**Charles Spurgeon**

Quote: “Driven living makes us the center of our well-planned schedules. It may stem from a passion to live with eternal purpose, but it signifies that we believe God’s work depends on us and neglects to acknowledge that God created us as finite resources dependent upon Him.”
—*Stewarding Life*

1. _____ **BY CHRIST**

*“O magnify the LORD with me, And let us exalt his name together.”
(Psalm 34:3)*

A. Acknowledging His _____

*“Take heed therefore unto yourselves, and to all the flock, over the which the Holy Ghost hath made you overseers, to feed the church of God, which he hath purchased with his own blood.”
(Acts 20:28)*

“And I say also unto thee, That thou art Peter, and upon this rock I will build my church; and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it.” (Matthew 16:18)

B. Reflecting His _____

- Holiness

“But as he which hath called you is holy, so be ye holy in all manner of conversation; 16 Because it is written, Be ye holy; for I am holy.” (1 Peter 1:15–16)

- Love

“Beloved, let us love one another: for love is of God; and every one that loveth is born of God, and knoweth God. 8 He that loveth not knoweth not God; for God is love.” (1 John 4:7–8)

- Righteousness

“If ye know that he is righteous, ye know that every one that doeth righteousness is born of him.” (1 John 2:29)

“Little children, let no man deceive you: he that doeth righteousness is righteous, even as he is righteous.” (1 John 3:7)

C. Worship His _____

“Give unto the Lord the glory due unto his name; worship the LORD in the beauty of holiness.” (Psalm 29:2)

“Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly in all wisdom; teaching and admonishing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing with grace in your hearts to the Lord.” (Colossians 3:16)

PRACTICAL ACTIONS:

1. Avoid an entertainment mentality.
2. Look for reflections of Christ in your congregation and praise them.
3. Enjoy the worship service!

2. _____ **BY SCRIPTURE**

A. We Must _____ the Truth

“But speak thou the things which become sound doctrine;”
(Titus 2:1)

“All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness: 17 That the man of God may be perfect, thoroughly furnished unto all good works.” (2 Timothy 3:16-17)

Quote: “The Word of God is the anvil upon which the opinions of men are smashed.”—**Charles Spurgeon**

“Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth.”
(2 Timothy 2:15)

Definition: “approved unto God,” *dokimos*: accepted, particularly of coins and money; accepted, pleasing, acceptable.

B. We Must _____ for the Faith

“Beloved, when I gave all diligence to write unto you of the common salvation, it was needful for me to write unto you, and exhort you that ye should earnestly contend for the faith which was once delivered unto the saints.” (Jude 1:3)

PRACTICAL ACTIONS:

1. Preach biblically.
“And beginning at Moses and all the prophets, he expounded unto them in all the scriptures the things concerning himself.” (Luke 24:27)
2. Stand boldly.

3. _____ BY PRAYER

“And they continued stedfastly in the apostles’ doctrine and fellowship, and in the breaking of bread, and in prayers.” (Acts 2:42)

Quote: “What the church needs today is not more or better machinery, not new organizations, or more novel methods; but men whom the Holy Spirit can use—men of prayer, men mighty in prayer.”—**E. M. Bounds**

A. The _____ of Prayer

“But we will give ourselves continually to prayer, and to the ministry of the word.” (Acts 6:4)

Quote: “Prayer does not fit us for the greater work; prayer is the greater work.”—**Oswald Chambers**

B. The _____ of Prayer

“And when they had prayed, the place was shaken where they were assembled together; and they were all filled with the Holy Ghost, and they spake the word of God with boldness.” (Acts 4:31)

Quote: “All of our failures are prayer failures.”—**John R. Rice**

PRACTICAL ACTIONS:

1. Establish prayer times.
2. Develop a pastor’s prayer team.
3. Alter your schedule to pray.

4. _____ ABOUT SOULS

“For the Son of man is come to seek and to save that which was lost.” (Luke 19:10)

“But ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you: and ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judaea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth.” (Acts 1:8)

A. Our _____

“Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost: 20 Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, I am with you alway, even unto the end of the world. Amen.” (Matthew 28:19–20)

PERSONALLY

“But when he saw the multitudes, he was moved with compassion on them, because they fainted, and were scattered abroad, as sheep having no shepherd.” (Matthew 9:36)

Quote: “The only alternative to soulwinning is disobedience to God.”—**Curtis Hutson**

“Brethren, my heart’s desire and prayer to God for Israel is, that they might be saved.” (Romans 10:1)

MINISTRIES

B. Our _____ and _____

“He left Judaea, and departed again into Galilee. 4 And he must needs go through Samaria.” (John 4:3-4)

C. Our _____

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PRACTICAL ACTIONS:

1. Have two kick-offs for soulwinning annually.
2. Keep prospect lists.
3. Pray for a church planting opportunity.
4. Pray for laborers.
5. Conduct an annual missions conference.

5. _____ **BIBLICALLY**

“Remember them which have the rule over you, who have spoken unto you the word of God: whose faith follow, considering the end of their conversation.” (Hebrews 13:7)

A. By the _____

“Then the Spirit said unto Philip, Go near, and join thyself to this chariot. 30 And Philip ran thither to him, and heard him read the prophet Esaias, and said, Understandest thou what thou readest?” (Acts 8:29-30)

B. Led by a _____ Pastor

Quote: “The under-shepherd’s love for the Chief Shepherd is the most important part of ministry.”

GROWING IN GRACE

Quote: “A pastor’s greatest leadership asset, besides the Word, and the Holy Spirit, is a healthy soul.”

