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A wise, measured, and deeply passionate invitation to a Spirit-filled life

Are you trying your best to be a good Christian but still feel something's missing? Do the peace and joy you long for seem to elude you? Does following Christ sometimes feel like a lot of work—or like it's just not working very well?

Much has been written and spoken—and argued!—about the Holy Spirit and what it means to be filled with the Spirit. Charles Stanley cuts through the confusion and introduces you to a living Person as real and active as God the Father and Christ the Son. Through personal stories, biblical exploration, and insightful explanation, he will help you discover:

who the Spirit is—and how to develop a relationship with Him who the Spirit *isn't*—and how to avoid damaging misconceptions how being "filled" with the Spirit actually works what the Bible really teaches about spiritual "signs" such as speaking in tongues how the Spirit can increase your capacity for faith, hope, love, and personal transformation what it means to "hear" the Spirit's voice how to make the most of your unique spiritual gifting to build up Christ's body what happens when the Spirit's power is unleashed in your workplace, your family life, your friendships, and every other area of your life

In *The Spirit-Filled Life* Charles Stanley reveals how to recognize and begin to live with the guiding presence of the Holy Spirit.

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Shelly Hendricks says

I did appreciate the care Dr. Stanley gave in proving that the Holy Spirit is an active, living part of the Trinity and God-head. I loved reading about how he came to this realization in his own life. My favorite part was when he recognized that all that was necessary to connect with the Holy Spirit was TRUST. That was awesome.

In my review of this book, I was very hopeful that it would be one I would want to give away and share with others. However, I encountered so many of what I consider to be biblical inaccuracies, that I cannot in good conscience recommend it. The doctrine of Eternal Security and Premillennialism are scattered throughout, and scripture does not support these.

Loria says

A great book for those who wants the spirit-filled life but don't know how to obtain it..
Mr. Stanley is a great teacher plenty of wisdom.

Julius McCarter says

Charles Stanley is most known for his radio and television preaching on his "In Touch" program. He's the senior pastor at First Baptist Church of Atlanta, and has served as the president of the Southern Baptist Convention. So his pastoral wisdom has been forged in service to Christ's Church for over 50 years.

In this book, Stanley's pastoral voice takes a deeply moving and personal turn. Part spiritual autobiography and part spiritual theology, *The Spirit-Filled Life: Discover the Joy of Surrendering to the Holy Spirit* is a beautifully simple, yet graciously instructive book.

The first part, "Looking Up", relates Dr Stanley's own struggles, as a seminary student and young, pastor. "I've known the pain and frustration of trying to live the Christian life by my own devices" (ix). To non-Christians, there appears so little difference to being Christian. And there's a reason according to Stanley: We try to live the impossible Christian life by our own power and processes. It won't work, which is why the Christian life is "the Spirit-filled life".

Sure, nobody's perfect. And, yes, God understands at our failed attempts. But those miss the point. We can't live the life to which God calls us in Jesus "apart from the help of the Holy Spirit" (10).

The first part of this book is an eye-opening experience. There's pain, but more importantly there's joy. Not because he's a pastor who's figured it all out. But because God's Spirit lives within him.

There's hope for all Christians to live this abundant, divinely-graced life in the Spirit.

"Looking Within", the second part of the book, highlights how this is a faith-full, hope-full word for all Christians. He rightly highlights the fruit of the Spirit over certain gifts (like speaking in tongues or healing). The work God has given us utilizes those nine virtues for a hurting world. His listing of the fruit of the Spirit on p. 123 opened my eyes. I've preached these often, but that list refreshed them by placing the mirror in front of me.

The final part, "Looking Ahead", opens up this life in the Spirit for our everyday lives. From peace to wisdom, from conscience to Scripture, God is still there, with us, in us, in Christ and the Spirit.

In all, this book is a simple, pastoral word. It's easy to read -- no theology classes necessary. And, even if there are points where we disagree (Stanley's premillennialism shines through), it's a real treat to disagree knowing our unity in Christ is forged not out of our agreements, but in this joyful Spirit-filled life.

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Jim Sanford says

I will give this a 5 for sure ... Charles Stanley has been preaching for awhile... that means that he has experienced a lot in his Christian walk and his ministry... it is a book that really helps you see the power of the holy spirit that indwells all christians ..
He uses scripture to help u be a more spirit filled Christian

David Keith says

Charles F. Stanley one of New York Times' best seller here explains the Spirit filled life. I have learned through reading this particular book that, having a clear neutral conscious is that best state the Holy Spirit may work in, through, and with you. Also the conscious is a "red flag" indicator for better judgement. I really appreciate Charles's input as a life leading pastor of astronomical acclaim. God bless you Mr. Stanley

Jamie Holloway says

Um, I didn't like this book much it felt. He writes from his heart and it is truth, but the writing is a bit hard to get into for me.

