

Sermon 1/19/25 7-Day Devotion Guide: Embracing the Holy Spirit Fire

Day 1: Understanding the Gift of Prophecy Scripture: 1 Corinthians 12:4-11

Reflection: Reflect on the diversity of spiritual gifts and the specific role of prophecy. Consider how these gifts are meant to build up the church.

Prayer: Ask God to reveal your spiritual gifts and how you can use them to serve others.

Action: Identify one way you can encourage someone in your community today.

Day 2: Testing Prophecies Scripture: 1 Thessalonians 5:19-21

Reflection: Contemplate the importance of testing prophecies and holding onto what is good. Reflect on how discernment plays a role in your spiritual journey.

Prayer: Pray for wisdom and discernment to recognize God's voice amidst the noise.

Action: Journal about a time when you felt God was speaking to you and how you discerned His message.

Day 3: The Holy Spirit as Fire Scripture: Matthew 3:11

Reflection: Meditate on John the Baptist's prophecy about Jesus baptizing with the Holy Spirit and fire. Consider what it means for the Holy Spirit to be a purifying and empowering force in your life.

Prayer: Invite the Holy Spirit to ignite a passion for God in your heart.

Action: Spend time in worship, focusing on songs that invite the Holy Spirit's presence.

Day 4: Overcoming Fear of Change Scripture: 2 Timothy 1:7

Reflection: Reflect on how fear can hinder spiritual growth and transformation. Consider areas in your life where fear has held you back.

Prayer: Ask God to replace your fear with power, love, and self-discipline.

Action: Write down one fear you have about change and pray specifically for courage to overcome it.

Day 5: Embracing Transformation Scripture: Romans 12:2

Reflection: Contemplate the process of transformation through the renewal of your mind. Reflect on how the Holy Spirit can change your thoughts and attitudes.

Prayer: Pray for a renewed mind and openness to the Holy Spirit's transformative work.

Action: Identify one area in your life where you desire transformation and commit it to God in prayer.

Day 6: The Power of the Holy Spirit Scripture: Acts 2:1-4

Reflection: Reflect on the events of Pentecost and the power of the Holy Spirit in the early church. Consider how this same power is available to you today.

Prayer: Pray for a fresh outpouring of the Holy Spirit in your life and community.

Action: Share with a friend or family member how the Holy Spirit has impacted your life.

Day 7: Living with Holy Spirit Fire Scripture: Galatians 5:22-23

Reflection: Reflect on the fruit of the Spirit and how living with Holy Spirit fire produces these qualities in your life.

Prayer: Ask God to help you live a life that reflects the fruit of the Spirit.

Action: Choose one fruit of the Spirit to focus on cultivating this week and take practical steps to live it out.
