

Seven Spirits of Revelation 5-day Devotional (week 4)

Day 1: The Spirit of Counsel

Reading: Isaiah 11:1-5, John 14:15-26

Devotional: The Spirit of Counsel is one of the seven aspects of the Holy Spirit mentioned in Revelation. As we read in Isaiah, this Spirit rested upon Jesus, equipping Him with divine wisdom and understanding. In John's Gospel, Jesus promises us this same Counselor - the Holy Spirit - to guide and teach us.

Today, reflect on how the Holy Spirit has guided you in the past. Have there been moments when you felt a clear direction or conviction? How can you become more attuned to the Spirit's counsel in your daily life? Remember, God's wisdom is available to us through His Word and His Spirit. Pray for an increased sensitivity to the Holy Spirit's guidance in your decision-making.

Day 2: God's Unchanging Counsel

Reading: Psalm 33:1-22, Hebrews 13:5-8

Devotional: In a world of constantly changing opinions and advice, God's counsel stands firm forever. The Psalmist reminds us that the Lord's plans endure through all generations. This consistency is a source of great comfort and stability for believers.

Consider areas in your life where you've been seeking direction. How might God's unchanging nature inform your approach to these situations? Remember that while circumstances and cultural norms may shift, God's wisdom remains constant. Take time to meditate on a promise from Scripture that speaks to your current situation, trusting in the enduring nature of God's counsel.

Day 3: Led by the Spirit

Reading: Romans 8:12-17, Galatians 5:16-25

Devotional: As children of God, we are called to be led by the Spirit. This guidance goes beyond mere decision-making; it's about aligning our entire lives with God's will. Paul contrasts the life led by the

Spirit with one controlled by sinful nature, showing us the transformative power of following God's counsel.

Examine your life today. Are there areas where you're resisting the Spirit's leading? What might it look like to fully surrender these to God? Ask the Holy Spirit to reveal any attitudes or actions that are not in line with God's will, and pray for the strength to walk in step with the Spirit.

Day 4: Wisdom in Community

Reading: Proverbs 11:14, 15:22, Acts 15:1-29

Devotional: While the Holy Spirit guides us individually, God often speaks through the counsel of godly community. The book of Proverbs repeatedly emphasizes the value of many advisors, and we see this principle at work in the early church as they sought God's will together.

Reflect on your spiritual community. Do you have mature believers in your life whom you can turn to for godly advice? If not, how can you cultivate such relationships? Remember, seeking counsel from others doesn't replace direct communion with God, but it can be a powerful tool for discernment. Consider a decision you're facing and commit to seeking both divine and godly human counsel.

Day 5: Counsel in Times of Trial

Reading: James 1:2-8, Psalm 32:8-11

Devotional: Trials often drive us to seek counsel more earnestly. James encourages us to view these challenges as opportunities for growth, promising that God will generously give wisdom to all who ask. The Psalmist assures us of God's guidance and instruction, even in difficult times.

Think about a trial you're currently facing. Have you earnestly sought God's wisdom in this situation? Sometimes, our own desires or fears can cloud our ability to hear God's counsel. Take time to quiet your heart before the Lord, asking Him to speak clearly into your circumstances. Trust that He will instruct you and guide you along the best pathway for your life.