

John 6:63

63 The Spirit can make life. Sheer muscle and willpower don't make anything happen. Every word I've spoken to you is a Spirit-word, and so it is life-making.

1 Corinthians 2:1

1 You'll remember, friends, that when I first came to you to let you in on God's master stroke, I didn't try to impress you with polished speeches and the latest philosophy.

1 Corinthians 2:4-5

4 and so nothing I said could have impressed you or anyone else. But the Message came through anyway. God's Spirit and God's power did it, **5** which made it clear that your life of faith is a response to God's power, not to some fancy mental or emotional footwork by me or anyone else.

1 Corinthians 2:11-12

11 Who ever knows what you're thinking and planning except you yourself? The same with God - except that he not only knows what he's thinking, **12** but he lets us in on it. God offers a full report on the gifts of life and salvation that he is giving us.

Galatians 6:8-10

8 harvests a crop of weeds. All he'll have to show for his life is weeds! But the one who plants in response to God, letting God's Spirit do the growth work in him, harvests a crop of real life, eternal life. **9** So let's not allow ourselves to get fatigued doing good. At the right time we will harvest a good crop if we don't give up, or quit. **10** Right now, therefore, every time we get the chance, let us work for the benefit of all, starting with the people closest to us in the community of faith.

Galatians 6:18

18 May what our Master Jesus Christ gives freely be deeply and personally yours, my friends. Oh, yes!

Genesis 1:1-2

1 First this: God created the Heavens and Earth - all you see, all you don't see. **2** Earth was a soup of nothingness, a bottomless emptiness, an inky blackness. God's Spirit brooded like a bird above the watery abyss.

Genesis 1:31

31 God looked over everything he had made; it was so good, so very good! It was evening, it was morning - Day Six.

Psalms 104:24

24 What a wildly wonderful world, God! You made it all, with Wisdom at your side, made earth overflow with your wonderful creations.

Psalms 104:30-31

30 Send out your Spirit and they spring to life - the whole countryside in bloom and blossom. **31** The glory of God - let it last forever! Let God enjoy his creation!

Isaiah 40:26

26 Look at the night skies: Who do you think made all this? Who marches this army of stars out each night, counts them off, calls each by name - so magnificent! so powerful! - and never overlooks a single one?

Psalms 143:10-11

10 Teach me how to live to please you, because you're my God. Lead me by your blessed Spirit into cleared and level pastureland. **11** Keep up your reputation, God - give me life! In your justice, get me out of this trouble!

1 Corinthians 2:9-14

9 That's why we have this Scripture text: No one's ever seen or heard anything like this, Never so much as imagined anything quite like it - What God has arranged for those who love him. **10** But you've seen and heard it because God by his Spirit has brought it all out into the open before you. **11** Who ever knows what you're thinking and planning except you yourself? The same with God - except that he not only knows what he's thinking, **12** but he lets us in on it. God offers a full report on the gifts of life and salvation that he is giving us. **13** We don't have to rely on the world's guesses and opinions. We didn't learn this by reading books or going to school; we learned it from God, who taught us person-to-person through Jesus, and we're passing it on to you in the same firsthand, personal way. **14** The unspiritual self, just as it is by nature, can't receive the gifts of God's Spirit. There's no capacity for them. They seem like so much silliness. Spirit can be known only by spirit - God's Spirit and our spirits in open communion.

Romans 8:5

5 Those who think they can do it on their own end up obsessed with measuring their own moral muscle but never get around to exercising it in real life. Those who trust God's action in them find that God's Spirit is in them - living and breathing God!

Romans 8:8-9

8 And God isn't pleased at being ignored. **9** But if God himself has taken up residence in your life, you can hardly be thinking more of yourself than of him. Anyone, of course, who has not welcomed this invisible but clearly present God, the Spirit of Christ, won't know what we're talking about.

Psalms 51:10-12

10 God, make a fresh start in me, shape a Genesis week from the chaos of my life. **11** Don't throw me out with the trash, or

fail to breathe holiness in me. **12** Bring me back from gray exile, put a fresh wind in my sails!

