



The Church of Pentecost Canada

**Eastern Canada Area
Youth Campmeeting**

June 30 - July 3, 2011



Theme:

YOUTH LED BY THE SPIRIT OF GOD

(Romans 8:14, Galatians 5:16)

Venue:

**Christian Horizons Conference Center
(Paisley, On)**

PROFILE OF KEYNOTE SPEAKERS

Aps. Dr. Emmanuel Owusu Bediako



Apostle Dr. Emmanuel Owusu Bediako is the National Head of the Church of Pentecost Canada. He is a Church planter who has helped plant and nurture many pentecostal churches in the USA, Canada, Germany, Japan, Korea, Switzerland and other European countries. He is also a seasoned international conference speaker and the author of the *Book of Books: A History of The Bible (2008)*.

Before his divine call into full-time ministry, Aps. Dr. Bediako was a professional banker.

He is married to Mama Faustina Bediako, a writer, teacher, and a nurse. They are blessed with four girls - Christie, Portia, Esther, and Eunice.

REV. ISRAEL SOWAH WOOD

REV. ISRAEL SOWAH WOOD, is a passionate man of God with a shepherd's heart to reach out to souls all over Africa, Europe USA and Canada. As a son of a preacher, (the late Apostle G. A. WOOD of The Church of Pentecost), he had the training grace to respond to the call to full-time ministry at the age of twenty one (21).

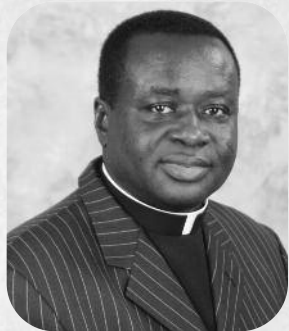
His ministry as an ambassador of the LORD has touched thousands of souls all over the world. He carries the apostolic mantle in church planting and building. He spearheaded the pioneer church-planting projects of The Agape Chapel International in Cote D'Ivoire, Togo, Ghana, France, and Italy. He has spent over half of his ministry (16 years) working amongst some of the French speaking nations of the world and is very articulate in French and English. He believes in the power God through prayer, worship, righteousness, and the Word. He loves God dearly and is blessed with three wonderful girls.



WELCOME MESSAGE BY APS. DR. EMMANUEL O. BEDIAKO, NATIONAL HEAD

I was so blessed for having me to be part of the 2010 Eastern Canada Youth Camp Meeting held at Upper Canada Camp. There, I was able to build some rich relationship with some of you on an individual level. I also developed an in-depth understanding of some of your daily challenges. That is spirituality, education and family challenges.

Moreover, I was thrilled within my spirit to see how many of you listened attentively and took notes during teachings sessions; sang and praised the Almighty God during “Praises and Worship” sessions; and prayed fervently during the long prayer sessions. It was no wonder that the visitation of the Lord was mighty to the point that many of you spoke with a new tongue for the first time to the glory of God.



Building upon last year's success, it has once again pleased the Lord for us to gather for another Youth camp meeting - at the beautiful Christian Horizons Conference Center in Paisley, Ontario. I strongly believe that the visitation of the Lord will be even greater than that last year. All that we all need is avail ourselves and be ready to meet our God in an exemplary way. For He is ever faithful and ever sure! It is very timely and important that the Church of Pentecost worldwide has chosen the theme **“Being Led by the Spirit of God” (Romans 8:14)** for the year 2011. It is therefore significant that the Youth Ministry has chosen **YOUTH LED BY THE SPIRIT OF GOD** (Romans 8:14; Galatians 5:16) for this year's camp meeting.

Often one will hear “I DON'T CARE”, “NOBODY SHOULD TELL ME WHAT I SHOULD DO”, “IT IS MY LIFE”, “LEAVE ME ALONE”, “I AM GOING TO DO IT ANYWAY”. These are familiar words at homes as a YOUTH yells at his/her mother or father and storms out. This is a familiar scene in Canadian society now and Christian homes are not different. Most Youth are not open to advice because their minds are closed on many issues. Some advice may be heeded only if it reinforces the decision already made or it is an easier path to take.

