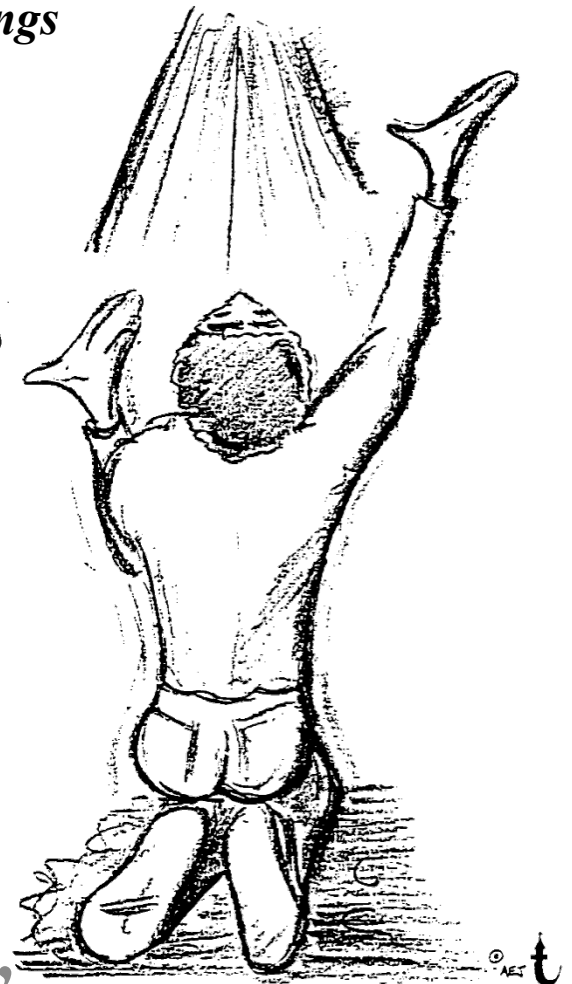
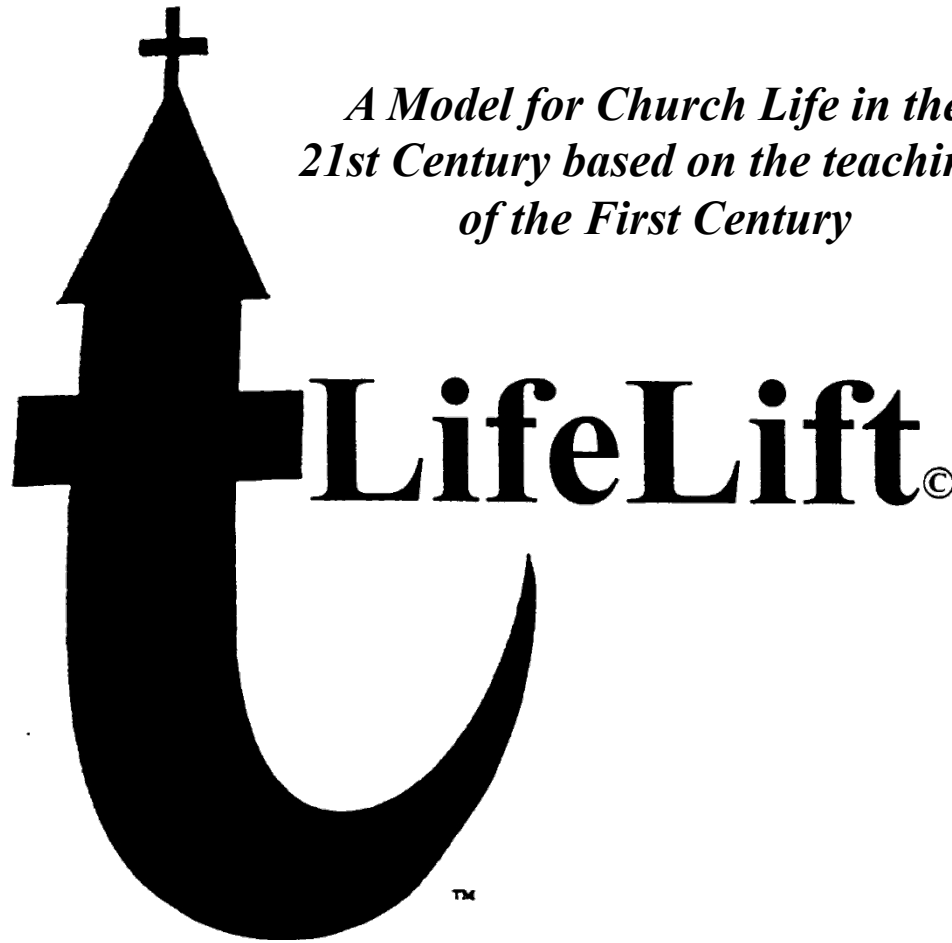
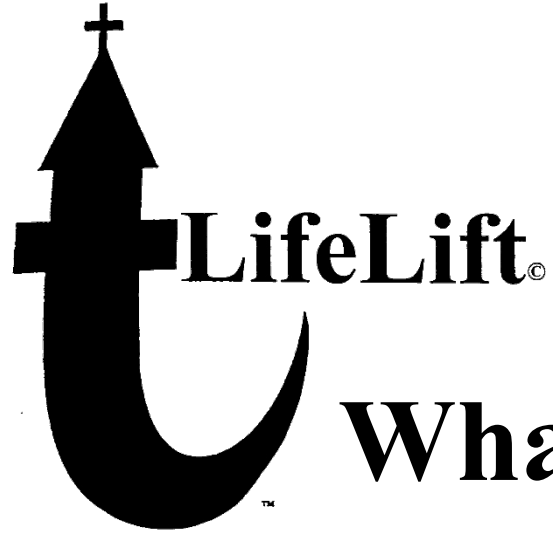


