

# 21 DAYS

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DAILY PRAYER GUIDE  
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# DAY 1

## TRANSFORMED BY JESUS

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**BY LESLIE KEEGEL,**

*national leader of The Foursquare Church in Sri Lanka and chair of the Foursquare Global Council*

An amazing story of transformation is found in [Luke 8:26-39](#).

Everyone in Gadarenes dismissed the demon-possessed man as a case beyond redemption. According to Luke, the man was naked, out of control and homeless. He was tortured by many evil spirits: they made him break chains that bound him, caused him to hurt himself and made him live all alone.

When Jesus arrived, He focused His attention on the tormented man. Christ was moved with compassion and set him free from the legion of demons possessing him. The community of Gadara saw the once hopeless man “sitting at the feet of Jesus, clothed and in his right mind” (v.35).

Jesus did three significant things to change the destiny of a helpless man. First, He focused his attention on the man. Second, He showed him compassion. Third, He set him free. May the Holy Spirit fill our hearts with love to focus on the lost and broken lives, have compassion on them and, intentionally and with much prayer, work toward their transformation.

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### PRAYER POINTS

- Let us pray that we His servants will be empowered by the Holy Spirit to heal the brokenhearted and set the captives free.
- Let us uphold the 50 nations that persecute Christians the most. The top 10 countries where it is most dangerous and difficult to practice the Christian faith are: North Korea, Somalia, Afghanistan, Pakistan, Sudan, Syria, Iraq, Iran, Yemen and Eritrea.
- Pray and intercede for the three billion unreached peoples in our world.
- The United Nations estimates that 795 million people suffer from hunger. Let's uphold the poor and the hungry in prayer, because Jesus cares for them.
- The Foursquare Church in Bangladesh and India needs urgent prayer.

### VIDEO: SEEKING THE FACE OF GOD

Jesus was constantly led by and filled with the Holy Spirit. As we seek the face of God through our 21 Days of Prayer + Fasting, we will have the touch of Jesus through the Holy Spirit that will transform people's lives. [Watch Leslie Keegel's Video](#) or visit [4sq.ca/21daysvideos](http://4sq.ca/21daysvideos).

### ADDITIONAL SCRIPTURE READING

Read [Luke 8: 26-39 \(NKJV\)](#).

# DAY 2

## THE FRUIT OF THE SPIRIT: LOVE

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BY GLENN BURRIS, JR.,  
*president of The Foursquare Church (U.S.)*

Everybody likes a good love story—it's one of the reasons the Hallmark Channel exists. When Paul wrote about love to the believers in Corinth, their understanding of love consisted of shallow, self-serving *eros* love and brotherly, helpful *phileo* love. Paul introduced them to *agape* love: complete, sacrificial, pure and lasting.

This new love is free, unearned and available to anyone. *Agape* comes from the heart of God. And He gives it away without cost, through anyone who will host His presence. Make room for God today. He wants to love this broken world through you with a selfless, sacrificial kind of love.

Accepting and being a host of that love, you will experience a completeness like never before. It's not a love you can generate on your own; it's a fruit that only grows on one kind of tree—the fruit of the Spirit. The Holy Spirit. It's the best love story there ever was, and anyone who partakes will live happily ever after.

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### PRAYER POINTS

- Pray for a heart big enough to love everyone God brings into your life with an *agape* love.
- Pray for the hearts of those God places in your life to be open to God's great love.
- Pray for eyes to see and the ability to accept selfless love in your own life, knowing it comes from the Lord.

### VIDEO: SUPERNATURAL LOVE

Paul's writing about love as a fruit of the Spirit is much different than the world's definition of love. Have you ever had to supernaturally love someone who's betrayed you? The only kind of love which makes that possible is the kind of love that is born of the Spirit. [Watch Glenn Burris Jr.'s Video](#) or visit [4sq.ca/21daysvideos](http://4sq.ca/21daysvideos).

# DAY 3

## THE FRUIT OF THE SPIRIT: JOY

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**BY TAMMY DUNAHOO,**

*general supervisor and vice president of U.S. operations, The Foursquare Church*

Since my childhood, I have been intrigued with the fruit of the Spirit Paul shares in [Galatians 5:22](#).

My earliest memory of this concept is of a Sunday school teacher giving me a drawing of a bowl filled with apples, bananas and oranges, which I was to color—inside the lines, of course!—while she taught us about love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control.

What was missing in that lesson was the understanding that these characteristics are the product of a deep and abiding friendship with God. These are not attributes we work to acquire through our willpower; they are the result of the transformative presence of the Holy Spirit.

