



**Sermon Outline**  
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## **The Gift That Keeps On Giving!**

*Everywhere I go, I find that God's people lack something. They are hungry for something. Their Christian experience is not all that they had expected, and they often have recurring defeat in their lives. Christians today are hungry for spiritual fulfillment. The desperate need of the nation today is that men and women who profess Jesus be filled with the Holy Spirit. – Billy Graham*

**The Holy Spirit is God's \_\_\_\_\_ to you.**

**John 16:7** - But very truly I tell you, it is for your good that I am going away. Unless I go away, the Advocate will not come to you; but if I go, I will send him to you.

**Acts 1:4** - On one occasion, while he was eating with them, he gave them this command: "Do not leave Jerusalem, but **wait for the gift my Father promised**, which you have heard me speak about."

**Acts 2:38** - Peter replied, "Repent and be baptized, every one of you, in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins. And you will receive **the gift of the Holy Spirit.**"

**\* Rather than viewing the Holy Spirit as a gift, some people view the Spirit like a \_\_\_\_\_.**

**The Holy Spirit is your \_\_\_\_\_.**

**\* The Greek word - παράκλητος or paraklētos literally means: "One who is called alongside \_\_\_\_\_."**

**\* Different translations include: Advocate, Counselor, \_\_\_\_\_ and Comforter, because the word carries all of these ideas at once.**

**The Holy Spirit helps you by providing:**

**1. A growing \_\_\_\_\_ to know God and obey Him.**

*\* When you start wanting God more than you used to, that's not natural, that's spiritual.*

**2. Sensitivity to \_\_\_\_\_ through conviction.**

*\* You notice sin bothers you more; you feel prompted to repent; your conscience is more alive.*

**3. Inner \_\_\_\_\_ and guidance.**

*\* You sense nudges to act, direction in decisions, warnings when something is off.*

**4. Power to change, producing \_\_\_\_\_ over time.**

*\* Areas where you once felt stuck begin to shift. Habits begin to break. New patterns emerge.*

**5. A growing awareness of God's \_\_\_\_\_, providing peace even in the middle of chaos.**

*\* You begin to recognize God at work, feel less alone, sense His nearness.*

**\* Our interaction with the Spirit will break down if we:**

**1. \_\_\_\_\_ the Spirit – 1 Thessalonians 5:19**

*\* The Spirit is working—but we suppress or ignore Him.*

**2. \_\_\_\_\_ the Spirit – Acts 7:51**

*\* To actively oppose or push back against God's work.*

**3. \_\_\_\_\_ the Spirit – Ephesians 4:30**

*\* We grieve the Spirit when we choose sin over relationship.*

**\* You don't control the Holy Spirit. You're supposed to allow the Holy Spirit to \_\_\_\_\_.**