

**NOTES: Sabbatical Reflections | Our need for the Holy Spirit**  
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Pastor Wendy's Sabbatical Reflection:

Pastor Nate's

**The first act of the Risen Lord was to breathe the Spirit on the disciples. John 20.19-23**

**The First act of the Ascended Lord was to send the Holy Spirit to baptize believers and launch the church**

**Acts 1.6-8**

**Acts 2.1-4**

**Pentecost completed Good Friday and Easter Sunday**

**The Early church (Book of Acts) depended on the Holy Spirit so very much.**

- Power to be witnesses. Courage and boldness (Acts 1.8).
- They did not minister by their own resources but the indwelling power of God, His HS in them.
- Healings, miracles, direction, boldness, words, open doors, gifts, from the Holy Spirit were all part of the ministry of the early church.
- Salvation came by the power of the Spirit drawing people to repentance of sin and confession of Christ.

**We must embrace the work of God's Spirit in our lives.**

To teach us-John 14.26

To speak to us.

To comfort and encourage (John 16).

To give us power (Acts 1.8).

**He gives spiritual gifts as he wills (1 Corinthians 12.4-11). To edify the Body of Christ**

Convict us of sin (John 16.8).

To pray through us, (Romans 8, and 1 Cor. 12), in our native tongue and the gift of tongues.

To edify the Body through the gifts of the Spirit of God.

To fill us (Ephesians 5.18-21).

We are to follow Him as he leads us to all truth (John 16.13).

Our lives reflect the Fruit of the Spirit (Galatians 5.22-23).

Am I living filled with the Spirit?

Do I need to "empty" my life and heart of any sin, offenses, unforgiveness, to be more filled?

Am I "poor in spirit"?

Do I desire the Holy Spirit to give me more spiritual power?

Where can more "fruit" of the Spirit be visible?

## A Prayer to Empty and to Fill

By Pastor Nate Elarton, Compelled Church

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1. Empty me of pride that exalts me above others and the Father.
2. Empty me of guilt for there is no condemnation in Christ Jesus (Romans 8.1).
3. Empty me of all unforgiveness and offenses that break my fellowship with others and you Father.
4. Empty me of all worldly affections and desires that my flesh would seek to fill (Galatians 2.20).
5. Empty me of agitations, bad attitudes, judgment that is not part of the Father's love.
6. Empty me of the mistakes of my past. May I not live there? May I walk in freedom and new life in Christ?
7. Empty me of a desire to earn your love, to work for you. Help me rest in your unconditional love and know my salvation is a gift from you (Ephesians 2).

*I give you my emptiness and ask you to fill me with your purposes and your will for my life today. On earth as it is in Heaven.*

1. Fill me with your Holy Spirit (Ephesians 5.18).
2. Fill me with the power of your Spirit so I have the courage to be a witness (Acts 1.8).
3. Fill my lips today with words of joy, honor, encouragement and love (Hebrews 10.23).
4. Fill me with gratitude for your blessings and gifts, for others in my life also.
5. Fill my heart with your grace and mercy.
6. Fill my spirit with your peace (Romans 5.1).
7. Fill me with your gifts according to your grace that I may edify others and glorify you (1 Cor. 14).
8. Fill me with an open heart to receive your love.
9. Fill me with the desire to be about your business.
10. Fill my ears with attentiveness to hear your voice.
11. Fill my mind with purity (Philippians 4.8-9).
12. Fill me with love and thoughtfulness (1 John 4.7-8)
13. Fill me with a desire to be a servant (Philippians 2.1-4).
14. Fill me with caring for those struggling with their faith (Galatians 6).
15. Fill me with your Joy.

*Thank you Lord for emptying me and filling me so I may be your hand, feet, voice, and representation on this earth to my family, friends, church and community. In Jesus', Name...Amen*

*"And do not get drunk with wine, for that is dissipation, but be filled with the Spirit, speaking to one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody with your heart to the Lord; always giving thanks for all things in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to God, even the Father; and be subject to one another in the fear of Christ."*  
(Ephesians 5:18-21, NASB95)

*\*Adapted and taken from a prayer written by Pastor Nate in October 2004*