
How to Have an Awesome Life - Living the Spirit Filled Life



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Breakaway Camp Bible Studies

Breakaway Kids Camps

Our mission is to provide a fun environment where relationships are built and the gospel is shared so that lives are changed eternally.

Breakaway Kids Camps are Interdenominational Christian Holiday Camps for Kids located 2 hours south of Sydney, NSW. Australia.

The camps are held at Fitzroy Falls Conference Centre - 71 Ryans Lane Fitzroy Falls, NSW Australia, during the January School Holidays. There is a Junior Camp for Primary Schoolers (Years 3-6) and a Senior Camp for High Schoolers (Years 7-12). There are also Summer and Winter Camps for Underprivileged Children. We aim to provide opportunities for young people to develop mentally, physically, socially and spiritually in a healthy natural environment.

The camp team consist of Christian men and women who relate well to young people and who care for their well-being. They give their time on a voluntary basis

Introduction

Welcome to the Breakaway Kids Camps Bible Study - How To Have An Awesome Life - Day 4 - Living The Spirit Filled Life.

Have you noticed how eager kids are to see how quickly they are growing up? They don't want to remain children their whole lives. They want to grow up to full maturity like their parents. With the gift of life a kid needs the right food, the right care, the right discipline, the right education, and the right exercise in order to grow. Without these, kids cannot grow up healthy and strong.

Before you can begin to experience an awesome life and be the person you were meant to be, you must accept and develop your spiritual life. You must be born again by the Holy Spirit. To lead an amazing life, you need the spiritual food of the Bible. You also need prayer and Christian fellowship. Further, you need to develop your abilities to do the work of God through Christian service.

Enjoy,

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The Person of the Holy Spirit is of great importance to the life of discipleship. You just cannot live the life of a disciple unless you give Him His rightful place. When Luke spoke about the events of Pentecost, he said that the Holy Spirit did not just indwell the believers; he also spoke of the Holy Spirit filling and empowering the believers. Is this your experience?

The Corinthian believers had all the gifts of the Spirit among their members - knowledge, wisdom, healing, miracles and tongues (1 Cor 1:7). But could Paul call them Spirit-filled? No, he couldn't (1 Cor 3:1-4). For even worldly, self-reliant Christians can exercise the Spiritual gifts. And Satan can copy spiritual gifts too (Mat 7:21-23). While such signs may be given, the real test of the Spirit's filling is much deeper than this. It shows itself in four main ways: -

A New Love for Jesus

The work of the Spirit is to uplift Christ and bring glory to Him (John 16:14). When you are filled with the Spirit, you will have a deep love for Jesus. Your heart and mouth will be filled with joy and praise for what the Lord has done. You will rejoice that Christ is Lord in your heart and this will overflow into everything you say and do (1 Cor 12:3).

Power to Witness

The fullness of the Holy Spirit will bring a new power and boldness to speak for Jesus. This may not be a power you can feel. You may not even know that you have it. But you will have a desire to speak for Jesus. When you are faced with an opportunity, you will find that the Holy Spirit will give the courage you need and just the right words to say (Mat 10:19f; Acts 1:8).

Fruit of the Spirit

The Spirit filled life is a journey of growing in Christ-likeness. The fruit of the Spirit - love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control - will be more clearly seen in your life every day (Gal 5:22,23). As Jesus becomes more at home in your own heart, more of these qualities will be seen in your life too.

Transformed Relationships

The Spirit-filled life affects human relationships. The fullness of the Spirit brings a new inner harmony, joy and thankfulness which shows itself in singing (Eph 5:19f). It brings changes in home life, in the relationship between husbands and wives, parents and children (Eph 5:19-6:4). Also it changes your attitude towards work, to those over you and those under you (Eph 6:5-9).

The real test of the Spirit's fullness is not in some experience you may have had in the past, nor in the exercise of spiritual gifts, but in the inner changes that continue to show out in your life. How clear are these four marks seen in your life today?

Discuss

- Why is the 'Fruit of the Spirit' a much clearer sign of the Spirit's fullness than the 'gifts of the Spirit'?
- Look at the 9 marks of the 'fruit of the Spirit' below. Now assess how well these are seen in your own life (1 = weak; 2 = moderate; 3 = consistently seen)

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<input type="checkbox"/>	Joy	<input type="checkbox"/>	Kindness	<input type="checkbox"/>	Gentleness
<input type="checkbox"/>	Peace	<input type="checkbox"/>	Goodness	<input type="checkbox"/>	Self-Control

- What has God been saying to you through this series of studies?