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William Carey



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REVIVAL

*Being filled with the
Holy Spirit*

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OUR LORD HIMSELF
HAS GIVEN THE COMMAND¹

LET YOURSELVES
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REPEATEDLY FILLED ANEW
WITH THE SPIRIT!²

1 E.G. White, Mount of Blessing, MB 20.3 (egwwritings.org)

2 Johannes Mager, Auf den Spuren des Heiligen Geistes (Lüneburg, 1999), Seite 101

STEPS TO PERSONAL REVIVAL

Filled with the Holy Spirit

*Why was it that I was suddenly
intensively occupied with the matter of
“Life in the Holy Ghost“?*

On August 14, 2011, when I was in Kandergrund in the Bernese Highlands in Switzerland an important connection became very clear to me. I recognized a spiritual cause for why we are losing part of our youth. I was very shocked. I thought of my children and grandchildren. Since then I have been intensively occupied with this subject.

Now I believe that the same spiritual cause is behind many of our problems; specifically the personal problems, in the local churches and the world-wide church. It is the lack of the Holy Spirit.

If this is the cause, then we should urgently address this issue. If the cause can be eliminated or considerably reduced, then many problems will become superfluous or will be resolved.

What others have to say about this deficiency:

- ▶ **EMIL BRUNNER**, an Evangelical reformed theologian, wrote that the Holy Ghost “has always more or less been the stepchild of theology.”¹
- ▶ **D. MARTIN LLOYD-JONES**: “If I may give my honest opinion, then there is no topic on biblical belief that has been so neglected in the past or present as the topic of the Holy Ghost.... I am sure that this is the cause for the weakness of the evangelical faith.”²
- ▶ **LEROY E. FROMM**: “I am convinced that the lack of the Holy Spirit is our worst problem.”³
- ▶ **DWIGHT NELSON**: “Our church has to the point of exhaustion developed admirable forms, plans and programs, but if we don’t finally admit to our spiritual bankruptcy [lack of the Holy Spirit], which has overtaken many of us ministers and leaders, then we will never be able to get out of our Pro-Forma-Christianity.”⁴

We want at first be inspired by the Word of God how multiple results are possible with us.

After that, let's look at an appeal of our Lord Jesus Christ about the Holy Spirit.

1 Johannes Mager, *Auf den Spuren des Heiligen Geistes*, (Lüneburg, 1999), Cover

2 D. Martin Lloyd-Jones, *Vollmacht, Telos-Taschenbuch* Nr. 385, Marburg 1984, p. 72

3 E.G. White, *The Coming of the Comforter* (Hagerstown, 1949), p. 94

4 Editor Helmut Haubeil, *Missionsbrief* Nr. 34 (*Bad Aibling*, 2011), Seite 3

MULTIPLYING THE RESULTS

Dear Leader,

Do you want your area to grow spiritually and numerically? But is this really possible today? Yes, it is definitely possible. How?

*“What you intend, you will not succeed by the power
of an army and not by human power:*

No, my spirit will effect it!

*I promise, the LORD Almighty God.”
(Zech.4:6 Hfa)*

How is this supposed to happen? I think we all still have to learn here. Do we also want to learn from the experiences of others? I'm convinced of it. May the Lord show us all the entire way through his Spirit.

The shared experiences through “Steps to Personal Revival” show that this booklet can be of valuable assistance. But spiritual and numerical growth requires more than just reading a booklet once or distributing it. It needs your heart's involvement. I dare say: Your area will only go as far as you go. No one can guide another, unless he himself has gone on the path before. Our lives, our prayers, our testimonies, our conversations, our influence and our sermons will be used by God. In fact, multiple reading seems to be a key: Educational research has shown that it is necessary to read such a crucial theme for our lives six to ten times before you understand it thoroughly. Try it at least once. The result will convince you.

Two testimonies from a pastor and a Union Departmental Leader, now retired, USA:

1. Testimony – ... I read your book “Steps to Personal Revival” three times. I never thought I would find such new insights about prayer. Prayer, which is based on God’s promises like you explained. Since then, **God has achieved victories in my life that I never thought possible.** – I have been invited to preach at a camp meeting. Your book gave me the topic. June 26, 2017 – F.S. Abbreviated

2. Testimony – ... Since I started reading your book (I have read it 6 times according to the advice in the book) and learned how to pray with promises, my life has been transformed. ... The Lord guided me to prepare a sermon for the camp meeting about our greatest need, the refreshing showers of the Spirit of God. **In all the years I dedicated to the ministry, I have never felt the power of the Holy Spirit moving among people as among those 3,000 in that auditorium.** – My wife has noticed a complete change in me. Even I am surprised at myself. July 25th, 2017 – F.S. abbreviated