When darkness, pain and despair are prevalent all around, the fruit of joy may seem displaced. Yet, this beautiful fruit is neither produced by nor dependent upon external circumstances. Rather, it flourishes in the midst of such environments because of its internal source, Holy Spirit power.

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### PRAYER POINTS

- Pray that the NextGen (individuals from cradle to college age) around the world would be filled with the Holy Spirit, and mature in friendship and intimacy with the Spirit.
- Pray that the church would become known for its infectious joy.
- Pray for the persecuted church around the world to have a song of joy in the midst of the darkness.
- Pray that every local church would encounter a new level of joy every time they gather to worship.

### VIDEO: COMPLETE JOY

Jesus said that His joy in us makes our joy complete. Much of what He said about the relationships between the Father, Himself and the Holy Spirit points to the outcome of discovering this joy, which is totally dependent upon our relationship with Him. [Watch Tammy Dunahoo's Video](#) or visit [4sq.ca/21daysvideos](http://4sq.ca/21daysvideos).

### ADDITIONAL SCRIPTURE READING

Read [Psalm 33:20-22 \(MSG\)](#).

# DAY 4

## THE FRUIT OF THE SPIRIT: PEACE

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BY JIM SCOTT,

*FMI area missionary to North America*

Don Richardson's book, *Peace Child*, tells of a story he and his wife, Carol, heard while serving among three Sawi tribes of Irian Jaya: the Haenam, Kamur and Yawi peoples. Two warring tribes seeking peace presented to one another a "peace child." Kaiyo, a tribal leader, handed over his only baby son to the Haenam tribe, saying, "I give you my son, and with him my name." Haenam's leader said: "It is enough! I will surely plead for peace between us." A father from the Haenam tribe held up one of his sons and said to Kaiyo, "If you plead peace among your people, I give you my son and my name."

"Why was this necessary for peace?" Don asked. The reply was stunning: "It is impossible to have peace without a peace child. Our villages will guard these children even more carefully than their own. So long as the peace child lives, there will be peace among warring tribes."

God's peace child is Jesus. The Prince of Peace provides us the promise of peace among warring tribes and factions wherever they are found today. Where Jesus is honored and received, He puts to death opposition and hostility so there can be peace among all peoples!

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### PRAYER POINTS

- Pray for friends and family, that they will be brought near by the blood of Christ and discover that He is their peace who will bring them peace both personally and with others.
- Pray for families, that His peace will be consistently experienced so our homes would be places of peace.
- Pray for our communities, that those captured by racism, bigotry, hatred, anger and violence will be healed by the blood of Jesus, so that they all may come together in peace.
- Pray for the peoples of our nation and our world, that the walls of separation would be broken down, thus making peace where before there was war and strife.

### VIDEO: JESUS OUR PEACE

Because we believe God is the same yesterday, today and forever, Jesus's promise of peace is for us in every generation. It transcends any circumstance, comforts us, and can change us forever.

[Watch Jim Scott's Video](#) or visit [4sq.ca/21daysvideos](http://4sq.ca/21daysvideos).

### ADDITIONAL SCRIPTURE READING

Read [Ephesians 2:13-16 \(NKJV\)](#).

# DAY 5

## THE FRUIT OF THE SPIRIT: PATIENCE

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BY TED VAIL,

*director of Foursquare Missions International and vice president of global operations*

Patience is a fruit of the Spirit. As a fruit, that means seeds must be planted. Those seeds take time to grow, and waiting is involved until the fruit is ready to eat. Ironically, I find that when I'm struggling to wait on the Lord, it's often He who has been waiting on me. One of the best ways to grow seeds of patience in our lives is to consider the Lord and His patience toward us.

[Isaiah 40:31](#) describes an active kind of waiting, like a waiter in a restaurant, one who is attentive and ready to respond at any moment. Imagine if we viewed waiting on the Lord as an act of obedience, ready for whatever He has for us next. This heart of readiness to obey allows the seeds of patience to grow into the fruit of the patient person God has called you to be.

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### PRAYER POINTS

- Ask the Lord to teach you to wait on Him.
- Ask if He's waiting on you for anything, and for the courage to obey.
- Ask Him to raise the fruit of patience in you, and that you will be patient with others as He is patient with us.

### VIDEO: PATIENCE IS OBEDIENCE

Imagine if we viewed patience as an act of obedience, ready for whatever the Lord has for us next. This heart of readiness to obey isn't passive; it's an active kind of waiting, and allows for the seeds of patience to grow. [Watch Ted Vail's Video](#) or visit [4sq.ca/21daysvideos](http://4sq.ca/21daysvideos).