But as an adopted Youth of Jesus Christ, we need to seek, hear, and heed the advice of the WORD OF GOD. We need to be **“Led by the Spirit of God”**, as the Bible says. The leadings of the Holy Spirit in our individual Christian journeys are thus indispensable. It is the guidance and leadings of the Spirit - alone - that can sustain us in the moral will of God. Certainly, the obedience to do the will of God would never be possible without the leading, life-changing presence and empowerment of the Holy Spirit (Romans 8:6, 13, 14).

In view of this, I strongly urge you all to desire for a mighty move of the Holy Spirit and participate fully in every aspect of this camp meeting. And also desire to be **“Led by the Spirit of God”** the rest of your life. The Holy Spirit is here to equip and help you.

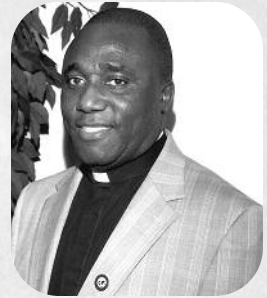
Finally, May the Holy Spirit guide, guard and bless us all throughout all sessions. May He enable you to speak a new language you have not learnt. May He open your eyes to see Visions and empower you to utter Prophetic Utterances (Joel 2:28) in Jesus' mighty name! May you as the future leaders of our dear Church rise up to do exploits for the Lord through the empowerment of the Holy Spirit.

On behalf of the Entire Church, I welcome you all to the 2011 Youth Camp meeting at the Christian Horizons Conference Center in Paisley, Ontario.

WELCOME MESSAGE

Rev. James Mckeown Quainoo, Eastern Canada Area Head & Youth Patron

The cold and dark winter is finally gone and the summer season is here with lots of sunshine, longer daylight and more outdoor activities including camp meetings. And as always, our competent and hard working Youth leaders have planned a special camp meeting at the beautiful Christian Horizons Conference Center, at Paisley, Ontario. This year also we have a record high number of registered participants exceeding the capacity of the camp bedding facilities. I believe God wants to do something spectacular in the lives of the Youth at this year's camp meeting. reveal His mind to us, lead us in the path of righteousness, warn us from danger and prepare us as we wait for the Rapture which shall come very soon.



Many topics are going to be treated out of the theme, **Youth led by the Spirit of God** (Romans 8:14, Galatians 5:16). There should be no doubt in the mind of the sincere believer that we are living in the last days. God is still speaking through the Holy Spirit to those who care to listen despite all the confusing and deceptive voices from the media on our various campuses and work places. However in the midst of all of that, the Holy Scriptures encourage us to watch and pray and be led by the Holy Spirit so that after we have endured everything we can stand before our Lord Jesus Christ, to receive the commendation, *"Well done, good and faithful servant"* (Matthew 25:21, Luke 24:34-36).

Each of us has a responsibility to defend our Judeo-Christian faith to the end and to proclaim it in the power of the Holy Spirit. The only way to survive these perilous and deceptive end times is to know and be led by the Holy Spirit. He alone can comfort, guide, teach, reveal the mind of God to us, lead us in the path of righteousness, warn us of danger and prepare us as we wait for the Rapture which shall come very soon. This is not the time to follow worldly wisdom, basketball stars, unbelieving rappers and worldly celebrities. This is, rather, the time to submit and follow the leadership of the **ONE** who knows the end of our lives from its beginning and has the mandate from God the father to take us home. May those who have ears listen to what the Spirit says and follow Him as He leads!

As we thank God for this exclusive opportunity to be part of this year's Camp meeting, may we all avail ourselves and actively participate in all the sessions, listen and reflect, meet new friends and develop old relationships. Above all may we hear God for ourselves, enjoy His presence and be ushered into our individual God-given destinies and ministries.

Welcome to the 2011 Eastern Canada Area Youth Camp!