Kari says

Most Christians speak of the fruits of the Spirit and of wanting to produce fruit, but do we actually know how to do that? The Holy Spirit is often a mysterious figure to even relatively seasoned Christians because

he's not discussed as much as God the Father or Jesus. What does it mean to walk in the Spirit, be filled with the Spirit? Charles Stanley deftly answers these and many more questions pertaining to living a life more connected to the Holy Spirit in his new book *The Spirit-Filled Life*.

I found this book to be fascinating on many levels. Stanley's order of the book keeps readers focused and depth of the information keeps the reader on their toes. It's not a book to be skimmed lightly, and the questions at the end of each chapter are truly valuable at helping the reader begin to deepen their knowledge of the Holy Spirit. But, that's not to say that *The Spirit-Filled Life* moves slowly. It's not a difficult read, rather it's filled with so much of Stanley's personal testimony and so many good verses, soundly interpreted that you need time to process what you're learning. I learned so many things about who the Holy Spirit is, how he functions and how to incorporate knowledge of and a relationship with him into my everyday life. I've truly seen a difference in my own life by implementing several of things that I learned from the book.

Charles Stanley has long been one of my favorite pastors to watch, but this is the first time that I've read one of his books. I find his writing style to be very similar to his preaching style in that he uses a lot of Scripture, is very careful in his interpretation and gives the reader practical advice that they can use everyday. We've been church shopping for about a year and are still looking for our church home. Church shopping is often a lonely, difficult and often discouraging experience. I'm very grateful to have found a book that both fed me and helped encourage me to keep looking for a place of worship. I highly recommend anyone seeking to get closer to God or anyone seeking a better knowledge of The Holy Spirit to read *The Spirit-Filled Life*.

I was provided with a copy of *The Spirit-Filled Life* from BookLook Bloggers for this post, however all opinions are my own

Jaye says

A must read for anyone trying to live out their Christian walk by working harder and trying harder. A game changer for me in how I see the Spirit, and how He is part of my life. I always love Charles as he is practical and logical not playing on emotions just lists the facts. This book was seriously life changing for me... that being said the timing was right in my life. Highly recommend. So thankful for people who are able to share their lifelong studies so we can benefit. Thanks Charles!

JoJo Sutis says

I'm thrilled that Dr. Stanley has written a very informative, biblically-based and exciting book that's all about the Holy Spirit.

I think that the Holy Spirit may be one of the most controversial topics in the lives of Christians today. He is probably the most misused and misunderstood person of the Trinity.

That's why Dr. Stanley's book is so timely!

In the day and time we're living in, it's even more imperative that we understand Who the Holy Spirit is and what He does.

In "The Spirit-Filled Life", Dr. Stanley shares his own personal experience of coming to understand and discover the Person and work of the Holy Spirit.

Chapter by chapter, delving into Scripture, you will discover for yourself...

Who the Holy Spirit is

What He does

How He works

Are you tired of trying and striving and working on areas of your life?

Have you rededicated your life to Christ, promising to do better- only to fall back into your same old patterns?

Do you feel completely unequipped to live for and work for Christ?

Are you ready to experience the freedom that comes from surrendering to the work of the Holy Spirit in your own life?

Is the Holy Spirit a complete mystery to you and you'd like to understand Him more?

This is the book for you!!!

I typically dislike marking up the pages of my books and dog-earring it's pages in case I want to loan it out....well, get your highlighters ready! This one's a keeper!!!

Nathan Parker says

An excellent resource on living the spirit filled life. Biblical, practical, and recommended for any Christian wanting to better experience the spirit filled life and live in the power of the Holy Spirit.

Beverley Smith says

I am setting this as read and giving it two ** because after 10 chapters of what was very good explanation of the Holy Ghost and how we should live to have the Spirit as our constant companion it became repetitive and then of course boring. The author shares lots of personal experiences which are all good and i cannot find fault with, but my thoughts on the Holy Ghost do not involve the Holy Trinity and i think that made things harder to follow. I believe that Heavenly Father and Jesus Christ and the Holy Ghost are separate but one in purpose to bring us back to live with them.
