JOHN 15:26

26 BUT WHEN THE COMFORTER IS COME, WHOM I WILL SEND UNTO YOU FROM THE FATHER, EVEN THE SPIRIT OF TRUTH, WHICH PROCEEDETH FROM THE FATHER, HE SHALL TESTIFY OF ME:

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1. THE FEAR OF THE LORD:

(Awe or reverence for God)

- Prov 8:13-The fear of the LORD is to hate evil:
- Prov 16:6-and by the fear of the LORD men depart from evil.
- Without properly respecting God and His authority as sovereign Creator, one cannot start to grasp Godly knowledge.
- There are many skeptics, atheists and scholars who have read the Bible, cover to cover, but still do not understand it.

- Approaching the Bible with a prideful, Godrejecting attitude will lead nowhere.
- It takes a willingness to believe in God and humility to receive the spirit of Knowledge.
- Jesus said: "Take my yoke upon you, and learn of me; for I am meek and lowly in heart:" Matthew 11:29.

2. THE FEAR OF WISDOM

- WISDOM: (Good judgment, quick and sure decisions, prudence)
- Ps 111:10, Prov. 9:10-the fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom:
- Job 28:28- ...Behold, the fear of the Lord, that is wisdom;...

• How much do you value the Bible's wisdom over what the world says is "wise" and "the right thing to do"?

- The spirit of wisdom gives instruction for the responsibilities and duties of a child of God. It first appears in the book of Exodus, when God instructed Moses to start the Levitical priesthood, led by his brother Aaron, to carry out of all of the tabernacle sacrifices and worship.
- As High Priest, Aaron was permitted to enter the Holy of Holies in the tabernacle and commune in the presence of the Lord once a year. His priestly garments were divinely inspired: 2 And thou shalt make holy garments for Aaron thy brother for glory and for beauty. 3 And thou shalt speak unto all that are wise hearted, whom I have filled with the spirit of wisdom,

- The true Spirit of Wisdom allows us to live our lives for the Lord, understand His ways and not be distracted by the "wisdom" of the sinful world.
- There is no shortage of self-help books that offer "Steps to success" or a "Secret" or a "path" to all sorts of worldly gain and earthly success.
- if you want the spirit of wisdom, we need to seek it in God's commands and live them out.

3. THE SPIRIT OF KNOWLEDGE

- KNOWLEDGE: (Clear perception of a truth, fact or subject)
- Prov 1:7- The fear of the LORD is the beginning of knowledge:
- The Lord is a truly a "God of knowledge" and His knowledge is revealed to us in the Holy Scriptures.
 Knowing the Bible, understanding it and following it, it is the Spirit of knowledge.

- When King Solomon was beginning his reign and God offered to grant Solomon anything he asked for, the young King said: "Give me now wisdom and knowledge, that I may go out and come in before this people: for who can judge this thy people, that is so great?" (1 Chronicles 1:10).
- Solomon knew that it would be useless to try to rule over a nation without Godly knowledge. Only with the guidance of the Lord that comes from scripture could be successful.

- 4. THE SPIRIT OF UNDERSTANDING
- UNDERSTANDING: (The faculty of reasoning, discernment, intelligence, mental power to perceive, sympathetic)
- Job 28:28- ...and to depart from evil is understanding.
- Prov 9:10-...and the knowledge of the holy is understanding.

- 5. THE SPIRIT OF COUNSEL
- COUNSEL: (To give advice, to recommend as a course of action)
- Prov 8:14-Counsel is mine, and sound wisdom: I am understanding;
- Isa 9:6-and his name shall be called Wonderful, Counsellor,

 God's counsel will always stand and be true in the end. Why?

- Humans can make up all sorts of reasons to question God or plans to get around His will, but God knows the future.
- The Lord is guiding events to allow everyone a chance to be healed through Jesus Christ, even if it appears at that time that we are suffering or that "life is unfair."
- The book of Proverbs says: "There are many devices in a man's heart; nevertheless the counsel of the LORD, that shall stand."