### ADDITIONAL SCRIPTURE READING

But they that wait upon the Lord shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings as eagles; they shall run, and not be weary; and they shall walk, and not faint. [Isaiah 40:31](#)

# DAY 6

## THE FRUIT OF THE SPIRIT: KINDNESS

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**BY XAVIER ADRIAANSE,**

*national leader of The Foursquare Church in South Africa*

When I think about kindness, I'm reminded of my mom. When I was a child, she would constantly remind my five siblings and me to be kind and considerate toward one another. Yet, it seemed like the most difficult thing to do. In Ephesians, Paul encourages us to live out kindness as evidence of the Spirit at work in our lives.

Kindness is goodness in action, doing what's best for others even when they don't deserve it, and being patient with those who are difficult. God's kindness to us was planned and intentional. Jesus went the extra mile to lift us out of destruction, changing our lives. As I give Him free reign over my life, His presence and my openness bring about amazing opportunities for the fruit of kindness to become more evident in my life.

The Holy Spirit wants to help us be channels of God's kindness by our actions to others. Let's go the extra mile today and live out the kindness of the Lord to a world that desperately needs it be.

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### PRAYER POINTS

- Pray that we would yield to the Spirit's work to develop His fruit in our lives.
- Pray that the fruit of kindness would be lived out in our relationships to bless and encourage others.
- Pray that the Lord will use this fruit to help us reach out to those who don't know Him.

### VIDEO: KINDNESS IN ACTION

Paul encourages us to live out kindness as evidence of the fruit of the Spirit in our lives. The *Spirit-Filled Life Bible* describes kindness as goodness in action, gentleness in dealing with others, and doing what's best for others, even when they don't deserve it. [Watch Xavier Adriaanse's Video](#) or visit [4sq.ca/21daysvideos](http://4sq.ca/21daysvideos).

### ADDITIONAL SCRIPTURE READING

Read [Titus 3:4-7 \(NLT\)](#) and [Eph. 4:34 \(NKJV\)](#).

# DAY 7

## THE FRUIT OF THE SPIRIT: GOODNESS

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**BY PIET BRINKSMA,**

*Netherlands national missions coordinator*

The main message the apostle John, the close friend of Jesus, learned from his time with the Lord was: “God is light and in Him is no darkness at all” ([1 John 1:5, NKJV](#)). To put it in other words: God is good—totally good. If people spent years with you and me in our ministries, is this the message about God that would stand out to them?

In Psalm 145, David is talking about conveying our testimony of God to the next generation and to the world. His desire is that we will celebrate God’s “abundant goodness” and that we will proclaim: “The Lord is good to all; He has compassion on all He has made” ([Ps. 145:4-9, NIV](#)).

If the goodness of God is the message that we will pass on, many lives will be transformed.

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### PRAYER POINTS

- Pray that the Lord will allow us to taste His goodness and let His grace saturate our lives, our hearts, souls and minds.
- Pray that our ministries will mirror God’s goodness.
- Pray that the next generation will be inspired by the goodness of the Lord.
- Pray that our cities and communities will witness the goodness of the Lord through the way we engage in and proclaim the gospel to them.

### VIDEO: GOD’S GOODNESS

God’s goodness brings healing and transformation. May our legacy be to leave behind for future generations the deep impression that God is good, so that many can have abundant lives that are fruitful. [Watch Piet Brinksma’s Video](#) or visit [4sq.ca/21daysvideos](#).

### ADDITIONAL SCRIPTURE READING

Read [Ps. 145:4-9 \(NIV\)](#).

# DAY 8

## THE FRUIT OF THE SPIRIT: FAITHFULNESS

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BY SERGIO CÁCERES,

*national leader of The Foursquare Church in Argentina*

The Christian life is about more than having faith; it is necessary that we be found faithful. Faithfulness is permanence in the ways of God. When we are filled with the Holy Spirit, we begin to grow in faithfulness. A faithful or loyal person is one who remains constant in his affections, in the fulfillment of his obligations, in the trust he owes to another. Faithfulness is linked with gratitude. A loyal person is one who has received good from another and has not forgotten it.

Unfaithful is the one who betrays, the ungrateful person who has forgotten the good that has been done to him. God is the epitome of faithfulness to us. [Psalm 89:8](#) says, “You, Lord, are mighty, and Your faithfulness surrounds You.” God is faithful to His promises; His words are eternal and do not change. In His great love, God has remained faithful from the beginning. His faithfulness is eternal and perfect.

