

- 1  **LISTENING TO THE HOLY SPIRIT**
- 2  **Many modern ideas about the Holy Spirit's communication with us today**
 - Things you might hear people say:
 - “The Lord laid on my heart”
 - “I said ... but the Lord told me ...”
 - “I just go where the Spirit leads me”
- 3  **How Does the Holy Spirit Communicate?**
 - Jesus' promise to the apostles –
 - John 14:25-26 bring remembrance, teach
 - John 16:13-15 hear, speak, declare
 - Luke 12:11-12 teach what to say
 - Holy Spirit taught in words
 - I Corinthians 2:12-13
 - Ephesians 6:17
 - Sword of the Spirit = the word of God
- 4  **Emphasis on Clear Understanding**
 - I Corinthians 14
 - Information being given by the Holy Spirit in portions – prior to completion of the N.T.
 - Some given in a “tongue” or language unfamiliar to the audience
 - If no interpreter they should be silent. :27-28
 - Why? “Let all things be done unto edifying” :26
 - Better to speak 5 words with understanding than 10,000 words in a tongue.
- 5  **The Written Word**
 - I Corinthians 13:8-10
 - Know in part, prophesy in part
 - When that which is perfect comes – part done away
 - Jude 3
 - The faith once delivered to the saints
 - II Peter 1:3
 - He has given us all things pertaining to life and godliness
- 6  **THE BIBLE:**
The Holy Spirit Speaking to You
 - Not a vague feeling or emotion
 - Explicit Words
 - Available 24/7
 - Living and Active – Hebrews 4:12
- 7  **“The sword of the Spirit which is the word of God” – Eph. 6:17**
 - Spirit gives life - word gives life
 - John 6:63; Psalm 119:93
 - Spirit produces new birth; born of the word
 - Titus 3:5; I Peter 1:22-23
 - Spirit Convicts man – man convicted by the word
 - John 16:7-8; Acts 2:1-4, 36-37
 - Spirit Cleanses – clean because of word
 - I Corinthians 6:11; John 15:3
- 8  **“The sword of the Spirit which is the word of God” – Eph. 6:17**
 - Saved by the Spirit – saved by the word
 - Titus 3:5; Romans 1:16; James 1:21
 - Sanctified by the Spirit – sanctified by word
 - Romans 15:16; John 17:17

- Spirit brings liberty – perfect law of liberty
 - II Cor. 3:17; James 1:25; John 8:31-32
- Spirit provides comfort – comfort of the scriptures
 - Acts 9:31; Romans 15:4
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- 9  **“The sword of the Spirit which is the word of God” – Eph. 6:17**
 - Spirit bears fruit – word bears fruit
 - Galatians 5:22-23; Colossians 1:5-6
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- 10  **Is someone Hearing Words in addition to the Bible?**
 - If so, shouldn't they be taken as inspired words?
 - Willing to add them to the Bible?
 - Caution: II John 9; Revelation 22:18-19
 - Apostles demonstrated objective proofs of their inspiration
 - John 15:26-27; Hebrews 2:3-4
 - I Corinthians 2:1-4
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- 11  **Receive The Word
(listen to the Holy Spirit)**
 - James 1:21:
 - “Wherefore putting away all filthiness and overflowing of wickedness, receive with meekness the implanted word which is able to save your souls.”
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