
Eight Steps to Being Filled (STEP 5: Studying the Holy Spirit)

The Fullness of the Holy Spirit

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Sermon: The Fullness of the Holy Spirit: Eight Steps to Being Filled (STEP 5: Studying the Holy Spirit)

New Series Messages: “The Fullness of the Holy Spirit”

- **Being Filled with the Holy Spirit is A Continuous Process, Not A Singular Event.**
- Theme Scripture: Ephesians 5: ¹⁸ And be not drunk with wine, wherein is excess; but be filled with the Spirit;
- Subject: ***The Process of Being Filled (Drunk with New Wine) – New Walk, Look, Talk***
- Subject: ***Eight Steps to Being Filled (STEP 1: Submit to the Holy Spirit)***
- Subject: ***Eight Steps to Being Filled (STEP 2: Convicted by the Holy Spirit)***
- Subject: ***Eight Steps to Being Filled (STEP 3: Guided by the Holy Spirit)***
- Subject: ***Eight Steps to Being Filled (STEP 4: Obeying the Holy Spirit)***
 - The Obedience of Forgiveness to Overcome People
 - The Obedience of Joy to Overcome Self
 - The Obedience of Love to Overcome this World

Lesson Text

2 Timothy 2:15–18 (AV)¹⁵ Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth. ¹⁶ But shun profane *and* vain babblings: for they will increase unto more ungodliness. ¹⁷ And their word will eat as doth a canker: of whom is Hymenaeus and Philetus; ¹⁸ Who concerning the truth have erred, saying that the resurrection is past already; and overthrow the faith of some.

Introduction

There are Eight Steps to Being Filled with the Holy Spirit! So far, we’ve looked at the first four (Submitting, Convicted, Guided, and Obeying). The last three that we will look at are Fasting, Being New, and being Transformed.

Today we will look at the 5th Step to being Filled, and that is “Studying the Holy Spirit”

Previously we defined the purpose of the Holy Spirit as ***the power of that separates (sanctifies) us from the world of sin, and moves us to Christ so that we become like him.***

One aspect of doing that is in how much and how well we learn from His teaching.

John 14:26 (AV)²⁶ **But the Comforter, which is the Holy Ghost, whom the Father will send in my name, he shall teach you all things, and bring all things to your remembrance, whatsoever I have said unto you.**

How much and how well a person learns is not simply about having a teacher and going to class, but in how much they study and retrain from their teachings.

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

Three things we learn from Studying the Holy Spirit: 1. we study to show or demonstrate what we know, 2. work what we've been called to do, and 3. divide or teach so that we can reproduce

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“Study to Show the Truth, Work the Truth, and Divide the Truth”

I. Study to Show the Truth (What You Know)

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

To Show the Truth means to demonstrate that you know the Word; and we do that when we pass the test!

Most never advance in life, naturally or spiritually, because they constantly fail their tests. They fail them for two reasons.

The first reason is because they don't see it as a test, but only as tribulations, struggle, disappointment, hurt, frustration, worry, and stress. All of which most people look to avoid.

But more importantly, the second reason is because they don't prepare for their tests. And like any other test, they are not able to demonstrate or show their mastery of the subject at hand.

To be Approved of God, you must Study to Show What you Know!

2 Timothy 2:¹⁵ **Study to shew thyself approved unto God**

Before you are tested, you are given a study period to prepare so you can pass the test. But when you don't study, you fail and are not approved for the next level of promotion.

But when you're prepared, you welcome the test that proves and approves you for the next level

James 1:2–4 (AV)² My brethren, count it all joy when ye fall into divers temptations; ³ 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.

And when you know it, you are free from it!

John 8:32 (AV)³² **And ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free.**

When you study the truth, you are made free from your tests, from your struggle, from your disappointment, from your depression, from your hatred, from your tribulations.

II. Study to Work the Truth (What You Do)

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

To Work the Truth means to work the Word; and we do this when we walk in our calling according to the Word.

Matthew 22:14 (AV)¹⁴ **For many are called, but few are chosen.**

The reason why so few are chosen is because they fail to do the work of their calling.

They may have been hired for the job, but they don't know how to do the work! And without working the calling, they become ashamed.

Ashamed naturally (missing the Blessings of God), and ashamed spiritually (missing the Power of God)

To Not Be Ashamed of God, you must Study to Work What you Do!

John 9:4 (AV)⁴ I must work the works of him that sent me, while it is day: the night cometh, when no man can work.

It's not good enough just to be called, just to have a job, we must study to work our calling!

Romans 8:28 (AV)²⁸ And we know that all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are the called according to *his* purpose.

When you study your calling, all your work works together for the good!

III. Study to Divide the Truth (What You Produce)

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

To Divide the Truth means to correctly teach and explain the Word; and when we do this, we produce the fruit of our work.

John 15:1–2 (AV)¹ **I am the true vine, and my Father is the husbandman. ² Every branch in me that beareth not fruit he taketh away: and every *branch* that beareth fruit, he purgeth it, that it may bring forth more fruit.**

To many are in the church, on the vine, but they are not producing because of the lack of study.

To Correctly Teach God, you must Study to Divide so you can Produce

We must study so that our work is fruitful: Mark 4:19 (AV)¹⁹ **And the cares of this world, and the deceitfulness of riches, and the lusts of other things entering in, choke the word, and it becometh unfruitful.**

We must study so that our work never stops: Galatians 6:9 (AV)⁹ And let us not be weary in well doing: for in due season we shall reap, if we faint not.

We must study so that our work goes forward: Matthew 28:¹⁹ **Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost:**

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Midweek Study Lesson Plan (Sermon: Eight Steps to Being Filled (STEP 5: Studying the Holy Spirit))

Study Tools:

- Sermon Video and Notes: <https://victoriouspraise.org/>
- Bibles, Commentaries, and Dictionnaires: <https://biblehub.com/tools.htm>
- Book Source: [“The Complete Guide To Understanding The Holy Spirit”](#); Read the Following Chapters:
 - “What’s Evidence of Being Filled with the Holy Spirit?”
 - “What’s the Purpose of the Gifts of the Spirit”

Lesson Text

- 2 Timothy 2:15–18

Sermon Outline

- I. Study to Show the Truth (What You Know)
- II. Study to Work the Truth (What You Do)
- III. Study to Divide the Truth (What You Produce)

Questions

I. Getting to Know “Me”

1. Movie Mandate. You are now in charge of movie watching habits for everyone in the world. Your first task is to choose one movie everyone must see. What movie would you mandate and why?
2. Describe your preferred way to learn new things and explain why it is your preference.

II. Into the Bible

1. From 2 Timothy 2:17, who was Hymenaeus and Philetus and why did Paul give a warning about them? How would this warning apply to us today?
2. Ephesians 4:30 states, “And do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, with whom you were sealed for the day of redemption.” Who gives this seal? What is the significance of the seal for the believer? How does this seal differ from the mark of the beast (Rev. 13:16-17)?
3. What benefits and authority do believers have by living spirit-led lives? Give scriptural support.

III. Life Application

1. According to the scripture 2 Timothy 2:15, a workman does not need to be ashamed. What does it mean to be ashamed? Give scriptural support.
2. Introspective look: What things have the Holy Spirit taught you since your initial day of salvation until now? What is the Holy Spirit attempting to teach you that you have not quite learned yet?

Prayer:

- **Prayer Request:**
- **Personal Prayer:**