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The Spirit of Truth
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Hello! This is Dorothy -

God the Holy Spirit not only bestows spiritual gifts, but He bestows them discreetly, according to how He thinks best. Sometimes we think, “Oh well, I can do this and I can do that and God did this for me,” but God knows us individually. He knows how you were made. He knows all that He planned for you down through the ages. Therefore, He works according to what He thinks best. “Oh,” you say, “if only I could sing! If only I had this wonderful gift!” We see somebody with some gift and we are jealous of that gift. We do not understand that it is not that person’s gift; it is the expression of the Holy Spirit working through various lives. The Spirit is said to have a mind that implies thought, purpose, and determination. He is a Person. God the Holy Spirit is a Person of the triune Godhead, and He does what is according to His plan — what He thinks best.

In **1 Corinthians 12 : 1**, we read — **Now concerning spiritual gifts, brethren, I would not have you ignorant.** Therefore, understand it is God’s business. He wants to do that thing through you which He has planned; not what we think we are going to strum up and use for our presentation of our life before God.

In **Romans 8:27**, we read - **And he that searcheth the hearts** *-that is God the Holy Spirit-* **knoweth what is the mind of the Spirit, because he maketh intercession for the saints according to the will of God.** He is working it out. Let God be God and get your hands off of what God is wanting to do through your life! He will get eternal glory through you, if you would just let God do His work in you His way.

You know, that is interesting, because in **verse 7**, we read - **Because the carnal mind is enmity against God . . .** *You see, we have this I problem all the time.. . .* **for it is not subject to the law of God, neither indeed can be.**

8 So then they that are in the flesh cannot please God. It is as if people keep striving and pulling and trying to bring something to pass and, all the time it is coming from a carnal mind, instead of the mind of the Spirit. I love the fact that God the Holy Spirit is the Spirit of Truth. For many, many years, on five continents we had a radio programme where my husband preached the Word of God, called *The Way of Truth*. I love that name. As God is love, so the Holy Spirit is truth. He possesses; He reveals; He confirms; He leads into, He testifies to, and He defends the Truth.

In **1 John chapter 5**, in the Amplified, we read **verse 6 - This is He Who came by (with) water and blood [His baptism and His death].**

Jesus Christ (the Messiah) — not by (in) the water only, but by (in) the water and the blood, and it is the [Holy] Spirit Who bears witness, because the [Holy] Spirit is the Truth.

Now it is a very important thing to those of us who say, “Well, we know the Lord and yes, we know the working of the Holy Spirit in our lives,” to realize that Holy Spirit is very opposed to the spirit of error. In other words, the Holy Spirit, God, is the Spirit of Truth and He is opposed to the spirit of error.

I John 4 verse 6 tells us - **We are [children] of God. Whoever is learning to know God [progressively to perceive, recognize, and understand God by observation and experience, to get an ever-clearer knowledge of Him] listens to us; and he who is not of God does not know does not listen or pay attention to us. . . . This is what is being said, but notice this: . . . By this we know (recognize) the Spirit of Truth and the spirit of error.** One way, when with a group of people who all say they are born again, one can discern those who are really of the Lord is their attitude to the Word of God. A child of God, who has received God the Holy Spirit, automatically has a hunger for the Word of God, loves the Word of God, and is led by the Word of God. The Word of God is their delight, because the Word of God speaks of Jesus Christ. At the same time, there are those who do not recognize their need for this. So they will have a form of godliness; they have a religion; they go through many ceremonies; and they have

the pomp or the quietness of the situation, but they do not have the Spirit of Truth working in them. They settle down and do not recognize the spirit of error.

I cannot warn you enough to say we are in a very urgent hour for the Church of Jesus Christ to discern what is of the Spirit of Truth and what is the spirit of error. We are to separate ourselves from that which is of the spirit of error, because we will have an accountability before God, that we chose to follow the Spirit of Truth. Would you let God do radical surgery in your own life, in your own situation, that it is Jesus Christ, glorified by God the Holy Spirit — the Spirit of Truth who will have total control of you.

For His Name's sake. Amen.