WELCOME ADDRESS BY REV. RICHARD ADJEI (OVERSEER), YOUTH PASTOR

At that time the Spirit of the LORD will come powerfully upon you, and you will prophesy with them. You will be changed into a different person. 1 Samuel 10:6, NKJV



It was not long ago when we met at the Upper Canada Camp in 2010 for a transformational youth camp meeting. The impact of that great gathering was felt in all assemblies. By God's grace, we are here for another youth camp meeting. This year's camp meeting has a very high record of participants with many of us are returning as camp veterans while others are camp newbies. No matter our camp experiences, it is my prayer that this year's camp meeting will have more of an impact and be more dynamic than any previous camp.

We have traveled far and wide to the beautiful Christian Horizons Conference Center in the quiet town of Paisley, Ontario, to deliberate on the theme, "YOUTH LED BY THE SPIRIT OF GOD" (Romans 8:14; Galatians 5:16). Without the Spirit of God, one cannot be born again or live the Christ-like life that God requires of us. It is the Spirit of God who convicts us of sin and leads us into all truth (John 15:26; 16:7-14; Romans 8:14-17). As such, we ought to surrender to the Holy Spirit and allow Him to lead us in our day-to-day decisions, in discerning His will, and in obeying His voice. We are not to quench the Spirit through disobedience and hard-heartedness (1 Thessalonians 5:19).

May we learn a lesson from King Saul who, though he received the Spirit of God and even prophesied (1 Samuel 10:6-11), quenched the Spirit of God by living in total disobedience to God. His spiritual high did not last; it was a nine-day wonder. The result was that God rejected Saul and he became miserable, consulting the occult, being tormented by demons, and losing his position as King of Israel to David, a young man anointed by God. 1 Samuel 13:13; 1 Samuel 28. At this camp meeting, the power of God will touch you through the Holy Spirit. When you return to your homes, campuses, and workplaces, don't allow sin, peer pressure, the media, popular culture or anything else to quench the fire in you; don't become a modern-day King Saul.

We have with us our National Head, Apostle Dr. Emmanuel Bediako, Area Head, Pastor James Mckeown Quainoo, Pastor Israel Wood (guest speaker) and all the pastors in Eastern Canada Area as well as other speakers and facilitators to bless us at this camp. There will be time for prayer, worship, as well as educational workshops and discussions to nourish our souls, mind, and body. As much as we will have time for fun and games at this camp, may it be your resolution that you will move to a higher dimension in your Christian life through this camp meeting. May this camp meeting not be relegated to a mere social encounter, spending time with loved ones, sight-watching or as a vacation away from parents. Rather, may this camp meeting be an encounter with the Holy Spirit. May this camp meeting be life transforming and may you be empowered by the Holy Spirit to do exploits for the Lord in your local assembly and community as you fan into flame the gift of God in you. May you experience the supernatural and live in the supernatural!

Bienvenue! Bienvenido! Akwaaba ! Welcome to the 2011 Eastern Canada Youth Camp at Christian Horizons Conference Center.

WELCOME ADDRESS BY ELDER ELVIS GHANSAH, EASTERN CANADA AREA YOUTH LEADER

Welcome to the second ECA Youth Camp Meeting. Praise be to the Father God who has kept us and seen us through the challenges of the months past and has brought us to another season of Youth Camp by His will.

Who or what is leading you in this corrupt and perverse generation? What do you think influences your choices in life? With these questions in mind, our theme for this year's Youth Camp "**Youth Led by the Spirit of God**" (Romans 8:14, Galatians 5:16) is very timely.



