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## **Monday**

John 16:7 "But I tell you the truth, it is to your advantage that I go away; for if I do not go away, the Helper will not come to you; but if I go, I will send Him to you."

God always keeps His promises. Abraham can testify, so can David. Mary can testify, so can Anna. When God makes a pledge the outcome is sure. He cannot lie. God's promise of the Holy Spirit is a sure pledge. His presence to guide you, direct you, and comfort you is sure. He not only lives among us, God's Spirit is within those who have received Jesus as Savior and Lord. He will illuminate God's Word and show you how to apply it to your life. He will stand with you bringing comfort in need, strength in troubled times, and wisdom in uncertainty. The promise of God's Spirit is as sure today as on the day of Pentecost.

## **Tuesday**

Acts 1:8 but you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and *you shall be My witnesses* both in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and even to the remotest part of the earth."

The Holy Spirit brings purpose to your life. "*When* the Holy Spirit comes upon you, *you shall be* my witnesses." God's purpose of missional living is for every believer. Sharing the grace of God by telling the story of Jesus is your calling. Living out the grace of Jesus is your vocation. Missional living is not for 'professional missionaries', but for every believer who walks by the Spirit of God. What is your purpose? To share Jesus in word and deed. Who will empower you for that purpose? The Holy Spirit of God.

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The Christian life is not hard — it is impossible! No one can live out the principles and purpose of God. We cannot keep His commands; we cannot fathom the depths of His plans. BUT THE HOLY SPIRIT CAN! And God has sent His Holy Spirit to dwell within you. The Christian life is a life lived by supernatural power. That power comes from the Spirit of God and that power is available to everyone who believes and follows Jesus. He is the power to overcome adversity, to share effectively, to live victoriously. Praise God for the gift of His Holy Spirit.

## **Thursday**

John 16:13 "But when He, the Spirit of truth, comes, He will guide you into all the truth; for He will not speak on His own initiative, but whatever He hears, He will speak; and He will disclose to you what is to come.

How does the Spirit guide you into truth? He does so through the word of God. As you read and study God's word the Holy Spirit will enlighten you to the precepts and principles of God. In His word you will find direct instruction and prohibition. God's Spirit does not enlighten apart from His word but He enlightens His word and makes application of it to your situation. He allows you to understand it and employ it. Depend upon God's Spirit by finding direction in God's word.

## **Friday**

John 14:16 "I will ask the Father, and He will give you another Helper, that He may be with you forever;"

Helper, advocate, and comforter: all of these descriptions are used of the Holy Spirit. He is said to stand beside us, to reside in us, to guide us. He is the presence of Jesus in our lives. He gifts us for service and grants to us understanding. He is God as surely as are the Father and the Son. Do not fear the Spirit of God, but depend upon Him and trust that He is with you. He makes the presence of Jesus real to you.