Quote: “The acquisition, maintenance, and siphoning off of spiritual energy is the chief concern of pastors who want to stay vital. The long-range result of running on empty is horrific: becoming bitter-spirited, reduced to going through the motions, falling into ministry-destroying sin, losing intimacy with God and spouses and friends, and (if nothing else) hating our work.”—**Gordon MacDonald**, *Building below the Waterline*

APPROACHABLE LEADERSHIP

“Let love be without dissimulation. Abhor that which is evil; cleave to that which is good. 10 Be kindly affectioned one to another with brotherly love; in honour preferring one another;” (Romans 12:9–10)

GODLY LEADERSHIP

“But thou hast fully known my doctrine, manner of life, purpose, faith, longsuffering, charity, patience.” (2 Timothy 3:10)

SERVANT LEADERSHIP

“For even the Son of man came not to be ministered unto, but to minister, and to give his life a ransom for many.” (Mark 10:45)

PRACTICAL ACTIONS:

1. Evaluate your spiritual growth daily.
2. Maintain approachability.
3. Don’t see every question as a challenge to your leadership.
4. Look for opportunities to serve the flock.

6. _____ FOR THE BRETHREN

“And beside this, giving all diligence, add to your faith virtue; and to virtue knowledge; 6 And to knowledge temperance, and to temperance patience, and to patience godliness; 7 And to godliness brotherly kindness; and to brotherly kindness charity. 8 For if these things be in you, and abound, they make you that ye shall neither be barren nor unfruitful in the knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ.” (2 Peter 1:5–8)

A. _____ Love

“And above all things have fervent charity among yourselves: for charity shall cover the multitude of sins.” (1 Peter 4:8)

Quote: “Work harder at maintaining relationships in the church than at solving problems in the church.”

“Let nothing be done through strife or vainglory; but in lowliness of mind let each esteem other better than themselves.” (Philippians 2:3)

“Endeavouring to keep the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace.” (Ephesians 4:3)

B. _____ Love

C. _____ Love

“Finally, be ye all of one mind, having compassion one of another, love as brethren, be pitiful, be courteous.” (1 Peter 3:8)

D. _____ Love

“Brethren, if a man be overtaken in a fault, ye which are spiritual, restore such an one in the spirit of meekness; considering thyself, lest thou also be tempted.” (Galatians 6:1)

E. _____ Love

“As they ministered to the Lord, and fasted, the Holy Ghost said, Separate me Barnabas and Saul for the work whereunto I have called them. 3 And when they had fasted and prayed, and laid their hands on them, they sent them away.” (Acts 13:2–3)

GRACIOUS

“But he giveth more grace. Wherefore he saith, God resisteth the proud, but giveth grace unto the humble.” (James 4:6)

HUMBLE

“He must increase, but I must decrease.” (John 3:30)

Quote: “I’ve never met a contentious servant.”

Quote: “A carnal servant takes a little matter and makes it bigger. A spiritual servant takes a big matter and makes it smaller.”

PRACTICAL ACTIONS:

1. Conduct a home fellowship night.
2. Care for the household of faith.
3. Intervene as the Holy Spirit leads and convicts.
4. Honor those who are faithful over time.

7. _____ **GIVING**

“Moreover, brethren, we do you to wit of the grace of God bestowed on the churches of Macedonia; 2 How that in a great trial of affliction the abundance of their joy and their deep poverty abounded unto the riches of their liberality. 3 For to their power, I bear record, yea, and beyond their power they were willing of themselves. 4 Praying with us much intreaty that we would receive the gift, and take upon us the fellowship of the ministering to the saints.” (2 Corinthians 8:1-4)

A. By _____

“And God is able to make all grace abound toward you; that ye, always having all sufficiency in all things, may abound to every good work:” (2 Corinthians 9:8)

B. By _____

“But my God shall supply all your need according to his riches in glory by Christ Jesus.” (Philippians 4:19)

PRACTICAL ACTIONS:

1. Preach stewardship 3–4 weeks every year.
2. Conduct an annual building-related banquet.
3. Conduct an annual missions and stewardship conference.
4. Utilize stewardship testimonies.

8. _____ THE NEXT GENERATION

“And the things that thou hast heard of me among many witnesses, the same commit thou to faithful men, who shall be able to teach others also.” (2 Timothy 2:2)

A. One-on-_____

“As ye know how we exhorted and comforted and charged every one of you, as a father doth his children,” (1 Thessalonians 2:11)

B. Through _____

“So they read in the book in the law of God distinctly, and gave the sense, and caused them to understand the reading.” (Nehemiah 8:8)

Quote: “The power of Christ’s dispensation is a fiery pulpit, not a learned pulpit, not a popular pulpit, not an eloquent pulpit, but a pulpit on fire with the Holy Ghost.”—**E. M. Bounds**

Quote: “I preached as never sure to preach again, and as a dying man to dying men.”—**Richard Baxter**

C. Through _____

Quote: “Your best message is you in the valley.”
—**Dr. David Gibbs**

“Knowing this, that the trying of your faith worketh patience. 4 But let patience have her perfect work, that ye may be perfect and entire, wanting nothing.” (James 1:3–4)

“Blessed is the man that endureth temptation: for when he is tried, he shall receive the crown of life, which the Lord hath promised to them that love him.” (James 1:12)

“And let us not be weary in well doing: for in due season we shall reap, if we faint not.” (Galatians 6:9)

PRACTICAL ACTIONS:

1. Teach *Continue* as a midweek study.
2. Ask who would be interested in discipling others.
3. Contact every new member or convert and assign them to a discipler.

CONCLUSION



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