40-day Concept - from 17 to 65 members

The small church in Cologne-Kalk, Germany, had 17 German, Spanish and Portuguese members. Pastor J. Lotze invited them to carry out the 40-day concept. They studied a 40-Days-Book in groups of two, each one prayed daily for five unreached people and they established personal contact with them. On the 40th day they had a visitor's sabbath and after that was a 14-day evangelistic campaign. They were able to baptize 13 people within a short time. They repeated the 40-day concept several times and have grown to 65 members within 4 years. (See 40-day books for the 40-Days Concept and go to "Experiences" No.19 to find more about the experience from Cologne.)

Lugano, Italian speaking area of Switzerland – very secular

Pastor Matthias Maag had excellent experiences as missionary in South Africa with the 40 Days books by Dennis Smith. When he returned to Switzerland, he started immediately with this concept. There were 15 baptisms in the first year [which is very extraordinary in this region]. One lady had been a regular visitor at the church for 15 years. During the 40 Days she decided to be baptized.

Youth – My name is Alina van Rensburg and I'm the Young Adult Director for the South Queensland Conference [12,200 members in Australia]. I had a young lady share 'Steps to Personal Revival' with me at the beginning of this year and

I was absolutely blown away. It explores the exact theme that God placed on the hearts of my husband and myself: awakening to the Holy Spirit in our lives!! – I could tell you so many stories, but in essence, we have been so blessed by this little book! Greg Pratt [Discipleship and Spiritual Development Director SQC] had an extra 300 that I distributed to all of my young adult leaders at our leadership meetings earlier this year and the response has been absolutely incredible. - So now I would like to source an extra 150 to give my young adults at Big Camp this year, to study during Life Group Sessions.

366 baptisms + 35 in baptismal class

The Secretary of the Burundi Union, Paul Irakoze, [130,000 members, 100,000 “Steps to Personal Revival” in Kirundi], said that as a whole

320 former members came back through the influence of the brochure. They were accepted by a new baptism in March 2017.

Deaf people read the booklet three times - Then they shared their experiences with other hearing impaired people. Result: In March 2017, we baptized 25 deaf people.

Prisoners – We distributed the booklet to our church members in Mpimba Prison. They were moved by the Holy Spirit and started sharing their faith. This last Sabbath, 21 prisoners were baptized and 35 are preparing for baptism. This is the fruit of the booklet Steps to Personal Revival. abbreviated

Study Period / Week of Prayer

The Burundi Union had the week of prayer for their 130,000 members in Nov. 2017 using “Steps to Personal Revival” again. The sermons of our Secretary on this topic were also broadcast on the adv. radio every evening.

Students – Pastor Dwight Nelson, Leading Pastor of Andrews University, told, that this little book “changed the inside of me. I want to do the same for you”. He started at Sept. 2nd 2017 a series of three sermons: “Ground Zero and the New Reformation: How to be baptized with the Holy Spirit?” He quoted from “Steps to Personal Revival” and recommended it to everyone. That led to 4,000 downloads and the order of thousands booklets. Link to these sermons and his blog: <https://www.pmchurch.tv/sermons>

An excellent idea – from USA – I listened to the sermon series by Dwight Nelson yesterday. As I introduce the book "Steps to Personal Revival" to my church this Sabbath, I will play the first 5 minutes in hopes that his testimony in regards to the book will ignite some interest. After potluck, with my Pastors permission, we will show the rest of the sermon to those interested! D.W.

Evangelism – Dwight Nelson writes in his blog Oct.11, 2017 (shortened and edited)

Ninety-one "guests" (as they call them) joined with Zagreb Adventists in the nightly ninety-minute program. ...On a personal note and in grateful appreciation for your intercessory prayers, I need to testify **I've not had an experience of public evangelistic preaching quite like this one in Zagreb in all the years I've been involved in evangelism.** As I told the pastors here at Pioneer, I'm absolutely certain it was and remains the fruit of the Holy Spirit's own full-court intervention day and night in that city in response to concerted prayer. I remind you, many of us back in September began seeking God for a daily baptism of the Holy Spirit (as Christ invites us to do in Luke 11:13). Which is why I can be confident in attributing what I personally experienced and witnessed in Zagreb to His direct work. All of which says nothing about me – but says everything about the veracity of Jesus' promise – **"But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes upon you, and you will be My witnesses ..."**(Acts 1:8). So whatever we do, let's not abandon our daily seeking for the Spirit of God's fresh, empowering baptism every morning.