John 3:1-8

1 There was a man of the Pharisee sect, Nicodemus, a prominent leader among the Jews. **2** Late one night he visited Jesus and said, "Rabbi, we all know you're a teacher straight from God. No one could do all the God-pointing, God-revealing acts you do if God weren't in on it." **3** Jesus said, "You're absolutely right. Take it from me: Unless a person is born from above, it's not possible to see what I'm pointing to - to God's kingdom." **4** "How can anyone," said Nicodemus, "be born who has already been born and grown up? You can't re-enter your mother's womb and be born again. What are you saying with this 'born-from-above' talk?" **5** Jesus said, "You're not listening. Let me say it again. Unless a person submits to this original creation - the 'wind hovering over the water' creation, the invisible moving the visible, a baptism into a new life - it's not possible to enter God's kingdom. **6** When you look at a baby, it's just that: a body you can look at and touch. But the person who takes shape within is formed by something you can't see and touch - the Spirit - and becomes a living spirit. **7** "So don't be so surprised when I tell you that you have to be 'born from above' - out of this world, so to speak. **8** You know well enough how the wind blows this way and that. You hear it rustling through the trees, but you have no idea where it comes from or where it's headed next. That's the way it is with everyone 'born from above' by the wind of God, the Spirit of God."

Luke 4:14

14 Jesus returned to Galilee powerful in the Spirit. News that he was back spread through the countryside.

Luke 4:16-19

16 He came to Nazareth where he had been reared. As he always did on the Sabbath, he went to the meeting place. When he stood up to read, **17** he was handed the scroll of the prophet Isaiah. Unrolling the scroll, he found the place where it was written, **18** God's Spirit is on me; he's chosen me to preach the Message of good news to the poor, Sent me to announce pardon to prisoners and recovery of sight to the blind, To set the burdened and battered free, **19** to announce, "This is God's year to act!"

Luke 4:21-22

21 Then he started in, "You've just heard Scripture make history. It came true just now in this place." **22** All who were there, watching and listening, were surprised at how well he spoke. But they also said, "Isn't this Joseph's son, the one we've known since he was a youngster?"

Luke 4:24-26

24 Well, let me tell you something: No prophet is ever welcomed in his hometown. **25** Isn't it a fact that there were

many widows in Israel at the time of Elijah during that three and a half years of drought when famine devastated the land, **26** but the only widow to whom Elijah was sent was in Sarepta in Sidon?

Luke 4:28-36

28 That set everyone in the meeting place seething with anger. **29** They threw him out, banishing him from the village, then took him to a mountain cliff at the edge of the village to throw him to his doom, **30** but he gave them the slip and was on his way. **31** He went down to Capernaum, a village in Galilee. He was teaching the people on the Sabbath. **32** They were surprised and impressed - his teaching was so forthright, so confident, so authoritative, not the quibbling and quoting they were used to. **33** In the meeting place that day there was a man demonically disturbed. He screamed, **34** "Ho! What business do you have here with us, Jesus? Nazarene! I know what you're up to. You're the Holy One of God and you've come to destroy us!" **35** Jesus shut him up: "Quiet! Get out of him!" The demonic spirit threw the man down in front of them all and left. The demon didn't hurt him. **36** That set everyone back on their heels, whispering and wondering, "What's going on here? Someone whose words make things happen? Someone who orders demonic spirits to get out and they go?"

Matthew 12:15

15 Jesus, knowing they were out to get him, moved on. A lot of people followed him, and he healed them all

Hebrews 4:12

12 God means what he says. What he says goes. His powerful Word is sharp as a surgeon's scalpel, cutting through everything, whether doubt or defense, laying us open to listen and obey.

1 Thessalonians 5:19

19 Don't suppress the Spirit,

1 Thessalonians 5:21

21 On the other hand, don't be gullible. Check out everything, and keep only what's good.

1 Thessalonians 5:24

24 The One who called you is completely dependable. If he said it, he'll do it!

Hebrews 12:12-13

12 So don't sit around on your hands! No more dragging your feet! **13** Clear the path for long-distance runners so no one will trip and fall, so no one will step in a hole and sprain an ankle. Help each other out. And run for it!

James 5:15

15 Believing-prayer will heal you, and Jesus will put you on your feet. And if you've sinned, you'll be forgiven - healed inside and out.

2 Corinthians 1:3-4

3 All praise to the God and Father of our Master, Jesus the Messiah! Father of all mercy! God of all healing counsel! **4** He comes alongside us when we go through hard times, and before you know it, he brings us alongside someone else who is going through hard times so that we can be there for that person just as God was there for us.

2 Corinthians 1:21-22

21 God affirms us, making us a sure thing in Christ, putting his Yes within us. **22** By his Spirit he has stamped us with his eternal pledge - a sure beginning of what he is destined to complete.

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