*A Model for Church Life in the
21st Century based on the teachings
of the First Century*



Every Member Ministry

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What is a Christian Like?

Chapter 1





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Describe a Christian _____

How can a person know if he or she is walking in the Spirit? _____



Clues from the Earliest Christians.

“followers of the way”

Believed Jesus was the Son of God.

Determined to follow Jesus completely.

“little” Christs

Clues from the Life of Christ.

God’s intention for man is revealed in Jesus.



Clues from Current Experience.

It is possible to live a lifted life.

Understanding one's purpose provides the essential foundation for living the lifted life.

Clues from the World God Created.

God created everything with a purpose.

God created us with a purpose.



Clues from the Pursuit of Purpose.

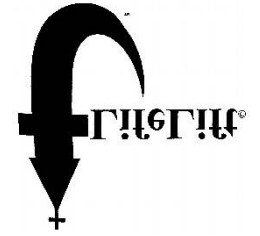
Discover and follow God's intention.

Each individual and each church should be fruitful.

Clues from God's Basic Requirement.

Basic irreducible minimum requirement--
obedience.

“Living Word” gives us direction for living.



Clues from Perspective.

Supernatural

Natural

Instructional



The Spirit Filled Life

Chapter 2





The Spirit Filled Life

A profound truth - The *fruit* of the Spirit is the evidence of the *filling* of the Spirit.

What is the filling of the Spirit?

What does the Bible say about the filling of the Spirit?

What does it mean to live a Spirit-filled life?

Fact Number One: Every believer has received the gift of the Spirit.

Acts 2:38, Ephesians 3:17-19

Fact Number Two: Every believer has been baptized into the body of Christ.

1 Corinthians 12:13



Fact Number Three: Every believer has been sealed by the Spirit.

Ephesians 1:13

Fact Number Four: Every believer is commanded to be filled with the Spirit.

Ephesians 5:18





Some Biblical Models

The Spirit of God used those individuals who paused to **acknowledge** Him, to **adjust** their lives to His activity and to **align** themselves with His purposes and plans.

The Ephesian Background of the Command -
Ephesians 5:15-21

The instructional directives which climax in the command to be filled with the Spirit.

1. Walk carefully and wisely. (v.15)
2. Redeem the time: Take advantage of every opportunity for positive pursuit. (v.16)
3. Understand God's will. (v.17)
4. Be filled with the Spirit. (v.18)
5. Rejoice in the Lord. (v.19)
6. Be thankful to God in the name of Jesus. (v. 20)
7. Submit to others out of respect and reverence for God. (v. 21)



The Filling of the Spirit

First of all, the believer must *confess* and *forsake* all sin.

1 John 1:9, Isaiah 59:1-2

Second, as a *sin-cleansed vessel* one's body must be presented to God as a living sacrifice.

Romans 12:1-2



1. One's **life surrendered** completely to God. (v. 1)
2. One's **heart conformed** only to God's design. (v. 2)
3. One's **mind transformed** by God's renewal. (v. 2)
4. One's **will proved** (tested) by God's will. (v. 2)

Hebrews 9:11-12



Third, with sins confessed up to date and bodies presented as living sacrifices, the filling of the Spirit is to be accepted *by faith*.

Galatians 3:14, Hebrews 11:6

Fourth, and vitally important, is the step of *continuation*.

Galatians 5:22-23, John 15:1-5





The Fruit of the Spirit

Galatians 5:16-25, Philippians 1:6,
Ephesians 1:5

Trust and Obey

A Final Summary Regarding the Fruit of the Spirit

Love

Longsuffering

Faithfulness

Joy

Kindness

Gentleness

Peace

Goodness

Self-Control

The best example: **Jesus Christ**