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### PRAYER POINTS

- Pray for faithful people who can teach others.
- Pray for a generation that is influential and inspirational.
- Pray that in times of temptation and trial we choose to be faithful to the One who called us.
- Thank the Lord that our character can change to be more like His. Ask the Holy Spirit to do a work in you to exalt Christ as Lord of Lords and demonstrate the signs of His love.

### VIDEO: LIVING A BALANCED LIFE

As leaders, we freely help, give and minister to others. But, to live balanced life, we must also receive and be ministered to. [Watch Sergio Cáceres's Video](#) or visit [4sq.ca/21daysvideos](http://4sq.ca/21daysvideos).

# DAY 9

## THE FRUIT OF THE SPIRIT: GENTLENESS

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**BY VOLKER HEITZ,**

*national leader of The Foursquare Church in Switzerland*

Gentleness, or meekness, is a divinely balanced virtue that only the Holy Spirit can operate in our lives. Interestingly, Luther translated the Greek word *praytes* in German as *sanftmut*; “sanft” means gentle, and “mut” is courage. We need the Holy Spirit in order to bring gentleness and courage together in our own lives.

We all know gentle people, and we all know courageous people. But in order to live out both virtues in our lives, we need to pray for the intervention of the Holy Spirit. We need help to follow our King and Savior, who is gentle and humble. Matthew 11:29 instructs us: “Take My yoke upon you and learn from Me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls” (NIV). By His Holy Spirit, Christ cultivates that same quality in us to make a difference in a harsh and violent world.

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### PRAYER POINTS

- Let us pray for gentle hearts in our dealings and in our churches.
- Pray for balance in your life between gentleness and courage. Pray for a gentle spirit when we are challenged or attacked.
- Pray for courage to stand up against unrighteousness and mockery.
- Pray for our brothers and sisters who are persecuted.

### VIDEO: THE POWER OF GOD’S GENTLENESS

Gentleness is power under control, and in a harsh and hurting world, it can help heal. Jesus was our example; He had a gentle spirit and yet spoke courageously as He encountered an unrighteous world. [Watch Volker Heitz’s Video](#) or visit [4sq.ca/21daysvideos](http://4sq.ca/21daysvideos).

### ADDITIONAL SCRIPTURE READING

Read [Matthew 11:28-30 \(NIV\)](#).

# DAY 10

## THE FRUIT OF THE SPIRIT: SELF-CONTROL

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BY IHSAN OZBEK,

*national leader of The Foursquare Church in Turkey*

Today most of us don't live in fortified cities. There are few walls around modern cities to protect us. In ancient times, walls were necessary to protect citizens. People did not intend to isolate themselves, but they did need a barrier to stay safe.

This is still true today; we need each other, but we also need boundaries for a safe and healthy life. In this age, physical walls cannot help us. Cities are bigger, time seems to move faster, diseases are more contagious and deadly.

The Enemy has new weapons he has launched against our society and physical walls aren't the answer. Self-control is our strong armor in this age. It helps us fine-tune our reactions, reign over our tongues, and fix our eyes and minds on what is important.

In Nehemiah, we find the walls of Jerusalem had broken down in many places and needed to be upgraded to be safe again. Is this true of your self-control? Check your armor to see if there is a crack or gap where the Enemy can use your own attitudes against you. If you find any, you must upgrade your self-control internally, while choosing to extend the love of Christ outward.

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### PRAYER POINTS

- Pray that the Lord helps us to see our weakest areas.
- May He give us wisdom to find a way to upgrade those areas and strengthen our boundaries.
- We don't want to isolate ourselves. Pray that He would help us to show His love to others.

### VIDEO: SELF-CONTROL BRINGS PROTECTION

Our actions, feelings, attitudes and motivations are all under our self-control. Much like the walls around a city can protect, everyone can perform freely within the right limits. [Watch Ihsan Ozbek's Video](#) or visit [4sq.ca/21daysvideos](http://4sq.ca/21daysvideos).

### ADDITIONAL SCRIPTURE READING

Read [Proverbs 25:28 \(NIV\)](#).

# DAY 11

## PRAYING IN THE SPIRIT

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BY JOE WAINER,

*interim CEO of Foursquare Foundation*

I remember my father praying in his spiritual language all the time. He prayed earnestly for all us kids to be filled with the Spirit of God and talked to us frequently about speaking in tongues. There is something special about a father's desire for his kids to have such closeness with God.

I once asked him, "Dad, why do you speak in tongues?" He quoted [1 Corinthians 14:4](#), "He who speaks in a tongue edifies himself" and [Psalm 61](#): "I will cry to you, when my heart is overwhelmed." Dad was training me to believe that God supplied a provision for anxiety through the gift of tongues.

