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Fellowship with the Father  
Prayer: The Spirit of the Truth

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## The Spirit of the Truth

The unique secret of the life in Christ is the exchanged life. We shouldn't be living our lives, He should be living His life through us. Luke 9:23; Gal. 2:20

- **John 14:12** – Jesus working through us
  - 2 Cor. 3:5 – nothing coming from us!
  - – borrowed activity
- **John 14:13** – “ask in My name”
  - “Whatever you need to carry out My Father’s will – to bring glory to His Name – you have My authority, just ask for it and it will be done by Me.”
  - – borrowed authority
- **John 14:15-17** – The Promised Helper – borrowed deity
  - Comfort that strengthens! 2 Tim. 1:7 & Eph. 3:16
  - I am sending you out on a very hard task, in fact, one that is impossible in your own strength – to make disciples and to feed My sheep. But I have given you Someone, the *parakletos* – the Comforter, and He will guide you as to what to do, and teach you how to do it, and be your only source of strength to stay the course. Now GO!

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John 14:15-17 – The Promised Helper

*Knowledge is a deadly friend  
When no one sets the rules,  
The fate of all mankind I see  
Is in the hands of fools.  
Confusion will be my epitaph  
As I crawl a cracked and broken path.*

(from Anthem by King Crimson, lyrics 1969 by Peter Sinfield)

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John 14:15-17 – The Promised Helper

1. **Truth Source #1: The Living Word** (The Son).
  - John 18:37,38 – “What is truth?”
  - John 14:6 – “I am the Truth”
  - John 1:1 – “In the beginning was the Word”
  - Hebrews 13:8 – Jesus is Truth
  - “The words why, when, where, and how are all words of the faithless. The only word spoken by a man or woman of faith is ‘Who.’ And the ‘Who’ will lead you to Him.” (Dietrich Bonhoeffer)
2. **Truth Source #2: The Written Word**
  - Romans 10:17 – “faith comes from hearing”
  - Romans 17:17 – “Thy word is truth”
  - 2 Timothy 2:15 – “the word of truth”
  - 2 Timothy 3:16 – “all scripture”
    - “I believe that the Bible is completely, entirely and verbally the word of God. I refuse to stand above and criticize it. I insist rather, on standing below it and letting it criticize me.” (Damned Through The Church by John Warwick Montgomery – holds nine earned degrees in philosophy, theology, and law, and is the author of over forty books.)

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3. **Truth Source #3: The Spirit of Truth**
  - John 14:17 and 15:26 – “the Spirit of truth”
  - Literally, “the Spirit of the truth”
  - 1 John 5:7 – “the Spirit is the truth”
  - The second role of the Spirit in our lives is to guide us into truth!
    - John 16:13 – “He will guide you into all truth”
    - 1 John 2:27 – “His anointing teaches you”
  - As the Spirit illuminates truth, we must actively integrate it into our lives, or we risk the horrible reality of stagnation and spiritual atrophy
    - John 8:31-32 – “the truth will make us free”
    - “know” – this can only be through the illumination of the Spirit.
    - We must know, before we can stand on it! (Romans 6)
    - Ephesians 1:17-19 – “that you may know”

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THE THREEFOLD NATURE  
OF MAN

1 THESS. 5:23      HEB. 4:11

- **The mind** – Truth from the written Word
- **The emotions** – Truth from the Living Word
- **The will** – Truth from the Spirit of truth

## The Spirit of the Truth

- We are swimming in a sea of moral relativism, and without the solid rock of truth, we are destined to drift in and out of man's opinions and lies, without any hope of experiencing life, especially life abundant!
- Are you living in the Spirit, with His truth constantly guiding you?
- Are you God-centered or self-centered?
- Have you given complete and absolute reign of the Spirit of Truth in your life?

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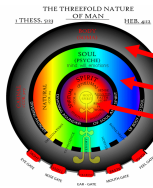
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## Prayer: In Jesus' Name

The Pattern of Prayer: Luke 11:2-4

- Father!
- Holy is Your Name!
- Your Kingdom come!



- Daily bread (v. 3)
- Forgiveness (v. 4a)
- Temptation (v. 4b)