

THE 5/20 PROJECT

For God so Loved He Gave...

Kingdom Principles 103

This 5/20 teaching should be considered a “recalculating teaching” — fitting powerfully with activating people to The 5/20 Project, because it shifts believers from chasing feelings to walking in yielded obedience in everyday life, in real time.

Holy Spirit Doesn't Visit — He Dwells

SECTION 1 — The Language Problem

Key Point: The way we talk about Holy Spirit shapes how people experience Him.

Proverbs 18:21

Our words carry life or death — what we speak shapes outcomes.

Mark 7:13

Religious language and traditions can cancel out what God actually said.

Common phrases:

- “We need to invite the Holy Spirit.”
- “We need to set the atmosphere so He can move.”

This language subtly teaches believers that:

• Holy Spirit comes and goes

Psalm 139:7–8

There is nowhere we can go where God's Spirit is not already present.

• His presence depends on music, method, or emotional intensity

John 4:23–24

True worship isn't about a place or method — it's about engaging God from the spirit in truth.

• God responds to emotional hype

1 Kings 19:11–12

God was not in the dramatic displays, but in the quiet, gentle whisper.

Result:

People feel God in church... but not at home... so they might try to recreate an atmosphere with candles or music to help capture a sense of His continued presence. .

This turns Holy Spirit into an emotional event instead of an indwelling Person.

Romans 8:9

If you belong to Christ, God's Spirit lives in you.

SECTION 2 — What Jesus Actually Said About Holy Spirit

Jesus never described Holy Spirit as an emotional surge. He called Him:

Helper — John 14:16

Jesus said the Father would send another Helper to be with believers forever.

Comforter / Advocate — John 14:26

Holy Spirit teaches us and reminds us of what Jesus said.

Spirit of Truth — John 16:13

He guides believers into truth and reveals what comes from God.

The Spirit's work is to:

- Teach you — *John 14:26* (He instructs and brings understanding)
- Remind you of truth — *John 14:26* (He brings Jesus' words back to mind)
- Guide you into truth — *John 16:13* (He leads step by step into what is true)
- Convict — *John 16:8* (He exposes sin and reveals righteousness)
- Empower obedience — *Ezekiel 36:27* (God's Spirit moves us to follow His ways)
- Glorify Christ — *John 16:14* (His work always points back to Jesus)

Main Truth:

Holy Spirit's primary work is not to heighten emotion — but to form Christ in you.

Galatians 4:19

Paul describes spiritual growth as Christ being formed in believers.

2 Corinthians 3:18

Holy Spirit gradually transforms us to reflect Jesus more and more.

SECTION 3 — Holy Spirit Does Not Visit Believers

Scripture is clear: **Holy Spirit does not visit believers. He dwells in them.**

1 Corinthians 6:19

Your body is a temple where Holy Spirit lives.

Romans 8:11

The same Spirit who raised Jesus now lives in you and gives life.

2 Timothy 1:14

Holy Spirit lives within us and helps guard what God has given.

He is not an occasional guest. He is a permanent indwelling presence.

John 14:17

Jesus said the Spirit would live with believers and be in them.

So, if you don't feel Him:

- **It is not because He left**

Hebrews 13:5

God promises He will never leave or abandon His people.

- **It is often because of our resistance**

Acts 7:51

People can resist the Holy Spirit's work in their hearts.

SECTION 4 — The Real Issue Is Not God — It's Us

The Bible never tells believers to "invite" the Spirit. It says:

Do not grieve the Spirit — Ephesians 4:30

Our attitudes and actions can deeply sadden the Spirit within us.

Do not quench the Spirit — 1 Thessalonians 5:19

We can suppress or ignore what the Spirit is trying to do.

Be filled with the Spirit — Ephesians 5:18

We are told to live under the Spirit's influence and control.

Key Distinction:

You don't get more of the Spirit — Colossians 2:10

In Christ, believers have already been made complete.

The Spirit gets more of you — Romans 12:1

We offer ourselves fully to God as an act of worship.

This is not about quantity but yielding — James 4:7–8

As we submit to God and draw near to Him, we experience His nearness.

SECTION 5 — What Resistance Looks Like

Resistance isn't about music, method or atmosphere. It's internal:

- Pride — *James 4:6* (God opposes the proud but gives grace to the humble)
- Control — *Proverbs 3:5–6* (Trust God instead of leaning on your own understanding)
- Fear — *2 Timothy 1:7* (God gives power, love, and self-control, not fear)
- Bitterness — *Hebrews 12:15* (Bitterness spreads and causes spiritual harm)
- Distraction — *Luke 10:41–42* (Busyness can pull us away from what matters most)
- Self-protection — *Luke 9:23* (Following Jesus means laying down self first)

These are the walls that limit Holy Spirit's influence in our lives.

Isaiah 59:1–2

Sin (Missing the mark) creates a barrier that blocks our experience of God's closeness.

Holy Spirit is:

Already present — *1 Corinthians 6:19* (He lives in you)

Already speaking — *Revelation 2:7* (The Spirit speaks to those who will listen)

Already leading — *Romans 8:14* (God's children are led by His Spirit)

Already working — *Philippians 2:13* (God works in you to will and to act)

We just resist.

Galatians 5:17

The desires of the flesh and the Spirit pull in opposite directions.

SECTION 6 — Reframing Worship, Prayer, and Repentance

Misunderstanding	Truth	Scripture	Paraphrased Meaning
Worship brings God down	Worship aligns us with God	Psalms 22:3	God is enthroned in the praises of His people — worship centers us on Him
		Hebrews 12:28	We worship God with reverence because we've received His kingdom
Prayer activates His presence	Prayer yields us to His will	1 John 5:14	Confidence in prayer comes from asking according to His will
		Luke 22:42	Jesus modeled surrender: "Not my will, but Yours"
Repentance invites Him in	Repentance removes resistance	Acts 3:19	Repentance brings refreshing from the Lord
		2 Corinthians 7:10	Godly sorrow leads to true repentance and life

ACTIVATION FOR THE 5/20 PROJECT

This prepares believers for **real-time compassion**, because 5/20 giving is not emotional hype — it is Spirit-led obedience in everyday life.

Galatians 5:25

Since we live by the Spirit, we should keep in step with Him.

James 1:22

Don't just hear God's Word — put it into practice.

Luke 10:33–34

The Samaritan saw a need and acted with compassion immediately.

When people think the Spirit only moves in “atmosphere,” they miss Him in daily life.

But when they know He dwells in them, they recognize His promptings anywhere.

Acts 3:6–8

God worked through Peter in an ordinary public place, not a church service.

ACTIVATION STATEMENT

You don't need to invite the Spirit to move.

You need to stop resisting when He nudges you to love someone.

Romans 8:14

Those led by the Spirit are living as God's children.

CLOSING ACTIVATION PRAYER SCRIPTURES

1 Corinthians 3:16 — You are God's temple and His Spirit lives in you.

Psalms 139:23–24 — Ask God to search your heart and reveal anything that's not aligned with Him.

Romans 6:13 — Offer yourself to God as someone alive from the dead.

Ephesians 2:10 — God prepared good works in advance for you to walk in.

Joshua 1:9 — Be strong and courageous because the Lord is with you.

Galatians 4:19 — God's goal is Christ formed in you.

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