When we pray in tongues, we are relieved of the pressures and anxieties of life. When my heart is overwhelmed, when I can't connect all the dots, when I can't see ahead, when I don't understand the pain I'm in, the Lord hears me and understands, and this expression of faith moves His heart.

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### PRAYER POINTS

- Pray for a fresh outpouring and baptism in God's Spirit for all disciples.
- Pray for all people to pursue all spiritual gifts, including the gift of tongues.
- Pray to receive the gift tongues, and use it often.
- Pray in tongues, and be at peace.

### VIDEO: PRAYING IN THE SPIRIT

Praying in the Spirit saturates us with the presence of God. In a world where anxiety is prominent, when our hearts are overwhelmed, we can go to the rock higher than ourselves (Psalm 61). [Watch Joe Wainer's Video](#) or visit [4sq.ca/21daysvideos](http://4sq.ca/21daysvideos).

### ADDITIONAL SCRIPTURE READING

Read [Psalm 61:1-3 \(NKJV\)](#).

# DAY 12

## SPIRITUAL GIFTS: WISDOM

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BY JEFF ROPER,

*FMI area missionary to Europe*

I gather with my Foursquare family to seek God's will. Yet, knowing His will is not enough, I must linger in His presence to gain a heart of wisdom to do His will. I know God wants to transform me and the world around me. But I do not know how. I need wisdom. God has made me dependent upon the body of Christ. I need someone to speak words of wisdom to me.

My mind is often agitated with thoughts, imaginations, arguments and fears. I need a word of wisdom spoken into the chaos and confusion of my soul. This utterance reveals a flash of insight from the Holy Spirit, the grace and presence of Jesus Christ. It is a sure word, an authentic utterance from the throne of grace, to ready my mind, strengthen my hands, steady my knees and direct my feet.

Speak, Holy Spirit, through your people.

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### PRAYER POINTS

- As a family, let us contend in prayer to be people who operate in the word of wisdom that liberates and empowers the soul.
- Pray that we humble ourselves to hear the words of wisdom spoken into our lives.
- Pray we speak up when it is the right time.
- Pray we, The Foursquare Church, are marked by the wisdom of God.

### VIDEO: SPIRIT OF WISDOM

Our prayer is that Jesus Christ will fill us with a spirit of wisdom and revelation in the knowledge of Him. Let us be a church that can speak words of wisdom into the chaos and confusion of people's hearts and minds, freeing them to live the life God has purposed for them. [Watch Jeff Roper's Video](#) or visit [4sq.ca/21daysvideos](http://4sq.ca/21daysvideos).

### ADDITIONAL SCRIPTURE READING

“For to one is given the word of wisdom through the Spirit.” [1 Cor. 12:8 \(NKJV\)](#)

# DAY 13

## SPIRITUAL GIFTS: WORD OF KNOWLEDGE

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**BY LEONARD SWEET,**  
*professor of evangelism at Drew University*

Knowledge is more than just facts. Biblical knowledge comes from an up-close-and-personal relationship with someone or something. The way to know more about anything is to deepen your experience with it. Our word “disciple” comes from the Koine Greek word mathetes meaning “learning” or “student,” and all learning begins with a realization that we don’t know something. In my early life, I thought I knew it all. Then I realized I knew nothing. Now I realize I know a little about a lot. My mind is set on the one thing that opens the door to all knowledge: Jesus.

When we put on the mind of Christ, and open to the circuitry of the Spirit, our minds and spirit are constantly renewed by the One who knows everything. The Spirit can dispense knowledge and wisdom whenever and to whomever. Knowledge becomes wisdom, which becomes truth. Knowledge is to know Christ. Wisdom is to make Christ known. Truth is Jesus, the culmination of all knowledge and wisdom.

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### PRAYER POINTS

- Jesus, help me to know one thing and one thing only: Jesus Christ and Him crucified, our risen, regnant and returning Lord.
- Dear God, You have promised to increase our faith. So today I ask for an increase in crops, especially the fruit of the Spirit called knowledge. Give me the desire to receive this fruit with humility, not to lord it over others, but to point others to the Lord and giver of life.
- Lord, may my highest ambition in life be not only to pray the Lord’s Prayer with meaning and mission, but also to become a Lord’s Prayer, so that everything I do is a prayer-offering to You.
- Eternal God, fill me this day with Your Spirit, so that I may be Spirit-driven in all I do, guarded and guided with the knowledge of Your will and ways, thereby bearing the marks of my Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

### VIDEO: RELATIONAL KNOWLEDGE

The biblical gift of knowledge is relational. The Spirit can bring to our minds things about Christ, ourselves and others, so that we may know Him and make Him known. [Watch Leonard Sweet Video](#) or visit [4sq.ca/21daysvideos](http://4sq.ca/21daysvideos).

