

Sharing the Ministry of the Holy Spirit

How To Present the Satisfied? Booklet

Compare and contrast the experience of these believers:

Notes & Quotes

- **The Self-centered Believer** – living to please his or herself.
- **The Struggling Believer** – trying to live the Christian life in his or her own strength.
- **The New Believer** – just beginning to live the Christian life.
- **The Mature Believer** – enjoying a growing relationship with Christ.

How are they different?

How are they the same?

If anyone is thirsty, let him come to me and drink. Whoever believes in me, as the Scripture has said, streams of living water will flow from within him.”
(John 7:37,38)

Satisfied: a little booklet, but a powerful message.

- To help the self-centered believer stuck in a self-pleasing lifestyle turn back to Christ.
- To help those involved in all the right activities discover new levels of intimacy with God, bringing forth the inner fruit of the his work in their life.
- To help the new believer grow in their relationship with Christ.
- To help the mature believer understand and experience a fresh work of the Spirit.

I. The Importance of the Message

Deep within, every believer desires to experience more (Psalm 42:1,2; 63:1)

But though every believer has an inner thirst, not every believer knows what God has provided to satisfy that thirst.

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- i. They may not know that God has given us his Spirit so that we can experience true satisfaction through him.
- ii. They may not know that their lives of self-effort in Christian living or self-gratification in worldly living rob them of the satisfaction for which they long.
- iii. They may not know how to experience the Spirit's presence moment by moment.
- iv. They may not know how to experience the Spirit's filling, empowering them to live the Christian life.

II. The Essence of the Message:

We experience intimacy with God and enjoy all he has for us through the ministry of the Holy Spirit.

III. The Overview of the Booklet.

- The Theme: *Satisfied?* (Pages 2&3)
- The Divine Gift (Pages 4&5)
- The Present Danger (Pages 6&7)
- The Intimate Journey (Pages 8&9)
- The Empowering Presence (Pages 10&11)
- The Turning Point (Page 12)
- Assurance and encouragement (Pages 13&14)
- Additional resources (Page 15)

Satisfied? = A promise + 4 principles + A prayer
John + 1 Corinthians + Galatians +
Ephesians

IV. How to communicate the booklet, *Satisfied?*

- Ask permission

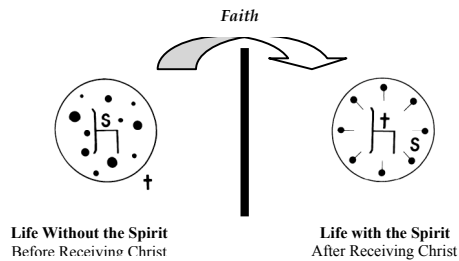
"May I show you this outline that explains how we can experience intimacy with God and enjoy all that he has for us?"

How would you adapt your introduction for a self-centered believer? A struggling believer? A new believer? A mature believer?

- Read through the booklet together.
- Involve them in the conversation. There are 13 questions in the booklet.

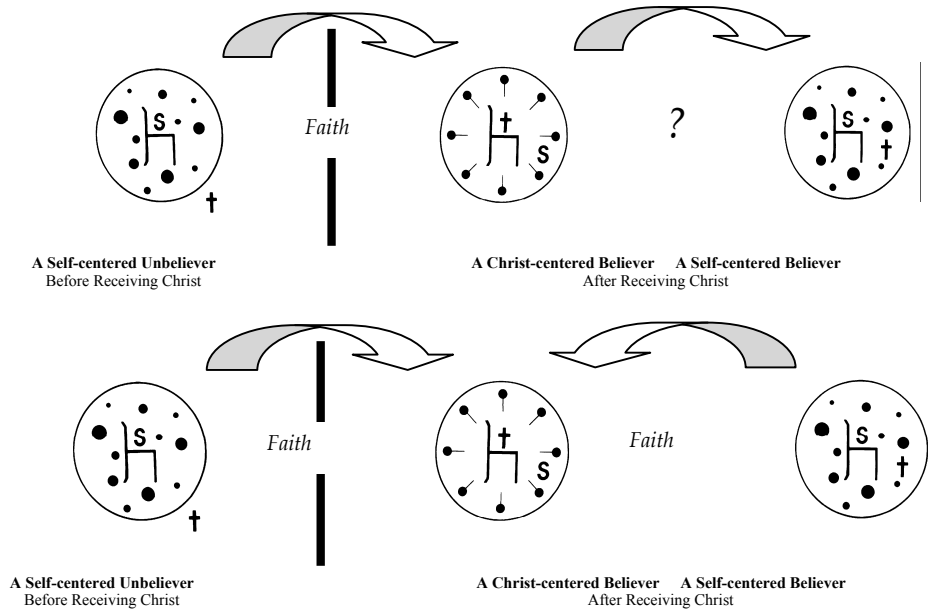
- Use a pen or pencil to underline, circle or asterisk, for emphasis.
- Explain each diagram.

Two Circles in "The Divine Gift" (page 5)



- If you do not know, ask, When did you first place your faith in Christ?
- So then, when did you first receive the gift of the Holy Spirit? (The answer, of course, is when they first trusted Christ as their Savior.)
- If there is confusion, you may turn back to John 7:37-39. The Spirit was promised to all who believe.

Three Lifestyles in "The Present Danger" (page 7)



- What do you think the "?" mark represents?
- How does a believer move from a Christ-Centered lifestyle to a self-centered lifestyle? (Refer back to page 6.)
- Where would you put yourself in this diagram? Why?

Three Circles in "The Intimate Journey" (page 9)

- How does one return to a truly Christ-centered life? (Through faith or dependence on Christ.)
- Notice that one both begins the Christian life and continues to live the Christ life by faith. Faith is the key.

- Ask them the three important questions on page 10&11.

- If they answer yes to each, continue on.
- If they hesitate, are unsure or answer no to one or more of them:

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1. Explore what is hindering their readiness. It may tie to a misconception about God's love and forgiveness, a misunderstanding about the Christian life, or some other issue.
 2. Show them the rest of page 11&12, so that they will have a clear understanding of what they can do, if, in the future they do become ready.
- Word pictures or illustrations can help clarify the meaning and importance of each principle.
 - ☐ *The Divine Gift* – The ingratitude of neglecting a precious gift from a loved one.
 - ☐ *The Present Danger* – Driving in the ditch on either side of the road (self-effort as one ditch and self-pleasing as the other).
 - ☐ *The Intimate Journey* – Dancing: the enjoyment of being together while keeping in step with the leading partner. Responding to the Spirit in every situation in life.
 - ☐ *The Empowering Presence* – A car without gas has all the right equipment, but it won't go anywhere.
 - After reading the prayer on page 12, "The Turning Point", ask, if the prayer expresses the desire of their heart. If it does, ask them to pray the prayer and explain that you want to pray for them when they are finished.
 - Read pages 13&14 to help provide encouragement and assurance.
 - Point out the offers for free resources on page 15 and encourage them to take advantage of them. If it is possible, you can get back together with them to discuss these resources.

Adapt the emphasis for each situation

- With a struggling believer (trying to live the Christian life), what would you emphasize?

- With a self-centered believer (living to please his or herself), what would you emphasize?

- With a new believer, what would you emphasize?

- With a mature believer, what would you emphasize?

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V. How to apply this?

Make a list of individuals you could share this booklet with.

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Prayer for each individual on your list for the next few weeks.

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