

# **FOLLOWING THE LEADINGS OF THE HOLY SPIRIT**

## **RESTORATION WOMEN'S COUNCIL CLASS**

**Tuesday 9/15/2020**

### **DC 10:6**

Put thy trust in that Spirit which leadeth to do good, yea, to do justly, to walk humbly, to judge righteously, and this is my Spirit.

**There are two main points I want to bring out in this class:**

- **God is real**
  - ✓ If you do not feel He is real, then you must pray that He becomes real in your life
  - ✓ In high school, I prayed that God would become real to me.
  - ✓ Since then, the Holy Spirit has revealed God to me.
- **Pray Truth to God**
  - ✓ God loves truth
  - ✓ God loves when we speak truth to others
  - ✓ God loves when we pray truth back to Him
  - ✓ The best way to pray truth is to quote scripture
  - ✓ All of the scriptures in this class lend themselves to praying truth to God
  - ✓ For example – “Please send your Spirit into my heart to teach me the peaceable things of the Kingdom”

*At a combined church service at Waldo on June 19, 2016, Vim Horn said these words:*

***"The overriding natural resource of the Church is the Holy Spirit."***

These are the topics I will cover in this class:

- ***Holy Ghost Given to \_\_\_\_\_***
- ***Spirit Dwells in Us***
- ***Purpose of the Holy Spirit***
- ***Spirit Searches and Reveals God***

Note: Explanations of Testimonies are at the end of this outline

## **The Holy Ghost is given to those who:**

### **Diligently Seek Him** – I Nephi 3:26

And I, Nephi, was desirous also that I might see, and hear, and know of these things, by the power of the Holy Ghost, which is the gift of God unto all those who diligently seek him, as well in times of old as in the time that he should manifest himself unto the children of men.

*(Pray that we have a testimony of the Spirit of God)*

### **Repent** – Mosiah 2:5,6

And it came to pass that after they had spoken these words, the Spirit of the Lord came upon them and they were filled with joy, having received a remission of their sins and having peace of conscience.

*(Testimony of Repentance at KU)*

### **Repent** – Romans 8:13

If ye through the Spirit do mortify the deeds of the body, ye shall live unto Christ.

### **Take His Name, Remember Him, Keep Commandments** – Moroni 4:4

O God the eternal Father, that they are willing to take upon them the name of thy Son, and always remember him, and keep his commandments which he hath given them, that they may always have his Spirit to be with them.

### **Are Born of the Spirit** – Genesis 6:68

And the Spirit of God descended upon him, and thus he was born of the Spirit, and became quickened in the inner man.

### **Obey** – Acts 5:32

And we are his witnesses of these things; and so is also the Holy Ghost, whom God hath given to them that obey him.

### **Seek Zion** – I Nephi 3:187

And blessed are they who shall seek to bring forth my Zion at that day, for they shall have the gift and the power of the Holy Ghost.

*(Testimony of Dad's wreck)*

## **The Holy Spirit will dwell in us, if we:**

### **Have Faith and Good Desires** – Alma 12:113

And a portion of that Spirit dwelleth in me, which giveth me knowledge, and also power, according to my faith and desires which are in God.

*(Testimony of the Big, Bad Homeschooling Day)*

### **Live Not by Flesh but by the Holy Spirit** – Romans 8:9

But ye are not after the flesh, but after the Spirit, if so be that the Spirit of God dwell in you.

*(Testimony of Wanting to have Another Child)*

### **Believe that if the Spirit Raised Jesus, He can Raise Us** – Romans 8:11

And if the Spirit of him that raised up Jesus from the dead, dwell in you, he that raised up Christ from the dead shall also quicken your mortal bodies by his Spirit that dwelleth in you.

*(Testimony of Asking God to Give me Medicine During Administration)*

### **Believe that God can send us the Holy Spirit of Promise** – DC 85:1c

Wherefore I now send unto you another Comforter, even upon you, my friends, that it may abide in your hearts, even the Holy Spirit of promise, which other Comforter is the same that I promised unto my disciples, as is recorded in the testimony of John.

## **Purpose of the Holy Spirit**

### **Quickens us in our Innermost Being** – Genesis 6:68

And the Spirit of God descended upon him, and thus he was born of the Spirit, and became quickened in the inner man.

### **Quickens us in our Innermost Being** – Ephesians 3:16

That he would grant you, according to the riches of his glory, to be strengthened with might by his Spirit in the inner man; That Christ may dwell in your hearts by faith, that ye may be rooted and grounded in love.

