

## **“Learning To Be A Servant”**

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### **I. Introduction:**

**A.) Opening:** Many times there is more to a situation than that which first meets the eye. We have been talking about you and I as Christians stepping out of our comfort zone. Today I want to look at what it means to be **“Spirit Filled.”** As “Spirit filled” Christians we immediately think of the “gifts” and “miracles” and the power of the Holy Spirit etc. **But is there more? Today I believe that the Lord would have us to focus on the partnership between us and the Holy Spirit and the growth that takes place as we join Him in what He is doing! You see I believe that when it comes to being Spirit filled we are saying among other things that the Holy Spirit is active in our lives. He is speaking to us, leading and guiding us, as well as convicting us of sin when necessary. John 16:8-14.** (The apple: Is a product of the Apple tree which takes from planting to producing approximately 5-6 years to produce. Something of note, the harsher the winter the sweeter the apple.)

**B.) \*Matthew 25:31-46** <sup>1</sup> **“When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, he will sit on his glorious throne. <sup>32</sup> All the nations will be gathered before him, and he will separate the people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats. <sup>33</sup> He will put the sheep on his right and the goats on his left. <sup>34</sup> “Then the King will say to those on his right, ‘Come, you who are blessed by my Father; take your inheritance, the kingdom prepared for you since the creation of the world. <sup>35</sup> For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you invited me in, <sup>36</sup> I**

needed clothes and you clothed me, I was sick and you looked after me, I was in prison and you came to visit me.’<sup>37</sup> “Then the righteous will answer him, **‘Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you, or thirsty and give you something to drink? <sup>38</sup>When did we see you a stranger and invite you in, or needing clothes and clothe you? <sup>39</sup>When did we see you sick or in prison and go to visit you?’**<sup>40</sup> “The King will reply, **‘Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me.’**<sup>41</sup> “Then he will say to those on his left, ‘Depart from me, you who are cursed, into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels. <sup>42</sup>For I was hungry and you gave me nothing to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me nothing to drink, <sup>43</sup>I was a stranger and you did not invite me in, I needed clothes and you did not clothe me, I was sick and in prison and you did not look after me.’<sup>44</sup> “They also will answer, **‘Lord, when did we see you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or needing clothes or sick or in prison, and did not help you?’**<sup>45</sup> “He will reply, **‘Truly I tell you, whatever you did not do for one of the least of these, you did not do for me.’**<sup>46</sup> “Then they will go away to eternal punishment, but the righteous to eternal life.”

- **Two Points here: Vs. 32 “All nations will be gathered before Him, and He will separate them one from another, as a shepherd divides his sheep from the goats.”** (In the Jewish culture sheep are more valuable than goats, and we can see where Moses, David etc. were shepherds of sheep. God refers to His people as

“sheep.” You could say that this picture of Jesus gathering the nations is one of which can be described as the believers and unbelievers. Also I want to point out that works are not tied to salvation but James says **“faith without works is dead.”** James 2:14)

- Vs 37 “Then the righteous will answer Him saying, ‘Lord, when did we see You hungry and feed You, or thirsty and give you drink? **“When did we** see You a stranger and take You in, or naked and clothe You? Or **when did we** see You sick, or in prison, and come to You? “And the King will answer and say to them, ‘Assuredly, I say to you, inasmuch as you did it to one of the least of these My brethren, you did it to Me.” (It seems that the “righteous” were not aware of the fact that they were ministering to Jesus but rather were simply organically functioning as the body of Christ.” (Out of you will flow rivers of living water...” John 7:37-38. This passage is referring to the “Baptism of the Holy Spirit.”)

## **II. \*The Holy Spirit Leads us from being Self Centered To God Centered.**

**A.)** Note: The trouble with marriage initially. Two single people learning to live as a couple, unit, one. We still want to live as a single person, do our own thing etc. but also be married. As baby Christians we sometimes think that God tells us to do something and then we go and do it. As though we are on our own. **\*A servant in the world is told to do something and you do it, in God’s Kingdom; God works through His People.”** When God calls us into His family He calls us into a

relationship with Him where we are no longer operating on our own.

B.) \*John 15:5-8 <sup>5</sup>“I am the vine; you are the branches. If you remain in me and I in you, you will bear much fruit; **apart from me you can do nothing.** <sup>6</sup> If you do not remain in me, you are like a branch that is thrown away and withers; such branches are picked up, thrown into the fire and burned. <sup>7</sup> If you remain in me and my words remain in you, ask whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. <sup>8</sup> This is to my Father’s glory, that you bear much fruit, showing yourselves to be my disciples.” (What is this fruit?)

C.) \*Galatians 5:18,22-23 Galatians 5:18 **But if you are led by the Spirit, you are not under the law.** <sup>22</sup> But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, forbearance, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, <sup>23</sup> gentleness and self-control. Against such things there is no law. **(Fruit is cultivated but gifts are given!)** (Being led by the Spirit again an indication of partnership between the believer and the Holy Spirit. As I am being led by the Holy Spirit then the fruit of the Spirit begins to be realized through growth and maturity. (The Apple) This fruit is the nature of Christ. It is not the **fruits** of the Spirit. The more mature I become the effects of the Holy Spirit’s life in me becomes more organic, natural, and I find myself doing things saying things that I do not give a second thought to.)

III. Conclusion:

A.) **\*Being Spirit filled means Being Spirit Led.\***

- B.) \* **Apart from Him we can do nothing...** As a servant of God, God is inviting me to be a part of what He is doing. This invitation is a result of an intimate relationship with Him. He is choosing to work through me!
- C.) \***Being Spirit led produces the Fruit of the Spirit in our lives, and in this God is Glorified.**
- \*indicates what is needed for power point.