

Discovering Your Ministry Within The Kehilah: Living A Spirit-Filled Life Part 6

Let me quickly recap what we have learned in this series to date. In Part 1, we looked at who is the Ruach HaKodesh (the Holy Spirit). In Part 2, we explored the Ruach's involvement in creation and His ministry in the Tanakh.¹ In Part 3 we looked at the promise of the Father in Joel 2:28-29, identified three eras of the Ruach's ministry in the Brit Hadashah, and I also gave my personal experience in the period of the realization. In Part 4, we addressed the question of why did God send and what is the ministry of the Ruach in this period of the realization. Finally, in Part 5, we discussed when and how we are filled with the Ruach.

Assuming you have already prayed to Abba (My Father, Daddy) for the filling of the Ruach, I want us to look at cultivating our relationship with Him.

There are too many Spirit-filled believers who don't know what it's like to remain full of the Spirit of God by acknowledging Him and pursuing His ways daily. The Ruach is in them, but they don't let the evidence of it show up in their normal, day-to-day life. Just like we can fill a glass with water without filling it to full capacity, we may not yet be totally filled and have the evidence of His power in our lives.

It does not please God when people leave Him out of their daily lives and then follow religious formulas to try to appease Him. Instead, He wants us to live the Spirit-filled life of freedom, boldness and courage. Remember, it's not about religion, but a relationship with Yeshua through the indwelling of His Ruach.

How to Cultivate a Personal Relationship with the Ruach²

The prophet Amos asked, ***"Do two people travel together without having so agreed?"*** ~ Amos 3:3.

This is an obvious rhetorical question which says in the affirmative: *"For two to walk together voluntarily they must be at one with each other."* I want to explore how we can cultivate the Ruach's fellowship; how can we walk with Him day-by-day and hour-by-hour.

There are some of us who may not be ready for this lesson yet. You may not be ready because your concept of religion is social and not spiritual. The gospel of Yeshua is essentially spiritual and Messianic truth working upon human souls by the Ruach makes Messianic men and women spiritual.

But there are some who are prepared. They have seen heaven draw nearer and earth recede; the things of this world have become less and less attractive, and the things of heaven have begun to pull and pull as the moon pulls at the sea, and they are prepared now. So I am going to share with you these few little pointers to help you into a more productive walk with the Ruach.

¹ Remember to look at the Hebrew glossary page if you have forgotten the meaning of any Hebrew terms.

² Again, I am indebted to the work of A.W. Tozer for a series of his sermons published as "How to Be Filled with the Holy Spirit" for the foundation of this section.

1. **The Ruach is a living Person.** He is the third Person of the Trinity. He is Himself God, and as a Person, a relationship with Him can be cultivated; He can be wooed and cultivated the same as any person can be. People grow on us and the Ruach, being a Person, can grow on us as well to become our Friend.
2. **Be enthralled with Yeshua.** Honor Him. Yochanan said: ***"Now He said this about the Spirit, whom those who trusted in Him were to receive later - the Spirit had not yet been given, because Yeshua had not yet been glorified."*** (Yochanan 7:39) The Ruach was given when Yeshua was glorified. If you dedicate yourself to the glory of Yeshua, the Ruach will seek to know you and raise you and illumine you and fill you and bless you. Honoring Yeshua is doing the things which Yeshua told you to do, trusting Him as your All-in-All, following Him as your Shepherd, and obeying Him fully. To glorify Yeshua is the business of the Kehilah. To glorify Yeshua is the work of the Ruach. I can walk with Him when I am doing the same things He is doing, and go the same way He is going and travel at the same speed He is traveling. I must be enthralled with Yeshua. I must honor Him. ***"My Father will honor anyone who serves Me."*** (Yochanan 12:26). So let's honor the Lord Yeshua.
3. **Let's walk in righteousness.** The grace of God that brings salvation also teaches the heart that we should deny ungodliness and worldly lusts; live soberly, righteously and godly in this present world. Let's not make the mistake of thinking we can walk with the Ruach and go a wrong or a dirty or an unrighteous way, for how can two walk together except they be agreed? He is the Ruach HaKodesh! If I walk an unholy way, how can I fellowship with Him?
4. **Make your thoughts a clean sanctuary.** Our thoughts are the decorations inside the sanctuary where we live. If our thoughts are purified by the blood of Yeshua, we are living in a clean room no matter if we are wearing overalls covered with grease. Your thoughts pretty much decide the mood inside your heart. God considers your thoughts as part of you. Thoughts of peace, thoughts of pity, thoughts of mercy, thoughts of kindness, thoughts of charity, thoughts of God, thoughts of the Son of God - these are pure things, good things, and high things. Therefore, if you would cultivate the Spirit's acquaintance, you must get hold of your thoughts and not allow your mind to be a wilderness in which every kind of unclean beast roams and bird flies. In other words, get rid of your stinkin' thinkin'!
5. **Let us seek to know Him in the Word.** It is in the Word we will find the Ruach, for the Ruach wrote the Bible. He inspired it and He will be revealed in its pages. We are to come to the Bible and meditate. Let's practice the art of Biblical meditation.

So be a Bible meditator. I challenge you: Try it for a month and see how it works. Take a Bible, open it and get on your knees and say, *"Ruach, here I am. Begin to teach me."* He will begin to teach you, and He will teach you about Himself and about Yeshua and about God and about the Word and about life and death, heaven and hell, and about His own Presence.
6. **Cultivate the art of recognizing the presence of the Ruach everywhere.** Get acquainted with the Ruach and then begin to cultivate His presence. When you wake in the morning, in place of burying your head in the local newspaper, couldn't you get in just a few thoughts of God while you eat your breakfast?

Remember, cultivating the Ruach's acquaintance is a job. It is something you do, and yet it is so easy and delightful. So, get acquainted!

I urge you to let God work freely in every area of your life through the power of the Ruach. Say:
"God, I want to be filled with Your Ruach every day. Help me to live with the freedom, boldness and courage You give to me daily."

In our next posting we will begin to explore the gifts of the Ruach by looking at our *S.H.A.P.E.*.