*(Testimony of Decision to Homeschool)*

### **List of the Blessings of the Holy Spirit** – Genesis 6:64 (Pray Truth to God)

Therefore it is given to abide in you, the record of heaven, the Comforter, the peaceable things of immortal glory, the truth of all things, that which quickeneth all things, which maketh alive all things, that which knoweth all things, and hath all power according to wisdom, mercy, truth, justice, and judgment.

*(Testimony of the end of Roxana's homeschooling)*

### **Teaches us the Peaceable Things** – DC 35:1b

You (Sidney Rigdon) shall receive my Spirit, the Holy Ghost, even the Comforter, which shall teach you the peaceable things of the kingdom.

*(Pray Truth to God)*

### **Showeth all Things, Peaceable Things** – DC 39:2b

And this is my gospel: repentance and baptism by water, and then cometh the baptism of fire and the Holy Ghost, even the Comforter, which showeth all things, and teacheth the peaceable things of the kingdom.

*(Pray Truth to God)*

### **Shows Us What to Do** – 2 Nephi 14:6

For behold, again I say unto you, that if ye will enter in by the way and receive the Holy Ghost, it will shew unto you all things what ye should do.

*(Testimony of Mark and the Snowball)*

### **Leads Us to do Good** – DC 10:6

And now, verily, verily I say unto thee, Put thy trust in that Spirit which leadeth to do good, yea, to do justly, to walk humbly, to judge righteously, and this is my Spirit.

**Teaches Us to Pray** – 2 Nephi 14:11

For if ye would hearken unto the Spirit which teacheth a man to pray, ye would know that ye must pray.

*(Pray Specifically – Testimony of the "File Cabinet" on Test Days)*

**Fills in the Gaps** – Romans 8:26

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.

**Brings Enlightenment, Joy, Knowledge** – DC 10:7

Verily, verily I say unto you, I will impart unto you of my Spirit, which shall enlighten your mind, which shall fill your soul with joy, and then shall ye know or by this shall you know, all things whatsoever you desire of me, which is pertaining unto things of righteousness, in faith believing in me that you shall receive.

*(Testimony of Scripture Study)*

**Helps us Become a Saint** – Mosiah 1:120

But if he yields to the enticings of the Holy Spirit, and putteth off the natural man, and becometh a saint, through the atonement of Christ, the Lord, and becometh as a child, submissive, meek, humble, patient, full of love, willing to submit to all things which the Lord seeth fit to inflict upon him, even as a child doth submit to his father.

**Same Scripture – Chiasm** – Mosiah 1:118-120

A = But men drink damnation to their own souls, except they humble themselves, and become as little children

B = And believe that salvation was, and is, and is to come, in and through the atoning blood of Christ, the Lord omnipotent

C = For the natural man is an enemy to God, and has been, from the fall of Adam, and will be, for ever and ever

D = But if he yields to the enticings of the Holy Spirit

C = And putteth off the natural man, and becometh a saint

B = Through the atonement of Christ, the Lord

A = And becometh as a child, submissive, meek, humble, patient, full of love, willing to submit to all things which the Lord seeth fit to inflict upon him, even as a child doth submit to his father...

## **Spirit Searches and Reveals God**

### **Mysteries of God** – I Nephi 3:30

And the mysteries of God shall be unfolded unto them by the power of the Holy Ghost, as well in this time as in times of old.

*(Testimony of Healing Only One Child, Not Both)*

### **Spirit of God Reveals the Mind of Christ** – I Corinthians 2:10-16

But God hath revealed them unto us by his Spirit; for the Spirit searcheth all things, yea, the deep things of God... For what man knoweth the things of a man, save the spirit of man which is in him? Even so the things of God knoweth no man, except he has the Spirit of God... Now we have received, not the spirit of the world, but the Spirit which is of God, that we might know the things that are freely given to us of God... Which things also we speak, not in the words which man's wisdom teacheth, but which the Holy Ghost teacheth, comparing spiritual things with spiritual... But the natural man receiveth not the things of the Spirit of God, for they are foolishness unto him, neither can he know them, because they are spiritually discerned... But he that is spiritual judgeth all things, yet he himself is judged of no man... For who hath known the mind of the Lord, that he may instruct him? But we have the mind of Christ.

### **Shows Things We have Never Seen** – I Nephi 3:38

As I sat pondering in mine heart I was caught away in the Spirit of the Lord, yea, into an exceeding high mountain, which I never had before seen, and upon which I never had before set my foot.