The Scriptures speak of the Christian being led by the Holy Spirit. For example, those led by the Spirit are the children of God (Rom 8:14) and are not under the law (Gal 5:18). So it is important that the Christian youth be led by the Spirit of God. In other words, for anyone to qualify as a child of God, he or she must be guided by the Spirit of God. And also the one led by the Spirit has been redeemed from the curse of the law through the shared blood of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

To be led by the Spirit, decide to walk in the Spirit by heeding His Word and praying that the Father will strengthen you by His Spirit in your inner man. If we open up to Him, the Spirit of God will guide us into all truths. Don't let feelings of the human spirit keep you from following the teachings of the Holy Spirit. When we walk in the Spirit, we will not fulfill the lusts of the flesh. The leadership of the Holy Spirit will grant us a better sense of direction in our spiritual and physical walk as the redeemed of the Lord. My prayer is that this camp will help every camper to know how he or she can be led by the Holy Spirit. I entreat every youth to fully participate in every activity with an expectation to learn how to be led by the Spirit of God. From this Youth Camp onward, may your life be influenced by the workings of the Spirit of God and be a partaker of God's divine nature. I pray God's divine nature to be formed in every camper as the Holy Spirit is allowed His way in our lives. The influence of the Spirit will enable us to bring forth abundantly in our lives the fruit of 'love, joy, peace, long suffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, meekness, and temperance' (Gal 5.22,23). These are basic Christian characteristics that we believers must all portray.

At this camp, may your spiritual antenna and spiritual sensory organs be fully activated so that you can pick up divine revelation and divine directional signals from the Spirit through His word and follow His leading. With God's divine abilities in you and the spirit of obedience, I trust that your choices in the area of relationships, friendship, education, career, and so on will be greatly influenced by the Holy Spirit our Helper. When you allow the Holy Spirit to be your spiritual GPS and lead you, success in every area of your life is assured. He will surely bring you to your expected end safely. Finally, ensure that you don't leave the camp ground the same way you came. By the time you leave here, let 'the Spirit Himself testify with your spirit that you are a child of God. (Rom 8:16). God indeed is making a youth of power that will move through this land by His Spirit and affect generations positively for Him – be one of them.

THURSDAY, JUNE 30, 2011

2:00 - 6:00 p.m.	Arrival & Registration, Games
7:00 - 8:00 p.m.	Dinner
8 :00 - 10:00 p.m.	OPENING SESSION <i>Benefits of Living a Holy Spirit-led Life</i> <i>Ovr. Richard</i>
10:30 - 11:00 p.m.	Individual Meditation in cabins
11:00 p.m.	BEDTIME
11: 15 - 11:45 p.m.	Leaders' Prayer Session

FRIDAY, JULY 1, 2011

7:00 - 8:00 a.m.

Morning Devotion

8:30 - 9:15 a.m.

Youth Leaders Session

9:30 a.m - 11:00 a.m

**TALK 2: How to be Led by The Spirit of
God - Pastor Israel Wood**

11:30 a. m - 1: 00 p.m.

Group Discussions: Learn to Discern

Teen groups: Eld. Elvis, Dcn. Akosa, Junezia,
Jennifer Gyebi, Dcn. Percy, Dcn. Philip,
Frank Oduro, Dcn. Mike Otoo and other
youth leaders

PENSA groups: Ovr. Richard, Eld. J. Jackson,
Eld. B. Otoo, Eld. Amponsah, Dcn. Mark F.,
Sis. Grace Ata and other youth leaders

1:00 - 2: 00 p.m.

LUNCH

2:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.

FUN & GAMES

Counseling times for youth who want
counseling.

7:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.

Dinner

7:30 p.m. - 11:00 p.m.

**Praise and Worship Explosion &
Prayer Fest**

11 P.M.

BEDTIME

SATURDAY, JULY 2, 2011

Fasting till 3 p.m.

