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TOPIC: FIVE CHARACTERISTICS OF A DEPENDABLE
CHURCH LEADER AND WORKER

STUDY V: BEING FILLED WITH THE HOLY SPIRIT

TEXTS: JOHN 4:23-24, ROMANS 8:9-16

INTRODUCTION:

Having discussed FAAT (Faithfulness, ability, availability and teach-ability) in the last four studies, today we shall be studying about the Holy Spirit who is the power house of a dependable worker. The truth of the matter is that no child of God can be completely dependable without the help of the Holy Spirit. This is because without the Holy Spirit, no one has what it takes to serve God acceptably.

DISCUSSION ON THE HOLY SPIRIT:

- ❖ After salvation, the next thing every believer must crave for and appreciate the most is the in-filling of the Holy Spirit in their lives.
- ❖ The word “worship” in John 4:23-24 does not refer to singing in reference to God but it actually captures everything we do which brings pleasure to God with our services inclusive. The Lord is looking for people who will serve Him under the influence of the Holy Spirit. This is the only service that is pleasing and acceptable to Him.
- ❖ The Holy Spirit is the God that works in us to will and to do of His good pleasure - Philippians 2:13.
- ❖ It is through the Holy Spirit that God quickens us per time to do His will (Romans 8:11). Therefore, a worker without the Spirit lacks the capacity to be dependable for divine use.
- ❖ Any leader or worker that will be dependable must both live and walk in the Spirit - Galatians 5:25. To live in the Spirit is to be filled with the Spirit which happens at Holy Ghost baptism, but to walk in the Spirit is to think, speak, act and react daily according to the leading of the Holy Spirit. The easiest way to walk in the Spirit is to follow God’s word. Jesus said that His words are Spirit (John 6:63) so, to walk in the Spirit is to walk in the word. The Word of God is the voice of the Spirit. You can never live in the Holy Spirit if you’re not following the Word. A worker that is not living according to the Word is neither predictable nor dependable.
- ❖ Learn to engage the Holy Spirit in every assignment at your disposal. Don’t ever engage in any assignment for God without talking to the Holy Spirit about it. This is because your sufficiency, effectiveness and dependability are not of you but of Him - 2 Corinthians 3:5.

- ❖ As a church leader or worker, do a lot of praying in tongues daily. This will build your spiritual muscles and tune you to the Spirit's frequency at all times.

CONCLUSION:

God needs leaders and workers who can be counted upon anytime, any day. He needs workers who will be like Him, be present and ready to deliver when needed. To be this kind of worker that God, your leaders and the church can depend on, you must be faithful, able, available, teachable and filled with the Holy Spirit.