*(Testimony of Prayers Answered in Voice Lessons)*

## **Testimonies to Share**

### **\* *Testimony of Repentance at KU***

Felt I really needed to understand how God feels when I sin – Asked God to show me how he feels – Felt awful, dark, dismayed for an entire week – Couldn't stand it anymore – asked God to feel the joy of forgiveness – Walked as if on cloud 9: white, clean, no wrinkles inside (smoothed out)

### **\* *Testimony of Dad's Wreck***

Dad was driving – Wreck coming out of Speaks – Man was out of control – I prayed – I told the man to calm down – he looked at me and calmed right down

### **\* *Testimony of the Big, Bad Homeschooling Day***

Homeschooling in TN – On a Monday, the kids were out of control, so I practically yelled at God in my closet – God told me I had to wait and be patient – He would bring people into my life to help me (they obviously weren't going to walk into my closet, now were they?) – Tuesday I went to a homeschooling meeting – presenter explained how to gain respect from the kids – I went home and practiced with them on Wednesday – Homeschooling became much more peaceful and orderly

### **\* *Testimony of Wanting to have Another Child***

Could not get pregnant with a second child – Had faith that God could cause me to have a child – 10 months went by – I kept thinking I was pregnant, but was only experiencing exhaustion and nausea from allergies and post nasal drip – Every month felt like a miscarriage – I did not understand, since my patriarchal blessing said I would teach God's word to my children (plural!) – Finally I prayed, "I trust your judgment and your timing" – Became pregnant after 11 months of trying.

### **\* *Testimony of Asking God to Give me Medicine During Administration***

Going through a horrible, rough time in my life – Wanted to go to a hospital – "Give me a bed and leave me alone" – Wanted to take Prozac, but was off birth control pills and worried about a potential threat to a potential baby – Asked for administration – Fate Britt prayed an amazing prayer – Have felt "Fountains of Joy" since then.

### **\* *Testimony of Decision to Homeschool***

Prayed if I should homeschool – the "yes" was so strong that I felt like I had a steel beam going straight up and down in my torso – strengthened in the inner man

### **\* *Testimony of Roxana and Homeschooling***

The Spirit has revealed things to me in my learning language as a visual learner – Roxana and I felt weary of homeschooling – On a Sunday, I prayed and asked God if I would be allowed to stop homeschooling her – I saw a banner of a sentence coming toward me, like Star Wars – As the sentence grew larger, I was able to read "You will never have to homeschool Roxana again" – On Tuesday, Mike called and asked for her hand in marriage – He had proposed to her earlier on Sunday.

**\* *Testimony of Startling Answers to Prayer via a Snowball***

Again, The Spirit revealed the answer to a prayer in my learning language as a visual learner – Mark and I were early in our dating years – We were bogged down with school and becoming bored fast – All we ever did was go to college, eat supper at his house, study, and then I would go home to my dorm – One night, with snow a foot deep, we went for a drive – Mark expressed concern about our “boring” relationship – We both wondered if it was God’s will that we stay together – I began to cry, and wonder if Mark was right – I prayed – I saw a banner like a marquee – The words went past like a sign on a bank, “Throw a snowball at Mark” – I was shocked, but realized God knew what He was doing – I turned away from Mark, pretended to continue to cry, and said, “I am going to walk home to my dorm!” – As I opened the door, the events became like slow motion – As I reached down to grab a handful of snow, Mark grabbed my left arm and said “Nooooo!” – Just as his mouth was opened, I threw a glob of snow directly in his face – His face was covered with snow (blinking eyes, open mouth, everything else white) – We laughed, and ran around the car throwing snowballs – Last time we ever truly doubted that we were meant for each other!

**\* *Testimony of Scripture Study***

I studied for a Sunday School class in TN

Had 3 thoughts going at once, and scriptures flooding into my mind regarding all 3 topics ... I could hardly keep up! – Flipping scriptures, throwing book marks hither and yon – Fun!

**\* *Testimony of Healing Only One Child, Not Both***

2 kids very sick – called for Elders – felt God would heal one but not the other – questioned my faith – sure enough, one was healed and the other wasn’t – learned that I need to be aware of God’s will and pray within His will.

**\* *Testimony of Prayers Answered in Voice Lessons***

Many times I have prayed in voice lessons – God has shown me exactly what to say – like a magic pill – Students went home exhilarated because of the new technique they learned, and because of the Spirit of God that they experienced (without knowing the source of their joy).

**\* *Testimony of the "File Cabinet" on Test Days***

Prayed that God would open up a “file cabinet” in my mind and help me with the answer for each question in my history class in HS – Visually I could see the answer – Had to tell the teacher his test answer sheet was wrong – showed him the exact place where the answer was found.