

3 You can be empowered by the Holy Spirit

The Spirit-empowered life is the Christ-directed life by which Christ lives His life in and through you. You can be filled with (directed and empowered by) the Holy Spirit only by faith, by trusting God to produce in you the fruitful life He promised.

You can be empowered by the Spirit if you:

Confess

Confess all known sin (Psalm 66:18). *Why do you think it is important to confess all known sin in order to be empowered by the Spirit?*

Surrender

Surrender control of every area of your life to Christ (Romans 6:12,13). *What is an area of your life that would be difficult to surrender?*

When you are willing to confess your sins and surrender your life to Christ, you're ready for the next step.

Trust

Trust the Holy Spirit to fill you in response to God's command and promise.

1. God has **commanded** you to be filled with His Spirit.

"Don't drink too much wine, for many evils lie along that path; be filled instead with the Holy Spirit, and controlled by Him."
— Ephesians 5:18

2. God has **promised** to answer your requests which are in accord with His will.

"And this is the confidence which we have before Him, that if we ask anything according to His will, He hears us. And if we know that He hears us in whatever we ask, we know that we have the requests which we have asked from Him." — 1 John 5:14,15

You can be filled with the Holy Spirit by faith alone. This prayer is a good way to express that faith:

"Dear Lord, I know that I've been directing my own life, and I've sinned against You. Thank You, Lord Jesus, for forgiving my sins through Your death on the cross. I now invite You to take Your place on the throne of my life. Fill me with Your Holy Spirit as You commanded me to be filled, and as You promised that You would do if I asked in faith. As an expression of my faith, I now thank You for empowering my life and for filling me with the Holy Spirit."

Does this prayer express the desire of your heart?



KEY QUESTION

What do you think would happen if you prayed this prayer right now?

If this is the desire of your heart, you can pray this prayer right now and be filled with the Holy Spirit.