

WORSHIP ON WEDNESDAY (WOW)
 FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH
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HOW TO YIELD TO HOLY SPIRIT

Yielding to the Holy Spirit is a matter of our own will. What qualifies us is when we yield our ability to the spirit of God to be used as His instrument. When you are an instrument of God it is He who is playing you. You will sound like you no matter who playing you. Whether your sound is pleasant not it will depend on who is playing you. If your flesh is playing you, you sound like flesh, if the devil or one of his demons, is playing you, you will sound dark and demonic, mean, hard and angry. If Holy Spirit is playing you, you will sound like Heaven.

'That means you must not give sin a vote in the way you conduct your lives. Don't give it the time of day. Don't even run little errands that are connected with that old way of life. Throw yourselves wholeheartedly and full-time—remember, you've been raised from the dead! —into God's way of doing things. Sin can't tell you how to live.' Rm 6:12-13.

A. How do I yield to Holy Spirit?

You practice. A lifetime of practice is what makes you and keeps you yielded to Holy Spirit. You start by saying it, by confessing it, by praying it. Father, I yield myself to your Spirit. I yield my body, my instrument to you, to be played by you. Then after you have made your decision, you do it. You stop playing yourself, and you let Him play you. It will take a lifetime of practice to become yielded continually, and you will have to stay yielded to His Spirit, which means a prayer life that keeps you in constant communication and communion with Holy Spirit. If you do not consciously and purposely spend time with Holy Spirit, you can never learn to listen, hear, and obey His voice. Stay in the secret place with Him regularly, constantly. Don't allow Holy Spirit to visit within you but let Him move in and live, dwell within your being for eternity. It is an act of your will to allow him access to the controls of your life.

B. How to yield to a voice you don't recognize? How to recognize a voice you don't know?

'And a voice came out of the cloud, saying, "This is my Son, my Chosen;^[a] listen to him!" Luke 9:35.

We must get to know Holy Spirit and become personally acquainted with Him to be able to trust Him enough to listen, yield and obey His voice. Spending your lifetime learning Who Holy Spirit is to you directly. This is not head knowledge, or something you can learn from reading or a teaching. you must get alone with Him every day, all day learning how to be with Him. He will never leave you or forsake you, but you must learn how to never leave Him or forsake Him. Once you stop leaving Him and forsaking Him, then and only then, can you learn how to listen, yield, and obey Him, through your divine intimate covenant connection. This is how you become His bride. You stop resisting His Spirit that is trying to make us ready for His return. Holy Spirit is trying to prepare the bride within us for His coming. The bridegroom is coming, go out to meet Him!!are you ready?? Are you so intimately connected to His Spirit that you know His voice and He knows you?

It's not enough that you know him; He must know you. In Matthew 25 we read about the 10 virgins who were ready and waiting for the return of the bridegroom. They were ready and waiting. But the bridegroom tarried and did not come as soon as they thought he would come. While they waited, half of them got 'less and less' ready. By the time the shout came, the call came forth in verse 6 at midnight, Behold, the bridegroom! Go out to meet him! Then all 10 virgins got up and put their own lamps in order. Their lamps represent the light within them. How much light do you have on reserve while you wait for the coming of the Lord? What makes the light within you continue to shine?

Verse 8 gives us the answer to this question. 'And the foolish said to the wise, give us some of your oil, for our lamps are going out.'

The oil is the Holy Spirit in our lives. You may have received Jesus as Savior, but unless He was given lordship over your life, unless you went to the next level and received Holy Spirit within your spirit, you may not have enough oil to last the waiting period of time that is happening right now. We are in a holding pattern waiting for King Jesus to come and get His bride. Holy Spirit cannot be borrowed from someone else. You can't have enough Holy Spirit by hanging with people who have enough Holy Spirit. You must have your own reserves of oil. You must have your own supply of oil that never runs out!

"They answered, 'There might not be enough to go around; go buy your own. They did, but while they were out buying oil, the bridegroom arrived. When everyone who was there to greet him had gone into the wedding feast, the door was locked. Much later, the other virgins, the silly ones, showed up and knocked on the door, saying, 'Master, we're here. Let us in. He answered, 'Do I know you? I don't think I know you. So stay alert. You have no idea when he might arrive. Matthew 25: 9-13.

The oil that you have cannot be shared with someone who has less oil. My walk(yield) with Holy Spirit is personal. Your walk(yield) with Holy Spirit is personal. It is completely your choice whether you stay in constant fellowship with Holy Spirit filling yourself up and storing reserve oil, for times ahead that we know not of. What is being freely given now will cost you when it is too late. Those without enough oil had to go and purchase, to buy more oil. And while they were doing that, He came, and it was too late for them. You can not put off for tomorrow what is prompting you to do today. Delayed obedience is disobedience no matter how you want to dress it up.

When you put off until it is convenient for you what Holy Spirit is telling you to do, you are walking out of the will of God and Matthew 25 is teaching us that this is a very dangerous position to find yourself. Don't delay obeying. Listen, yield, obey.

c. How do I keep the oil flowing?

"One day the wife of a man from the guild of prophets called out to Elisha, "Your servant my husband is dead. You well know what a good man he was, devoted to GOD. And now the man to whom he was in debt is on his way to collect by taking my two children as slaves." Elisha said, "I wonder how I can be of help. Tell me, what do you have in your house?" Nothing," she said. "Well, I do have a little oil. "Here's what you do," said Elisha. "Go up and down the street and borrow jugs and bowls from all your neighbors. And not just a few—all you can get. Then come home and lock the door behind you, you and your sons. Pour oil into each container; when each is full, set it aside." She did what he said. She locked the door behind her and her sons; as they brought the containers to her, she filled them. When all the jugs and bowls were full, she said to one of her sons,

"Another jug, please. "He said, "That's it. There are no more jugs. "Then the oil stopped. 2nd Kings 4:1-6.

Both scriptures have some common principles. Matthew spoke of 'shutting the door' and the prophet told the wife and mother to shut the door. These represent timelines. These show us there are times and seasons for obeying Holy Spirit, and then the door closes, and it is over. There is no going back and deciding to obey once the door is shut. Do not put off what Holy Spirit is telling you to do. Don't wait until the door is shut and you have no more opportunity to yield and obey His voice. The prophet told her to go and borrow vessels to pour what little oil she had. He didn't tell her to go borrow oil. Because no one else's oil will work for you. She could only use the oil she had. Do you have enough oil? It was not about how much oil she had but what oil she had. She had a little jar of her husband, a prophet, anointing oil, he used for ministry. This was holy oil of her husband, the prophet. It was not about the quantity of oil. It was about the quality of anointing on the oil and her obedience to yield and obey the voice of the prophet.

D. How do you keep the oil flowing in your own personal life?

POUR ! the more you pour the oil, the oil will continue to multiply.. the moment you have no one else (no vessel to pour into) the oil will stop. Keep pouring your oil wherever you find a vessel that will receive it. The more you pour, the more oil you will have! He will never leave you. The oil will never stop multiplying unless you decide you are done and quit pouring. None of us will ever have enough money to buy enough oil of Holy Spirit. The anointing of God, Holy Spirit is not for sale. The only thing we have of enough value to receive more of the oil of Holy Spirit is to yield our bodies and souls completely to His control. Our yield, our obedience, our desires to listen and obey cause a flow of Holy Spirit within us that cannot be tapped or controlled by humanity.

To walk intimately with God, know Him deeply, and experience fully His presence and power in your life. The secret lies in this one word: **yield**. To yield means: **surrender, trust, and follow** Holy Spirit. We yield to Holy Spirit by saying it, by confessing it, and by praying it.

