



# GOD IN YOU

## **The Presence of the Holy Spirit**

"For as many as are led by the Spirit of God, they are the sons of God...ye have received the Spirit..." (Romans 8:14-15).

### **1. Spiritual Discernment (1 Corinthians 2)**

- a. Unbelievers have no discernment into spiritual things
- b. Immature believers have limited discernment into spiritual things
  - i. The question of academics
  - ii. The question of assistance
  - iii. The question of associates
- c. Mature believers have unlimited discernment opportunity
  - i. The parameters of discernment (John 16:13)
  - ii. The process of discernment (1 John 2:20, 27)
    - Anointing of the Holy Spirit
    - Warning from the Holy Spirit
  - iii. The power of discernment (John 14:26)
    - Expose
    - Establish
    - Experience

### **2. Spiritual Dependence**

- a. He gives you power to walk the walk (2 Timothy 1:7)
  - i. Because the expectations are demanding
    - Walk in good works (Ephesians 2:10)
    - Walk honestly (Romans 13:13)
    - Walk by faith (2 Corinthians 5:7)



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- Walk in love (Ephesians 5:2)
- Walk as children of light (Ephesians 5:8)
- Walk worthy of the Lord (Colossians 1:10)
- Walk as Christ walked (1 John 2:6)
- Walk worthy of our vocation (Ephesians 4:1)

ii. Because the enemy is determined

- It is a spiritual battle (Ephesians 6:12)
- It is a serious battle (Jude 9, 1 Peter 5:8)
- It is a sifting battle (Luke 22:31-32)
- It is a scheming battle (Rev. 12:9, 2 Cor. 2:11)

iii. Because the flesh is destructive (Galatians 5:16-17)

- The instinct of our habits (see v. 19-21)
- The influence of our culture
- The incompatibility of our lifestyle
- The irresponsibility of our lives

b. He gives you perspective to see

- i. Seeing God's plan (Stephen – Acts 7:55-56)
- ii. Seeing God's resources (Elisha – 2 Kings 6:15-17)

**3. Spiritual Direction**

- a. We must follow the Spirit's leadership (Romans 8:14)
- b. We must rely on the Spirit's leadership (Psalm 142:3)