

The Charismatic Tradition¹

Notable Figures

Significant Movements

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Jesus of Nazareth
(c. 4 B.C. - c. A.D. 29)

Paul the Apostle (1st century)
Montanus (2nd century)
Perpetua (c. 180-203)
Gregory Thaumaturgus (c. 213-c.
270)

Montanist Movement
(2nd-3rd centuries)

Ephraem the Syrian (c. 306-c. 373)
Flavian (c. 320-404)

Samson (c. 485-c. 565)
Gregory the Great (c. 540-604)

Gregorian Liturgical Movement
(7th century to present)

Alcuin of York (c. 732-804)

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Hildegard of Bingen (1098-1179)

Lutgarde of Aywieres (1182-1246)
Francis of Assisi (1182-1226)
Richard Rolle (c. 1300-1349)
Bridget of Sweden (c. 1303-1373)
Joan of Arc (1412-1431)

Franciscans
(13th century to present)

George Fox (1624-1691)
Charles Wesley (1707-1788)
Seraphim of Sarov (1759-1833)
Pastor Hsi (1830-1896)
C.H. Mason (1866-1961)
William Seymour (1870-1922)
Evan John Roberts (1878-1951)

Sundar Singh (c. 1889-1929)
Aimee Semple McPherson (1890-
1944)

Pentecostal Movement
(20th century to the present)

David du Plessis (1905-1987)
Kathryn Kuhlman (c.1910-1976)
Demos Shakarian (1913-)

Charismatic Renewal
(20th century to the present)

Dennis Bennett (1917-1991)
Oral Roberts (1918-)
John Wimber (1934-1997)

Modern Liturgical Renewal
(20th century to the present)

¹*Streams of Living Water* by Richard J. Foster, p. 98

Practicing the Spirit-Empowered Life: The Charismatic Tradition²

1. Search the Scriptures to discover your spiritual gifts. Romans 12:6-8 and 1 Corinthians 12:8-11 list gifts that we are to strive for and exercise as members of the body of Christ. Read the passages, pray about them and seek understanding.
2. Explore the “Spirit-empowered” roles. Ephesians 4:11-13 lists several leadership positions in the Church. Read the passage, asking the Spirit to direct your thinking to how you can best serve the body of Christ.
3. Pray for the Holy Spirit. Jesus said that we must “ask” for the Holy Spirit (Luke 11:13).
4. Spend time reading about the “fruit” of the Spirit. Galatians 5:22-23 lists the fruit, or “virtues,” of the Spirit. The presence of that fruit is a sure sign that God’s Spirit is working in your life.
5. Bless others with your “fruit.” What fruit of the Spirit is most evident in you life (Gal. 5:22-23)? This week consciously be a conduit for these “fruits” the Spirit has given you.
6. Allow the Holy Spirit to become part of you prayer life. When you are praying this week, ask the Spirit to intercede when you cannot find words to express your concerns and you joys.
7. Welcome the illuminating work of the Spirit. One of the Spirit’s functions is to make the words of the Bible come to life. When reading the Scriptures this week, open you mind to the “divine Interpreter.”
8. Put on your armor. As Christians, we are given divine equipment called the “armor of God” (Eph. 6:10-17). List the different pieces of armor and ask the Spirit which one you need most at this time.
9. Exercise your spiritual gifts. If you have discovered your spiritual gifts (see exercise 1), spend an hour this week exercising them in your local church.
10. Seek other’s counsel about how you can best used your spiritual gifts. The Spirit sometimes gives guidance through other people. Ask a few friends whom you trust and who know you well what they see as your spiritual gifts and how they see those gifts best used.
11. Really worship when you go to church this week. Walk in the door with “a spirit of thanksgiving.” Sit in silence prior to the service. Meditate on God’s mercy and majesty. Sing the hymns with enthusiasm. Fill the sanctuary with prayer. Above all, praise God.
12. Study the Scripture passages about the Holy Spirit. Highlight those references that you find new and exciting.
13. Pray for the Spirit to give you confidence in the promise of God in Christ. Begin by reading Romans 8. The Holy Spirit is able to verify your position as a child of God the Father.
14. Ready Tony Campolo’s book *How to Be Pentecostal Without Speaking in Tongues*.
15. For fifteen minutes a day this week, wait on the Holy Spirit. Allow the Spirit to come into every corner of your life - your secrets, your desires, your failings, your victories, your all.