Reconciliation: There are very good experiences of individuals and families (see experience nos.2 / 17; 3/31; 3 /, 35; 3/40; 4/52; 4/56;). Experiences of entire churches from tensions, quarrels, divisions, injuries, no forgiveness, emotional outbursts and personal attacks to loving and peaceful forgiveness and reconciliation (experiences no. 1/10; 7/84).

Young Mother – Kids – USA: Indeed, I sense a great responsibility raising three little boys. I have and can see the only hope I have is to daily ask for the Holy Spirit to possess me each day. Since reading your book, I have seen what a difference it has made in the behaviour of my boys. I have patience where I normally wouldn't have patience, I have love and compassion where I would have frustration. And they are more often than not responding with a surrendered heart. We are growing certainly, but how thankful I am to understand the simple truth of how Jesus can live in me! D.W.

‘How to raise interest?’ Under this menu point you find valuable suggestions. One thing, which is very easy to start, is the suggestion of “Coordinated Reading”. The strongest incentive is through holding a “seminar”. You can hold it yourself, or have a guest speaker (or use a video; only available in certain languages.) You can still enhance the experience of a seminar if you have “Coordinated Reading” before or after the seminar.

My request: May I – as an older brother - recommend to you: pray and read the booklet several times with someone who is near to you. This will notably influence the progress in your group, church or conference.

Could the next step be to share your insights and experiences with the Pastors, Elders and other key-members? It is so important to reach their hearts. That is how Ethiopia started. In July 2017, 500 pastors received the booklet in Amharic at the end of a revival-week. – In the North Philippines Union the booklet was presented at a prayer-conference in Filipino to 1,500 Elders in June 2017.

Experiences

Will you share testimonies personally and in our papers? There is great inspiration in them. If necessary, testimonies can also be used from www.steps-to-personal-revival.info – Testimonies

Dear Leader!

Let us grow in the Holy Spirit. The Lord himself has given the command [MB20.3]:

“Let yourselves be constantly and repeatedly filled anew with the Spirit”. (Eph. 5:18)

Christ in us and the Holy Spirit make us “heralds of good tidings” (Is.40:9). Don’t forget Jesus’ last words on earth:

“But you will receive the Holy Spirit and be my witnesses through His power [ability, equipping, supernatural power].” (Acts 1:8)

Your Brother in Christ Jesus
Helmut Haubeil

JESUS' MOST PRECIOUS GIFT

WHAT DID JESUS TEACH ABOUT THE HOLY SPIRIT?

*Are you acquainted with Jesus'
most powerful message?*

A few of the first personal testimonies:

Back to our “first love”: A sister wrote to me: My friend and I are currently studying the “40 Days” book for the third time alternating with the booklet “Steps to Personal Revival”. Before we discovered this material our faith experience and prayer life wasn’t what it once had been. **We longed to find our “first love” again.** We have found it! We thank God with our whole hearts. It is so wonderful how our loving God answers prayers and that He reveals how His Spirit is working – on us and on the people we are praying for. M.S.

Jesus entered our lives: Another person wrote about these books: “...they have become a great and long-awaited blessing in my life. Just like many other church members and a sister from our church have experienced, something was always missing in our faith experience and now we have had the privi-

lege of experiencing how **Jesus has entered our lives** and has begun to change us. He is still working on us and step by step is drawing us closer to Him.” S.K.

Did Jesus’ disciples ask themselves: How can Jesus exercise such a great influence? Was it connected with His prayer life? That is why they asked Him: “*Lord, teach us to pray.*” Jesus responded to their request.

His prayer lesson in Luke 11:1-13 has three parts: The Lord’s Prayer, the parable of the friend coming at midnight and as a climax the continual request for the Holy Ghost.

In the parable (verses 5-8) visitors arrive at a man’s home late in the evening and he **has nothing**, which he can serve them. Because of his need, he immediately goes to his neighbor. He explains to him that “**he has nothing**” and asks for bread. He continues to ask until he finally receives the bread. Now he has bread – bread of life – for himself and for his visitors. He has something for himself and is now in the position where he can share.