- 7:00 - 8:00 a.m. Morning Devotion
- 8:00 - 8:45 a.m. Youth Leaders Session
- 8:45 - 9:45 a.m. WORKSHOP 2: Identifying your Area of Ministry in COP**
PENSA: Aps. Bediako, Ps. Fynn-Sackey, Ps. Manu, Elder Jojo
Teens: Ps. James & Mama Emily, Ps. Ransford & Mama Irene, Ovr. Richard
- 10:00 a.m. - 2: 30 pm Talk 3: Spiritual Gifts & Holy Ghost Empowerment Session - Apostle Dr. Bediako**
- 2:30 - 3:00 p.m. Water Baptism Service
- 3:00 p.m. BREAKING OF FAST (snacks)
- 4:00 - 5:45 p.m. FUN AND GAMES
Counseling for youth who want counseling
- 6:00 p.m. DINNER
- 7:30 p.m - 9:00 p.m. WORKSHOP 3:**
Teens: Excelling Academically - course selection, study skills, etc. - Jen. Gyebi
PENSA : Personal Financial Management - Deac. Osei Yaw
- 9:00 p.m.-11:00 p.m. Questions & Answer Session**
Teen: Eld. Elvis, Dcn. Akosa, Junecia, Jennifer Gyebi, Dcn. Percy, Dcn. Philip, Frank Oduro, Deacs. Mavis & others
PENSA: Eld. J. Jackson, Eld. Otoo, Eld. Amponsah, Dcn. Mark F., Dcn. Philip Otchere, Sis. Grace Ata, Dcn. Mike Otoo, Francis Appiah, Dcn. Richard Asante and other leaders
- 11:00 p.m. BEDTIME

SUNDAY, JULY 3, 2011

7:00 a.m. - 8:00 a.m.	Morning Devotion in cabins
8:00 a.m. - 9:00 a.m.	Breakfast
9:00 a.m. - 12: 00 p.m.	CLOSING SERVICE
12:00 - 12: 30 p.m.	Group Pictures / Camp Survey
12:30 - 1:30 P.M.	LUNCH
1:45 – 3:00 P.M.	GAMES & DEPARTURE

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CLOSING SERVICE

Opening Prayer	Grace Ofori-Yeboah
Praises	Mass Chorus Team
Farewell Songs	Districts
Ministrations/Testimonies	
Worship	Judith Annor Larbi
Word of God God	TALK 4: Youth Led By the Spirit of Pastor Israel Wood
Prayers/Altar Call	Pastor James Mckeown Quainoo
Offertory	Derick Larbi
Announcement	Margaret Brimpong-Djarnie
Closing Prayer	Mrs Emily Quainoo
Benediction	Pastor James Mckeown Quainoo
	M. C: Elder Elvis Ghansah

**THE CHURCH OF PENTECOST CANADA
EASTERN CANADA YOUTH CAMP (JUN. 30 - JUL. 03, 2011)**

	Thurs. Jun. 30	Fri. Jul. 01 Dev	Fri. Jul. 01 Morn	Fri. Jul. 01 Even
Opening Prayer	Lidia Appoh (Ham)	Pearl Adusei/Lord Badu	Andy Ayisi	Micheal Otoo (Peel)
Choruses	Toronto District	Hamilton	Montreal	PIWC NY
Worship	Toronto District	Hamilton	Montreal	PIWC NY
Ministrations	Welcome address	n/a	Camp Theme songs	Camp Theme Songs
SERMON	Ovr. Richard Adjei	Vivian Ntiri/Sabastian Mensah	Rev. Israel Wood	Praise/Worship, Talent Show
Prayers / Altar Call	Eld. Kwame Amponsah	Priscilla Serwaa/Jude Binney	Rev. Israel Wood	PRAYERFEST
Offerory	Clifford Gyebi	Charity Darteh/William Agyekum	Kobe Quist	Ps. James McKeown Quair
Announcements	Jennifer Gyebi	Grace Afa/Fredrickson Owusu	Jennifer Gyebi	Doreen Ampofo
Closing prayer	Stella Chris-Ike	Ruth Danso/Chris Antwi	Fegor Magbegor	Dcs. Grace Jackson
Benediction	Eld. Jojo Jackson	Dons Mavis Yeboah/Eld Elvis Ghans	Eld. Jojo Jackson	Mrs. Emily Quainoo
M.C	Bro. Francis Appiah	Dcn Mark Frimpong/Ernestina Asibi	Bro. Frank Oduro	Dcn. Micheal Otoo
	Sat. Jul. 02 Dev	Sat. Jul. 02 (Morn)	Sat. Jul. 02 (Eve)	Sun. Jul. 03
Opening Prayer	Anita Asante/Stanley Adjelay	Montreal/Ottawa	Peel	Grace Ofori-Yeboah (Hamil.)
Choruses	Ottawa	Peel	Mass chorus team	Mass chorus team
Worship	Ottawa	Peel	Ivy Amanning	Judith Annor Larbi
Ministrations	n/a	Camp Theme Songs	Camp Theme Songs	Camp Theme Songs / Farewell songs
SERMON	Martha A Boateng/Ebenezer Nii Aps. Dr. E. O. Bediako	n/a	n/a	Rev. Israel Wood
Prayers / Altar Call	Dons Mavis Yeboah/Dcn Micheal	Apostle & Pastors	Deaconess Grace Jackson	Ps. James McKeown Quainoo
Offerory	Shiela Boatemaa/Kwame Donko	Joel Nimoh	Michael Nyarko	Derick Larbi
Announcements	Margaret Djanmie/Don Richard Asa	Abigail Ansah	Nicole Bortsi	Margaret Djanmie
Closing prayer	Shiela Donkor/Daniel Twumasi	Paa Kofi Otoo	Eld. Bismark Otoo	Mrs. Emily Quainoo
Benediction	Dons Grace Jackson/Eld Bismark	Aps. Dr. E. O. Bediako	Pastor J. Fynn Sackey	Ps. James Quainoo
M.C	Jennifer Gyebi/Wiseborn Aboag	Dons Mavis Yeboah	Martha Adu Boateng	Ovr. Richard Adjei

