

“We believe the Holy Spirit is the divine Administrator for Jesus Christ in His churches” (Luke 24:49; John 14:16,17; Acts 1:4,5,8; Acts 2:1-4).

Who is the leader in the church of your membership? Who makes the decisions and directs the vision and mission of the church? Who is the administrator? Who holds the authority in each church?

The pastor? No.

The deacons? Surely not!
The vote of the church as a democratic body? I hope not!

“After much prayer and searching the Scriptures, we believe that Jesus Christ the Head of this church is directing us BY THE HOLY SPIRIT to affirm this decision.”

The _____ is the Divine Administrator for Jesus Christ, the _____ in His churches.

The Lord Jesus, speaking to His first local New Testament church (ekklesia-”called out assembly”), which He himself established during His personal ministry on earth, promised the coming of the Holy Spirit to immerse and _____ that church as Divine Administrator to fulfill her global commission.

Jesus, after His resurrection and prior to His ascension, reminded the church of her _____ and discipleship _____, instructed that church to tarry at Jerusalem until the Promise of the Holy Spirit would be fulfilled.

“And that repentance and remission of sins should be preached in his name among all nations, beginning at Jerusalem. And ye are witnesses of these things. And, behold I send the promise of my Father upon you: but tarry ye in the city of Jerusalem, until ye be endued with power from on high” (Acts 24:47-49).

“And, being assembled together with them, commanded them that they should not depart from Jerusalem, but wait for the promise of the Father, which, saith he, ye have heard of me. For John truly baptized with water, but ye shall be baptized with the Holy Ghost not many days hence” (Acts 1:4,5).

“But ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you: and ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth” (Acts 1:8).

And this _____ of the Father, Jesus Himself fulfilled, as He baptized the church with the Holy Spirit. Luke recorded the glorious event:

“And when the day of Pentecost was fully come, they were all with one accord in one place. And suddenly there came a sound from heaven as of a rushing mighty wind, and it filled all the house where they were sitting. And there appeared unto them cloven tongues like as of fire, as it sat upon each of them. And they were all filled with the Holy Ghost and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance” (Acts 2:1-4).

And at that moment, a _____ was launched in the personal ministry of the Holy Spirit exclusively administered in and through the churches of Jesus Christ. The church in Jerusalem proclaimed the gospel with a holy boldness that only the Holy Spirit can give as 3000 souls, convicted of sin, turned to the Lord in repentance and faith, were baptized and added to the church (Acts 2:37-41).

“Of which salvation the prophets have inquired and searched diligently, who prophesied of the grace that should come unto you: Searching what, or what manner of time the Spirit of Christ WHICH WAS IN THEM did signify, when it testified beforehand the sufferings of Christ, and the glory that should follow.” (1 Peter 1:10-11).



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The Holy Spirit

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“Unto whom it was revealed, that not unto themselves, but unto us they did minister the things, which are now reported unto you by them that have preached the gospel unto you _____ THE HOLY GHOST sent down from heaven; which things the angels desire to look unto” (1 Peter 1:12).

The Holy Spirit, as Peter experienced and testified, _____ the church with power to fulfill the Great Commission, and as Divine Administrator _____ the church according to the will and Word of God.

Who really is _____ your church as administrator? The decisions of the church are _____ “democratic” decisions but Holy Spirit administrated decisions! Votes in the church should never be “FOR” and “AGAINST” decisions, but Spirit directed decisions. The real question should really be, “is this how your church operates? Is the Holy Spirit the _____ Administrator of your church?”

What is the impact? _____! Confidence and commitment in her God given mission...a truly transformed church...HOLY BOLDNESS!

HOLY BOLDNESS IN _____

“Therefore they that were scattered abroad went everywhere preaching the word. Then Phillip went down to the city of Samaria, and preached Christ unto them” (Acts 8:4,5)

HOLY BOLDNESS IN _____

“As they ministered to the Lord and fasted, the Holy Ghost said, Separate me Barnabas and Saul whereunto I have called them. And when they had fasted and prayed, and laid hands on them, they sent them away. So they, being sent forth by the Holy Ghost, departed...” (Acts 13:2-4)

With the Holy Spirit as Administrator, churches begin to see the world through _____, His vision. The Holy Spirit will always lead your church to embrace a God-sized vision and mission that only He can do through you. He will stretch you out of your comfort zone into the realm of faith and holy boldness.

HOLY BOLDNESS IN _____

“ For the kingdom of God is not meat and drink; but righteousness, and peace, and joy in the Holy Ghost” (Romans 14:17).

Living, Spirit-filled and directed churches know what they are for; dying and declining churches are

_____ with what they are against.

They worship with joy, conviction, expectation, liberty, and confidence. They _____ souls to be saved; they expect to grow. And it happens.

“Now the Lord is that Spirit: and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is liberty” (2 Corinthians 3:17)

HOLY BOLDNESS IN _____ LEADERSHIP

Always the same pattern:

Acts 1:15-26 (The replacement for Judas as Apostle)

Acts 6:1-6 (The selection of the first deacons)

Acts 13:1-4 (The sending of missionaries)

PASTOR _____

SPIRIT _____

CHURCH _____

In _____ case the Holy Spirit was the administrator, the pastors led with Holy boldness, the Spirit revealed the will of God, and the church _____ with faith...a perfect balance of Holy Spirit administration, bold pastoral leadership, and faithful church affirmation. It is always in that order in balance... Spirit administration... pastor leadership... church affirmation/authority...and all under the _____ of Jesus Christ as head of the church.

And the result in _____ case was _____ as the community was impacted and transformed with the gospel...every time!

Who is directing the _____ of your church?

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LIFE APPLICATION

As they ministered to the Lord, and fasted, the Holy Ghost said...
Acts 13:2

As we rounded the corner coming out of aisle six, we were in direct view of the fresh meat section. Centrally located, at the back of the store, the butcher and his associates worked hard at stocking the display with fresh meats, fish, and poultry. Then there was the baker and his workers decorating the cakes and stocking their shelves. Fruits and vegetables, the frozen section, and the dry goods. On and on thorough out the store each department took pride in making their section as inviting as possible to their customers. It was the fruit and vegetable section that caught my wife's attention. Rearranging a couple of tomatoes in a more attractive way was our dear friend John . If you didn't know John, you would have thought he was just another employee. But John was different.

What was different about John? He was actually the store manager. Shortly after he was hired, the store began to report substantial increases in profits. His administration skills were incredible. He loved his role as manager and he was good at it. But what really was the key to the store success was that John loved his employees. He worked along with them, encouraging them, and placing them in areas where they could be best used.

So the question is, who benefited the most, John, the employees, or the owner of the store?

Begin collecting coupons that would benefit young mothers. Encourage other women to collect coupons as well. The next time you're at the store, go to the baby section. Pray and ask God to bring you the young mothers that you're suppose to minister too. Give them diaper coupons, baby formula coupons, etc. Consider adding a dollar or two to the value of the coupons. A \$2:00 coupon could become a " \$4.00 " coupon. Ask them if they have a prayer need. One finale thought; Ask them if it they would be back the next week at this same time? If this little outreach was to grow, maybe the Holy Spirit could help you manage it, oversee it, become the administrator.