Now Jesus links this parable (problem: I have nothing) with the request for the Holy Spirit by saying: “**Therefore** I say to you, ask, and it will be given you.” (Luke 11:9 NKJV) Then follows:

Jesus’ special Appeal: Therefore ask for the Holy Spirit

There is a particular Bible passage in which Jesus emphatically commands us to ask for the Holy Ghost. I know of no other passage where Jesus so lovingly urged us to take something to heart. These verses are found in His lesson on prayer in Luke 11. There He emphasized 10 times that we should ask for the Holy Spirit. Luke 11:9-13 NKJV:

*“So I say to you, **ask**, and it will be given to you; **seek**, and you will find; **knock**, and it will be opened to you. For everyone who **asks** receives, and he who **seeks** finds, and to him who **knocks** it will be opened. If a son **asks** for bread from any father among you, will he give him a stone? Or if he **asks** for a fish, will he give him a serpent instead of a fish? Or if he **asks** for an egg, will he offer him a scorpion? If you then, being evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who **ask** Him!”*

In these few verses Jesus used the verb “ask” six times; then he replaced “ask” and emphasized it with “seek” two times – an action – and two more times with “knock” – also an action word.

Doesn't He clearly show us that we have to take action in order to be filled with the Holy Ghost? The last "ask" is used in the continuous tense in Greek. That means that we aren't to ask only once, but rather to ask continuously. Here Jesus doesn't only make asking a matter of urgency but also expects us to continually do it. Certainly He also wants to awaken our desire for the Holy Spirit with this heartfelt invitation. This urgent invitation shows us Jesus' conviction that we would be missing something crucial, if we don't continually ask for the outpouring of the Holy Ghost. He was clearly calling our attention to the fact that we absolutely need the Holy Spirit. In this way He wants us to continually receive the rich blessings of the Holy Ghost.

In *Christ's Object Lessons* it says: "God does not say, Ask once, and you shall receive. He bids us ask. Unwearyingly persist in prayer. The persistent asking brings the petitioner into a more earnest attitude, and gives him an increased desire to receive the things for which he asks".¹

Jesus then gave three examples, which show behavior that is unimaginable even for sinful human fathers. He wanted to show us that it is even more unimaginable that our heavenly Father wouldn't give us the Holy Ghost when we ask. Jesus wants us to be sure that we will receive the Holy Ghost when we ask in the appropriate way. With this promise and other promises we can ask in faith and know that we have already received what we requested. (1 John 5:14-15; more information in chapter 5)

This special invitation shows us that according to Jesus something essential is missing, when we don't persistently ask for the Holy Ghost. He draws it to our attention that we absolutely need the Holy Ghost. He wants us to continually experience the rich blessings from the Holy Ghost.

This part of His lesson on prayer is a unique process. The Holy Spirit is God's greatest gift – the gift which brings all the other gifts with it. This was Jesus crowning gift to His disciples and clear proof of His love. I think we can understand that such a valuable gift wouldn't be pushed on someone. It is only given to those who express their desire for this gift and appreciate it.

He will be given to those who have surrendered their lives to Jesus; He will be given to those who live in continual commitment. (John 15: 4-5) Commitment is expressed by:

1 E.G. White, *Christ's Object Lessons* (1900), p. 145.3

- ▶ A yearning for God (“*whoever thirsts*” John 7:37)
- ▶ Trust in God (“*he who believes in Me, as the Scripture has said*” John 7:38)
- ▶ Complete surrender as a result of trusting God (“*placing your whole life at God’s disposal*” Rom. 12:1)
- ▶ Following God in everything (“*those who obey Him*” Acts 5:32)
- ▶ Give up their own way, go God’s way and do this according to God’s will (“*repent and be baptized*” Acts 2:38)
- ▶ Not to plan anything wrong (“*if I regard iniquity in my heart, the Lord will not hear*” Ps.66:18)
- ▶ Realize and admit to our great need (“*I have nothing*” Luke 11:6)
- ▶ Continually ask for the Holy Ghost (Luke 11:9-13)

Can’t you clearly see in these expectations that God has for us, how valuable this gift is? When you think about all these prerequisites, then you will probably find deficiencies in yourself.

I have made it my habit to pray daily for a desire for the Holy Spirit in connection with John 7:37 NKJV: “*If anyone thirsts, let him come to Me and drink.*”²

We can pray: “Lord Jesus, I completely say yes to all the prerequisites for receiving the Holy Ghost. I sincerely ask that you now – for today – fulfill them in me.” Our wonderful God is even there for us in fulfilling the prerequisites.

The Holy Spirit is the Source of a Fulfilled Life

According to Jesus why did He come to this earth? He said:

“I have come that they may have life, and that they may have it more abundantly.” (John 10:10 NKJV)

Jesus wants us to experience this new life now and to continue it in a completely different dimension after His second coming as eternal life in God’s kingdom.