# DAY 14

## SPIRITUAL GIFTS: GIFT OF FAITH

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**BY ADAM DAVIDSON,**

*vice president of operations, COO, Corporate Secretary; The Foursquare Church (U.S.)*

What was Peter thinking when he stepped out of that boat in Matthew? Some think he was being presumptuous or maybe “just Peter” with his bold and brash sensibilities. Yet there’s something so right that happened there. It’s what should happen whenever we hear the word of the Lord: faith. For Peter, just one word, “Come,” was enough ([Matt. 14:29, NKJV](#)). Something rose up within him and overcame logic, peer pressure and all fear. It was walking-on-water-faith.

When the Spirit of God moves upon us with the gift of faith, we may seem irrational or illogical to onlookers. That’s hard for leaders who wrestle with the risks of different decisions, even “looking at the numbers” to assess those risks. We must always leave room for the Lord to work beyond our natural sensibilities—to listen for that “come” that runs contrary to conventional wisdom or known logic, but which leads to something utterly incredible that only God can do.

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### PRAYER POINTS

- Ask God in what areas of your life He could be asking for you to take a big step out in faith.
- Pray for the wisdom to discern what leaps of faith are human impulses versus divine suggestions, and for the courage to fulfill them.
- Ask God to diminish the noise of fear, criticism and anxiety that might be preventing you from hearing Him.

### VIDEO: SPIRIT OF WISDOM

The gift of faith mobilizes people. Be encouraged today to see circumstances as God sees them, and then, celebrate the ways He will build His kingdom through you. [Watch Adam Davidson's Video](#) or visit [4sq.ca/21daysvideos](http://4sq.ca/21daysvideos).

# DAY 15

## SPIRITUAL GIFTS: HEALING

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**BY DAN LUCERO,**

*area missionary to West Africa and Francophone nations*

Isaiah 53 tells us that Jesus did the work, suffering for our future healing, and we receive that blessing. The fullness of our faith rests in accepting that healing—healing of spirit, soul, mind and body—that Jesus Christ purchased for you and me on the cross.

We believe the parts of the Bible that we practice. Lay aside the past and any questions or doubts you may have that God can heal and transform even the most desperate situation. He has already purchased our healing by His ultimate sacrifice at Golgotha. We need to accept this truth and believe, praying with faith and encouraging all those we meet.

This year I challenge you to contend anew to see the Holy Spirit released in your ministry and the lives of those you lead. Take every occasion, every circumstance—no matter how big or small—to invite God, in the name of Jesus, to release afresh the Holy Spirit's healing power.

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### PRAYER POINTS

- Pray for healing of the body, soul, strength and mind of Foursquare ministers worldwide.
- Pray for a renewal of faith in the hearts of the people in our churches to contend for the promise of physical healing for those in need.
- Pray that The Foursquare Church would be a source of healing to the body of Christ.
- Pray that our Foursquare family would faithfully bring the message of Christ as a healing balm to all nations and peoples the world over.

### VIDEO: JESUS, OUR HEALER

Jesus is our Healer of body, soul, spirit and mind. Pray that the power of the healing that comes through the name of Jesus will be ours in this season for our loved ones, the body of Christ and the nations. [Watch Dan Lucero's Video](#) or visit [4sq.ca/21daysvideos](http://4sq.ca/21daysvideos).

### ADDITIONAL SCRIPTURE READING

“But He was wounded for our transgressions, He was bruised for our iniquities; the chastisement for our peace was upon Him, and by His stripes we are healed.” [Isaiah 53:5 \(NKJV\)](#)

# DAY 16

## SPIRITUAL GIFTS: MIRACLES

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BY JERRY STOTT,

*FMI area missionary to the South Pacific*

The Bible is filled with miracles, sometimes directly from the hand of God and more often by His hand upon His people. Yet, today it seems many have forgotten that “Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, today and forever” ([Heb. 13:8, NKJV](#)). If the Old Testament is full of miracles, and the New Testament full of His followers walking in the miraculous, we should expect even more miracles today as we draw closer to His return.

Jesus gave His followers all that is necessary to fulfill His Great Commission and told us to “heal the sick, cleanse the lepers, raise the dead, cast out demons” ([Matt 10:8](#)). This power was given to all believers through the Holy Spirit ([Acts 1:8](#)). Let’s step out, be witnesses, and watch the power of the Holy Spirit show up and touch lives for eternity.