6. THE SPIRIT OF MIGHT

- MIGHT: (Great strength, power, or force)
- Jer 32:18-19-the Great, the Mighty God, the LORD of hosts, is his name, 19 Great in counsel, and mighty in work:...
- Jesus Christ after His 40-day fast in the wilderness and overcoming the temptation of Satan, was prepared to start his earthly ministry. The Bible states that after Jesus resisted Satan's temptation in the wilderness:
- "Jesus returned in the power of the Spirit into Galilee."
 (Luke 4:14) Immediately afterwards He started His ministry, teaching, preaching and performing miracles

- Ah Lord GOD! behold, thou hast made the heaven and the earth by thy great power and stretched out arm, and there is nothing too hard for thee:
- Thou shewest lovingkindness unto thousands, and recompenses' the iniquity of the fathers into the bosom of their children after them:
- the Great, the Mighty God, the LORD of hosts, is his name, Great in counsel, and mighty in work: for thine eyes are open upon all the ways of the sons of men: to give every one according to his ways, and according to the fruit of his doings: Jer. 32:17-19

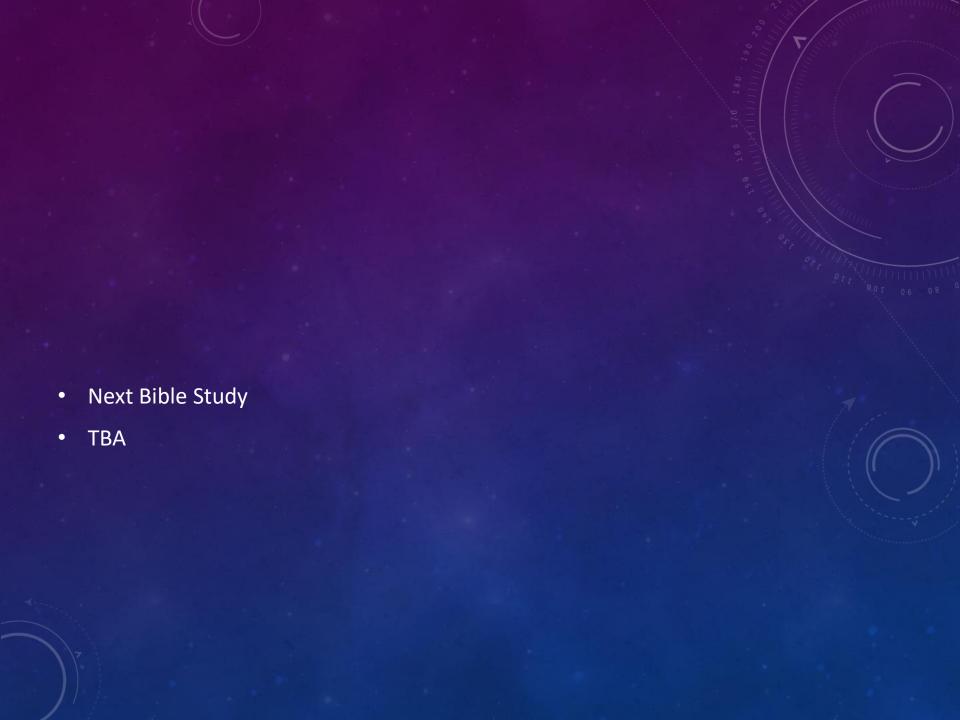
7. THE SPIRIT OF The Lord (TRUTH)

- TRUTH: (Agreement with reality; the eternal principle of right or the natural law of order, fidelity, constancy)
- John 16:13-Howbeit when he, the Spirit of truth, is come, he will guide you into all truth: for he shall not speak of himself; but whatsoever he shall hear, that shall he speak: and he will shew you things to come.
- The Spirit of Truth (the Holy Spirit) was made manifest after Jesus came to earth and then returned to heaven.

- Each time, God raised up a Judge, a spiritual leader from among the people who would defeat the enemy nation, save the Israelites and try to keep the nation in spiritual obedience to the Lord.
- And when it was time for battle, the Spirit came. In Judges
 3, where Othniel was the leader, we read: "And the Spirit
 of the LORD came upon him, and he judged Israel, and
 went out to war."
- In Judges 6, when the enemy nations pitched their tent for battle on Israel's borders, it states: 34But the Spirit of the LORD came upon Gideon, and he blew a trumpet;

- Is. 11:2 The Spirit of the Lord shall rest upon Him, The Spirit of wisdom and understanding, the Spirit of Counsel and Might the Spirit of Knowledge and the fear of the Lord.
- The Seven Spirits" (Attributes) are available to Christians to give us the ability to overcome all the trials and tribulations of the world.
- We have no need to use man's methods, traditions or philosophies to experience a victorious spirit-filled Christian life. (Col. 2:8 Acts 1:8)
- We have the Spirit of God, He gives us knowledge, power, might, counsel and understanding that is beyond our human capabilities

- The Seven Spirits of God represent both the Holy Spirit and the spiritual qualities that establish a godly person.
- Jesus Christ embodied all of these spirits perfectly
- By living a spirit-filled life with belief and faith in God and His counsel, Biblical knowledge and obedience from a respect and love for God, a Christian can grow and be a greater glory in this world to The Lord who made us all.



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