He also shows us that the source of a fulfilled life is the Holy Ghost: “*... ‘If anyone thirsts, let him come to Me and drink. He who believes in Me, as the Scripture has said, out of his heart will flow rivers of living water.’ But this He spoke concerning the Spirit*” (John 7:37-39 NKJV)

“Rivers of living water” – isn’t that a good comparison for a fulfilled life?

² It is worthwhile to pray with promises. If you want to know more about this, please read chapter 4 of *Steps to Personal Revival*.

During His life here on earth did Jesus give us a corresponding example?

We know that Mary conceived Jesus through the Holy Ghost. (Matt. 1:18). We know that after His baptism He prayed: “*And the Holy Spirit descended in bodily form like a dove upon Him ...*” (Luke 3:22) Under these circumstances was it necessary and important that He receive the Holy Spirit daily? I quote from E.G. White:

*“Morning by morning he communicated with his Father in heaven, receiving from him daily a fresh baptism of the Holy Spirit.”*³

There is a statement in *Acts of the Apostles*: “To the consecrated worker there is wonderful consolation in the knowledge that even Christ during His life on earth sought His Father daily for fresh supplies of needed grace ...”⁴

Jesus indeed was an example to us in this. We have to ask ourselves: If Jesus daily needed a refreshing from the Holy Ghost, then how much more important is it for you and me?

The apostle Paul really understood Jesus’ objective. In his letter to the church in Ephesus, Paul confirms in chapter 1:13 that they had been sealed by the Holy Ghost when they became believers. In chapter 3:16-17 he encourages them to be strong in the Spirit and in chapter 5:18 (NKJV) Paul, as an authorized apostle, calls the Ephesians and us to: “... *be filled with the Spirit*” or “*let yourselves be continuously and repeatedly filled again with the Spirit*”⁵ We see that even if we received the Holy Spirit when we were born again, that we in general need a daily refreshing. It is important for the spiritual life and growth of a Christian to be daily filled with the Holy Ghost.

Our Sabbath School Study Guide says the following about Eph. 5:18: “What does it mean ‘to be baptized’ with the Holy Ghost? Jesus personally explained this with a synonym. A person is ‘baptized’ with the Holy Spirit (Acts 1:5) when the Holy Ghost ‘has come upon’ them (v. 8). To be baptized means to be fully immersed in something – usually water. This involves the whole person. Baptism with the Holy Spirit means to be completely under the influence of the Holy Ghost – to be completely ‘filled’ by Him. This isn’t a one-time experience, but rather something that

3 E.G. White, *Signs of the Times*, November 21, 1895, par. 3

4 E.G. White, *The Acts of the Apostles*, (1911) p. 56.1

5 Johannes Mager, *Auf den Spuren des Heiligen Geistes*, (Lüneburg, 1999), Seite 101

has to be continually repeated, as Paul illustrates in Eph. 5:18b with the tense of the Greek verb ‘filled’.”⁶

Jesus’ Farewell Words and the Holy Spirit

In Jesus’ farewell words He conveyed joy and hope by telling them that the Holy Ghost would come in His place. Jesus tells something surprising to the disciples in John 16:7:

“Nevertheless 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 depart, I will send Him to you.”

A New Advantageous Solution

Jesus told the disciples something surprising: *“It is to your advantage that I go away.”* This means that the new solution, that He is with us through the Holy Ghost, is more advantageous than Jesus being personally present. In this way He isn’t limited, but rather He can be by each person, no matter where He currently is.

A personal testimony from a teacher and one of her students:

When the booklet “Steps to Personal Revival” from H. Haubeil was handed out in my home church about a year ago, I read it through very quickly. Already while reading it I had more experiences with God than ever before – this fascinated and encouraged me.

In the booklet’s appendix I found the following suggestion:

“Pedagogical research has shown that it is necessary to read or listen six to ten times to a vital topic till we have thoroughly understood it.”

These encouraging words captivated my attention:

“Try it at least once. The result will convince you.”

6 Sabbath School Study Guide July 17, 2014

I wanted to experience that and already by the third reading it seized me and I felt a great love for our Redeemer, which I had yearned for my whole life. Within two months I had read it through six times and the result was worth it.

It was as if I could understand what it would be like when Jesus comes close to us and we can look into His pure, kind and loving eyes. From then on I didn't want to be without this joy in our Savior.