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LEARN TO DISCERN

READ 1 Kings 12:26-31; 1 Kings 13:1-34

DISCUSS the following in groups:

1. In what ways do believers sometimes behave like King Jeroboam when the word of God is spoken to us?
2. What things in this story can show that the young man of God was "real" or "genuine"?
3. What things in this story can show that the old prophet was "fake" or "deceiving"? Would you consider him a real prophet of God or not? Why?
4. In what ways can we say the young man of God did not use discernment in his dealings with the old prophet?
5. Why is it that it was the old prophet who deceived the young prophet but it was the young prophet who was killed by the lion?
6. How can we use discernment in our :
 - a) relationships (family, friends, etc.) ?
 - b) choice of entertainment?
 - c) prophecies or "word of God" we hear?
 - d) everyday choices?

WHAT THE BIBLE SAYS...

Dear friends, do not believe every spirit, but test the spirits to see whether they are from God, because many false prophets have gone out into the world. This is how you can recognize the Spirit of God: Every spirit that acknowledges that Jesus Christ has come in the flesh is from God, but every spirit that does not acknowledge Jesus is not from God. This is the spirit of the antichrist, which you have heard is coming and even now is already in the world. 1 John 4:1-13, NIV

Now the Berean Jews were of more noble character than those in Thessalonica, for they received the message with great eagerness and examined the Scriptures every day to see if what Paul said was true. Acts 17:11, NIV

But the spiritual discerns all things, and he is discerned of no one. 1 Cor. 2:15, Darby

KNOW THEM BY THEIR FRUIT

BY: VIVIAN NTIRI, PIWC/HAMILTON

Key texts: Matthew 21:19-20; John 15:1-4

The fig tree is a popular symbol found throughout the Bible. In the book of Genesis, Adam and Eve sewed fig leaves together to clothe themselves upon the realization of their nakedness (Genesis 3:7). It also happens to be a fruit mentioned in the Promised Land (Deuteronomy 8:8), the third type of tree mentioned in the Bible, and can be used to symbolize wealth and prosperity (1 Kings 4:25). In the New Testament, one of Jesus' miracles included the cursing of the fig tree (Matthew 21:19-20; Mark 11:13-14, 20-22).