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### PRAYER POINTS

- Pray for a fresh anointing of the Holy Spirit to come on your life personally.
- Pray and ask for more of the gifts of the Holy Spirit to begin flowing through you.
- Pray for a greater boldness to be His “witnesses,” that more would come to Jesus in 2018.
- Pray for opportunities for the miraculous to show up as you bring the message of Jesus to the lost whom you encounter in everyday life.

### VIDEO: BELIEVING IN THE MIRACULOUS

Miracles are still part of the everyday life of believers. Let’s believe and take hold of the anointing and power given to us to be the Lord’s witnesses, trusting in His promise for the miraculous. [Watch Jerry Stott’s Video](#) or visit [4sq.ca/21daysvideos](http://4sq.ca/21daysvideos).

# DAY 17

## SPIRITUAL GIFTS: PROPHECY

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**BY HELEN MELAHOURIS,**

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Paul's encouragement to desire the spiritual gifts in [1 Cor. 14:1](#) is preceded by an essential mandate that must be the motivation for all spiritual gifts: "Pursue love." That pursuit leads to an earnest desire for spiritual gifts. Why desire spiritual gifts? So we may love as Christ loves: pouring out abounding grace; bringing hope, healing, encouragement and deliverance; and stirring new life!

At the core of the gift of prophecy is the desire to deliver a divinely inspired word from the Lord to His beloved people. Jesus declared in [John 12:49](#) that He did not speak on His own, but only what His Father had spoken. With the power of the Holy Spirit guiding us into all truth through the gift of prophecy, we can become messengers of hope. A word in season directly from our Father's compassionate heart may turn someone's bleak and stormy day into a radical encounter with the living, loving God of the universe.

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### PRAYER POINTS

- Invite the Lord to impact our hearts toward the pursuit of love, both in our worship and relationship with Him and with His people—those who know Him and those who have yet to come into His embrace.
- Seek forgiveness for those times we the church have sought spiritual gifts for our own sake, in pursuit of our own sense of importance.
- Ask for boldness to become messengers of hope through the gift of the prophetic by the power of the Holy Spirit, and invite Him to increase our awareness of His voice and our call to divine appointments.
- Plead for His presence and our awareness of His presence every moment of every day, so that we become vibrant kingdom agents in answer to Jesus' prayer, "Thy kingdom come."

### VIDEO: THE GIFT OF PROPHECY

The gift of prophecy is the gift of love, encouragement, correction and guidance. Prophecy lets us bring others' needs to God, so that He can meet them at their point of need. [Watch Helen Melahouris's Video](#) or visit [4sq.ca/21daysvideos](http://4sq.ca/21daysvideos).

### ADDITIONAL SCRIPTURE READING

Read [1 Cor. 14:1 \(NKJV\)](#) and [John 16:13 \(NKJV\)](#)

# DAY 18

## SPIRITUAL GIFTS: DISCERNING OF SPIRITS

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BY FRANK GREER,

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Author [James Goll](#) identifies the discerning of spirits as “the God-given ability or enablement to recognize the identity—and very often the personality and condition—of the spirits that are behind different manifestations or activities.”

Perhaps it is not by accident that the gift of discerning, or distinguishing, of spirits directly follows prophecy in [1 Corinthians 12:10](#). This gift is crucial to determine whether a prophetic word comes from God, humans or the enemy. It provides us with a window into the supernatural, which is essential for maturing believers in today’s world. In [1 John 4:1](#) the apostle tells us to test (prove, analyze) every spirit to see if it is from God.

So, as we encourage our people to step out in prophetic gifting, let’s be ready to model this gift in a positive way that builds up, corrects and encourages our people to hear the Lord and test the spirits.

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### PRAYER POINTS

- Pray for God’s people to have a sincere hunger for the move of the Holy Spirit in our churches today.
- Pray for safe environments where spiritual gifts can be utilized in learning and growing situations.
- Pray for God’s people to have the ability to discern the difference between the authentic and the counterfeit in the spirit world.
- Pray for resulting maturity, growth and effectiveness in spiritual ministry for God’s people as they seek to be used by God.

### VIDEO: SPIRITUAL GIFTS

The discerning of spirits is so crucial and needed today. The church can empower and train others in safe environments to step out in the operation of spiritual gifts so we can grow and be more effective in ministry. [Watch Frank Greer’s Video](#) or visit [4sq.ca/21daysvideos](#).

### ADDITIONAL SCRIPTURE READING

“But solid food is for the mature, for those who have their powers of discernment trained by constant practice to distinguish good from evil.” [Heb. 5:14 \(ESV\)](#).