When I woke up in the morning I already yearned for my morning worship time in order to again experience fellowship with God and during the day I prayed quietly that the Holy Ghost would help me with my thoughts during conversations, my example, while teaching and communicating.

When a child craved attention and acted accordingly, God gave me strength and wisdom to deal with it.

Since then my work days are filled with the presence of the Creator. He helps me literally in my everyday life. Since then I pray in the morning and in between times for the outpouring of the Holy Ghost. It is as if you are closer to heaven and can already taste what it will be like there.

While reading the booklet the thought came to me that my students in the school should also share in this experience. I teach the 10-15 year-olds in our Adventist School Elijah in Vorarlberg, Austria. So I prayed for God to give me opportunities. Very soon afterwards I had one of my most wonderful experiences with how the Holy Ghost can work in young people's hearts.

A 13 year-old Ruffian and the Holy Spirit

The experience started *a year before I read the booklet on the Holy Ghost*. A new student came to our school and within a few days our peaceful oasis was changed into a rough scuffle room. The boy was 13 years-old then – he was the biggest of all the children and correspondingly strong. Many things that had been learned during the school year and had brought wonderful fruit seemed to disappear in a moment.

Let him tell about it himself: “When I came to my present school, I had no idea what awaited me. On my second day of school I let myself get provoked, snapped and started a fight with one my classmates. I hit him even though he was considerably weaker than I was, berated him and never wanted to see him again.

Later I realized my mistake and apologized, just as I always had in the past. After that I had a conversation with the headmaster. In the next months a process started in me. It is astonishing that this process had only now started since I was a pastor's son. I started to spend more time with Jesus.”

I thought that this young person would need extra special attention. He was aware of his failure, regretted it and tried again, but he didn't have long-lasting success in his own strength. At first, hardly a day would go by when he wasn't in a fight, but gradually it got better.

After 6 months he said he thought it was the prayers that had brought him closer to God. In the meantime he had started praying for strength in the morning. His fits of rage and fights became less frequent.

Eleven months had now gone by since he came to our school and we could see even more improvements. But his anger, his swearing outbursts and his fists weren't permanently under control.

It was only natural – he tried to win in his own strength and understanding, which worked sometimes and other times not at all. *Our prayers had made some achievement, but his mindset still wasn't right and the renewing power of the Spirit was missing.*

What good does it do, when a person sees their mistakes, tries to control their temper and in the next moment fails again? Just at the time when I realized that I was at my wits' end, I received the booklet mentioned above. It came at just the right time. Then I realized what we were missing. It was the power of the Holy Ghost. We hadn't even asked Him to help us!

Since I had been touched by the message of "Steps to Personal Revival" I got up my courage to ask the boy if he had ever prayed for the Holy Ghost. No – he never had. Then I tried to awaken his interest in the booklet. I didn't give it to him though. He should really want it. And very soon he did ask for the booklet.

Again in his own words: "In November 2012 my teacher gave me the booklet "Steps to Personal Revival". I eagerly started to read it. At that time I wasn't really acquainted with the work of the Holy Ghost."

Within the first day he had already devoured almost two chapters and then he asked me how many times I had read it. He immediately started to read the chapters again and wanted to do exactly what the booklet suggested: reading it 6-10 times.

Since then a lot has changed. From December 2012 on there weren't any more fist fights or scuffles – I could hardly believe it. The boys that he had beaten up every day became his friends and they get along harmoniously.

He has completely changed – he is polite and even obliging and peacefulness has taken over his aggressive nature. His classmates can confirm that God was at work. You can see the fruits every day. To God's glory I want to mention that the boy decided to get baptized in June 2013. If that wasn't the Holy Ghost. ...

I had always thought that I could manage a child and make it see reason. Patience, attention and lots of talks would do it, but it just didn't work long-term. God had to intervene and taught me that it is His Spirit, who makes the impossible possible.

Someday when this boy is in heaven, then I will know that God brought it about. When I was at the end of my wisdom and finally understood that I couldn't guide him, then God started to radically work on him. It encourages me to see that there are no hopeless cases for God. C.P.

Prayer: Father in heaven, thank you for Jesus' urgent invitation to ask for the Holy Ghost. I am sorry for the losses I have experienced because of a lack of the Holy Ghost. I need divine assistance so that Jesus can become greater in me. I need His help in every area of my life. Thank you that the Holy Ghost can change my character and can make me fit for God's kingdom. I completely surrender myself to you with all that I am and have. Thank you for accepting me and giving me your blessings. Help me to grow in knowledge about the Holy Ghost. Amen.

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