Let's get something clear. Jesus knew very well that it wasn't the season for figs (Mark 11). But the fig tree is unique in that before an actual crop of figs is produced, little knob-like fruit called "taqsh" (in Arabic) are produced. These fruit drop off the branches before the true fig fruit is formed, and are usually eaten by pedestrians and beggars. If no taqsh are produced on the branches in that year, then that particular tree will bear no figs. The lack of the taqsh on the branches made Jesus aware that there would be no fruit produced on the fig tree that year, leading to its curse. If no fruit would be produced in that year for harvesting, what would be the point in having it around?

The deceptive nature of the tree (full leaves, but no taqsh) goes back to Christ's words in Matthew 7:16-20—"By their fruit you will recognize them". To paraphrase the popular Scripture, Jesus stated that every good tree could only bear good fruit; likewise bad trees would only produce bad fruit. But what about the lack of fruit, as seen in the fig tree?

In John 15:1-4, Jesus reveals His relationship with God the Father being the gardener, He (Jesus) is the "true vine", and we are all branches. In order for the branch to produce fruit it must remain in the vine, and any branch that bears no fruit is cut off. So a branch lacking any fruit whatsoever has lost its place in the vine and no longer receives any of its nutrients, sugars or water from its source (the vine). When adapted to the cursed fig, we find that the tree had lost its connection to its source. In other words, the roots were no longer functioning in a way to effectively extract nutrients and water from the soil to provide the tree with enough energy to make fruit. The branch (the tree) was no longer a part of the vine (the soil; the source), and so Christ cut it off from its source.

How does this apply to our walk with Christ? Galatians 5:22-23 lists the fruit of the Spirit: love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control. This is the fruit that as Children of God, we are expected to bear in order to be recognized as disciples of Christ. If one claims the title of "Christian" but makes their life appear to be one of righteousness without bearing the fruit of the Spirit, that person is like the fig tree that was cursed—from afar, the tree looks ready to bear fruit, but none can be found on its branches.

It is important to note that there is a difference between the fruit of the Spirit and the gifts of the Spirit. First and foremost, the same Spirit contains and distributes a variety of gifts among the Children of God (1 Cor.12:4). Each individual is given a different gift. But the fruit of the Spirit is one in the same, and should be found in every believer.

Defining the terms “gift” and “fruit” gives further insight to their fundamental difference. A gift is defined as “a thing given willingly to someone without payment”, while fruit is defined literally as “the seed-bearing structure of a plant”, and metaphorically as “the result or reward of work or activity”. Through these definitions it becomes clear that the fruit of the Spirit is not something that comes naturally to human beings, as our innate behaviour is carnal. But with the help of the Holy Spirit, repeated self-examination and prayer, the fruit of the Spirit will grow and be manifested in our lives.

Therefore, in order to bear the fruit of the Spirit, we must constantly examine ourselves and our actions. Are they pleasing to God, and do they go in accordance with His Word? Is our behaviour Christ-like? We cannot claim to be Christians without bearing the fruit of Christ; that is hypocritical and meaningless. Our actions must speak for themselves. We must remain in the True Vine, Jesus Christ, to grow and bear good fruit.



SONGS

1

Lord, prepare me,

To be sanctuary, pure and holy
Tried and true with thanksgiving
I'll be a living sanctuary for you

2

I was born to be Your dwelling place

A home for the presence of the Lord
So let my life now be
Separated unto Thee
That I might be what I was born to be

Immanuel, Immanuel

Your name is called Immanuel

You're God with us, revealed in us

Your name is called Immanuel

3

Holy Spirit move me now

And make my life whole again
Spirit move over me
Spirit move over me.

4

Holy Ghost, do it again

Do it again in my life
Open my eyes to see Jesus
Seated upon the Throne.

5

Spirit of the Living God

fall afresh on me
Spirit of the Living God
fall afresh on me
Break me, mold me, fill me
Spirit of the Living God
fall afresh on me

6

Jesus, let me ever be

firmly ground upon Thee,
Ever in Thy work abide,
Ever in thy wounds reside

7

Open our eyes, Lord,

we want to see Jesus;
To reach out and touch Him,
And say that we love Him.
Open our ears Lord, and help us to listen
Open our eyes Lord, we want to see Jesus

8

Let the beauty of Jesus be seen in me,

All His wondrous compassion and purity:
Oh, Thou Spirit divine,
All my nature refine,
Till the beauty of Jesus be seen in me.