# DAY 19

## SPIRITUAL GIFTS: TONGUES + INTERPRETATION

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BY JOYCE BUTRON,  
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A warm tropical breeze blew through the open windows of the church. The singing, praying and preaching seemed inspired, but I didn't understand a single word. I dutifully stood, worshiped and prayed, though I could only guess at what was happening. Then, a word in tongues was given, followed by the gift of interpretation in English, a language I understood! God encouraged me in a situation where I was unable to understand what was being taught.

At Pentecost, tongues demonstrated God's heart to speak in languages that everyone could understand. Tongues and interpretation are an encouraging reminder that everyone needs to know that God speaks, and we can understand what He is saying. Today we need the complete expression of the Spirit and to value the gifts by making room for them in all our gatherings. Sometimes it is messy as we mentor others in the use of the gifts, so God has given us guidelines in [1 Corinthians 14](#). Welcoming the Spirit allows relationships with Him to begin or to deepen, transforming lives.

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### PRAYER POINTS

- Holy Spirit, I welcome You into my heart and mind. I need You.
- Holy Spirit, move through me today with Your gifts to bring others into relationship with You.
- Holy Spirit, I invite You to move in my life and church the way You want to move, in all of Your fullness.
- Holy Spirit, I ask for a greater outpouring of the gift of tongues and interpretation in my life and ministry.

### VIDEO: THE GIFT OF TONGUES

The gift of tongues and interpretation exists because God is a communicator. He wants everyone to know who He is and to have an intimate, growing relationship with Him. [Watch Joyce Butron's Video](#) or visit [4sq.ca/21daysvideos](http://4sq.ca/21daysvideos).

### ADDITIONAL SCRIPTURE READING

Read [1 Corinthians 14:26-33 \(NKJV\)](#).

# DAY 20

## SPIRITUAL GIFTS: HELPS

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BY RACHAEL JACKSON,

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When Paul identified the spiritual gift of “helps” (*antilēmpsis* in Greek) in [1 Corinthians 12](#), he was highlighting the service that speaks as a means to render practical aid or support to someone who may be in need, particularly to the weak and needy. We see this demonstrated by Paul in [Acts 20:35](#) when he said: “I have shown you in every way, by laboring like this, that you must support the weak. And remember the words of the Lord Jesus, that He said, ‘It is more blessed to give than to receive.’”

In this regard, the spiritual gift of helps directs us to a Spirit-empowered ministry of generous compassion and benevolent support toward those in need. It is in this kind of support that we see a transformation of circumstance—when God intersects a desperate situation and demonstrates His power in such a way that brings greater understanding and faith—and we confirm that our help does indeed come from the Lord.

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### PRAYER POINTS

- Pray that God would open our hearts to generously render “help” to those in need of assistance, particularly those who have been impacted by recent global disasters.
- Pray for opportunities to be agents of transformation for someone in need in your church and community.
- Pray for breakthrough for those in desperate situations, that they would call upon the name of the Lord for help and assistance. May His power and provision meet their needs!
- Pray that God would stir up in us the gifts that He has given us that may have been dormant in our ministries.

### VIDEO: BLESSED ARE THE HELPERS

[Watch Rachel Jackson's Video](#) or visit [4sq.ca/21daysvideos](http://4sq.ca/21daysvideos).

### ADDITIONAL SCRIPTURE READING

Read [1 Corinthians 12:27-28 \(NKJV\)](#).

# DAY 21

## SPIRITUAL GIFTS: ENCOURAGEMENT

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**BY KENNETH ULMER,**

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Encouragement is God calling upon us to do for others what He does for us. As Jesus was with us, and then God sent the Holy Spirit to be with us, so we are to be with one another. We are to walk alongside one another through life's ups and downs, which requires a willingness. This act is a large part of the ministry of encouragement.

This gift of exhortation is characterized by consistency in relationships. God told us, "I will never leave you nor forsake you" ([Heb. 13:5, NKJV](#)), and we are to model Him in all our relationships. Consistency doesn't mean we always have the answers or solutions for someone else, but that our presence with them is consistently an encouragement and comfort.

Encouragement is not complicated, but it is a great challenge, and God is calling each one of us to encourage one another.

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### PRAYER POINTS

- Pray for the eyes to see those around us who could use encouragement.
- Pray for the grace to walk alongside others, and be present with them and whatever they are going through.
- Pray that we would be open to receiving encouragement from others.

### VIDEO: ENCOURAGING EACH OTHER

Encouragement is God's calling upon us to do for others what He does for us. As Jesus was with us, then sent the Holy Spirit to be with us, we are to be with one another; to walk alongside one another through life's ups and downs. [Watch Kenneth Ulmer's Video](#) or visit [4sq.ca/21daysvideos](#).