9

For I'm building a people of power

And I'm making a people of praise
That will move through this land by my Spirit
And will glorify my precious name
Build your church, Lord
Make us Strong, Lord
Join our hearts, Lord
Through your Son
Make us one, Lord In your Body
In the Kingdom of your Son.

10

Holy Spirit be my guide

Holy Spirit take control
As I walk along the way
The road is narrow
Holy Spirit be my guide

11

Something in the inside,

it's working on the outside (//3x)
O what a change in my life
O what a wonderful change in my life

Jesus in the inside,
He's working on the outside (//3x)
O what a change in my life
O what a wonderful change in my life

12

Jesus, your name is power,

Jesus, your name is might;
Jesus, your name will break every stronghold
Jesus, your name is life

Jesus, your name is healing,
Jesus, your name gives sight;
Jesus, your name will free every captive,
Jesus, your name is life.

Jesus, your name is holy,
Jesus, your name brings light;
Jesus, your name above every other -
Jesus, your name is life.
Jesus, your name is power,
Jesus your name is might;
Jesus, your name will break every stronghold,
Jesus, your name is life.

SONGS

13

The Power of Your Love by Hillsong

Lord I come to You
Let my heart be changed, renewed
Flowing from the grace
That I've found in You
And Lord I've come to know
The weaknesses I see in me
Will be stripped away
By the power of Your love

Hold me close
Let Your love surround me
Bring me near
Draw me to Your side
And as I wait
I'll rise up like the eagle
And I will soar with You
Your spirit leads me on
In the Power of Your love

Lord unveil my eyes
Let me see You face to face
The knowledge of Your love
As you live in me
And Lord renew my mind
As Your will unfolds in my life
In living every day
By the Power of Your love

Hold me close
Let Your love surround me
Bring me near
Draw me to Your side
And as I wait
I'll rise up like the eagle
And I will soar with You
Your Spirit leads me on
In the power of Your love

(Draw me close
Hold me near
Draw me closer
Hold me near
You draw me close to You
And never let me go)

And as I wait
I'll rise up like the eagle
And I will soar with You
Your spirit leads me on
In the power of Your love
In the power of Your love

14

Holiness, holiness is what I long for
Holiness is what I need
Holiness, holiness is what
You want from me

So take my heart and form it
Take my mind and transform it
Take my will and conform it
To Yours, to Yours, Oh Lord

Faithfulness, faithfulness
is what I long for
Faithfulness is what I need
Faithfulness, faithfulness is what
You want from me.

Brokenness, brokenness is what I long for
Brokenness is what I need
Brokenness, brokenness is that
You want from me.

15

I wanna be Like You, Lord

I wanna be more like You Lord
I wanna be like You
I wanna be like You Lord
More like You 2x

More of You
I wanna be like You
(I never ever had enough)
So Jesus more of You

I will trade my life
trade by debt
trade my pain
for more, more of You
I want more of You...
Holy Spirit fill me with more of You
More and More and more
and more and more and more of You

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I SAY YES LORD YES

**I say yes Lord yes
To Your will and to Your way
I say yes Lord yes
I will trust you and obey
When Your Spirit speaks to me
With my whole heart I'll agree
My answer will be "yes Lord, yes"**



CAPTAIN OF ISRAEL'S HOST AND GUIDE

**Captain of Israel's host, and Guide
Of all who seek the land above,
Beneath Thy shadow we abide,
The cloud of Thy protecting love;
Our strength, Thy grace; our rule,
Thy Word;
Our end, the glory of the Lord.**



**By Thine unerring Spirit led,
We shall not in the desert stray;
The light of man's direction need
Or miss our providential way;
As far from danger as from fear,
While Love, almighty Love, is near**



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