

WORD 2019

Disciplineship

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One Word

Training

Enlargement

Devotion

- **ENLARGEMENT**, *noun* Increase of size or bulk, real or apparent; extension of dimensions or limits; augmentation; dilatation; expansion. The *enlargement* of bulk may be by accretion or addition; of dimensions, by spreading, or by additions to length and breadth; of a sum or amount, by addition, collection or accumulation.
- **1.** Expansion or extension, applied to the mind, to knowledge, or to the intellectual powers, by which the mind comprehends a wider range of ideas or thought.
- **2.** Expansion of the heart, by which it becomes more benevolent and charitable.
- **3.** Release from confinement, servitude, distress or straits. [Esther 4:14](#).
- **Isaiah 54:2-3** "Enlarge the place of your tent, and let the curtains of your habitations be stretched out; do not hold back; lengthen your cords and strengthen your stakes. 3 For you will spread abroad to the right and to the left, and your offspring will possess the nations and will people the desolate cities. ESV

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- **BUT HOW?** A question we should always be asking!

Luke 1:26-38 In the sixth month of Elizabeth's pregnancy, God sent the angel Gabriel to Nazareth, a village in Galilee, 27 to a virgin named Mary. She was engaged to be married to a man named Joseph, a descendant of King David. 28 Gabriel appeared to her and said, "Greetings, favored woman! The Lord is with you!"

29 Confused and disturbed, Mary tried to think what the angel could mean. 30 "Don't be afraid, Mary," the angel told her, "for you have found favor with God! 31 You will conceive and give birth to a son, and you will name him Jesus. 32 He will be very great and will be called the Son of the Most High. The Lord God will give him the throne of his ancestor David. 33 And he will reign over Israel forever; his Kingdom will never end!"

34 Mary asked the angel, "**But how can this happen?** I am a virgin."

35 The angel replied, "**The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you.** So the baby to be born will be holy, and he will be called the Son of God. 36 What's more, your relative Elizabeth has become pregnant in her old age! People used to say she was barren, but she's now in her sixth month. 37 For nothing is impossible with God."

38 Mary responded, "I am the Lord's servant. May everything you have said about me come true." And then the angel left her.

Laying a Foundation

Jude 17-23 Dear friends, remember what the apostles of our Lord Jesus Christ said before. 18 They said to you, "In the last times there will be people who laugh about God, following their own evil desires which are against God." 19 These are the people who divide you, people whose thoughts are only of this world, who do not have the Spirit.

20 But dear friends, **use your most holy faith to build yourselves up, praying in the Holy Spirit.** 21 Keep yourselves in God's love as you wait for the Lord Jesus Christ with his mercy to give you life forever.

22 Show mercy to some people who have doubts. 23 Take others out of the fire, and save them. Show mercy mixed with fear to others, hating even their clothes which are dirty from sin. NCV

NT:2026 epoikodomeo (ep-oy-kod-om-eh'-o); from NT:1909 and NT:3618; **to build upon, i.e. (figuratively) to rear up:**

Romans 8:26-27 In the same way, the Spirit helps us in our weakness. We do not know what we ought to pray for, **but the Spirit himself intercedes for us** with groans that words cannot express. NIV

Romans 8:26-30 And the **Holy Spirit** helps us in our weakness. For example, we don't know what God wants us to pray for. **But the Holy Spirit prays for us with groanings that cannot be expressed in words.** 27 And the Father who knows all hearts knows what the Spirit is saying, for the Spirit pleads for us believers in harmony with God's own will. 28 And we know that God causes everything to work together for the good of those who love God and are called according to his purpose for them. 29 For God knew his people in advance, and he chose them to become like his Son, so that his Son would be the firstborn among many brothers and sisters. 30 And having chosen them, he called them to come to him. And having called them, he gave them right standing with himself. And having given them right standing, he gave them his glory.

Romans 8:34-35 Who is to condemn? Christ Jesus is the one who died—more than that, who was raised— who is at the right hand of God, **who indeed is interceding for us.**
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Praying in the Spirit

Two Intercessors

The Holy Spirit intercedes for us, and Christ Intercedes for us.

- Important to see that these 2 intercessions though related are quite distinct!

Jesus Introduces the Holy Spirit

John 14:15-18 "If you love Me, you will keep My commandments. 16 "And I will ask the Father, and He will give you another Helper, that He may be with you forever; 17 that is the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it does not behold Him or know Him, but you know Him because He abides with you, and will be in you. NASB

- Its primitive meaning is “**one called to the side of**” another to help him.
 - It was used in a court of justice to denote a legal assistant, counsel for the defense, an advocate.
- When Jesus told the disciples that He would ask the Father to send them “another Paraclete,” He used a word signifying “**another of the same kind.**”

Understanding the Helper

- Christ intercedes “at the right hand of God” (Romans 8: 34). He is our “Advocate with the Father” (1 John 2: 1).
- The Holy Spirit, on the other hand, intercedes in the hearts of men (Romans 8: 27). Christ’s intercession is apart from us; the Holy Spirit’s is within us.

We cannot help, nor can we hinder the intercession of Christ Jesus

When we turn to the intercession of the Spirit the position is very different. It is a solemn fact that we may facilitate or frustrate the Spirit’s intercession in us, by our cooperation or the lack of it

- Though Christ does not require us for His intercession, the Holy Spirit most assuredly does for His.
- Here we can no longer be spectators; we must be participators.

- Christ prays for us in the sense that He makes us the object of His praying.
- The Holy Spirit prays for us in the sense that He makes us the vehicle of His praying. He prays on our behalf by enabling us to pray—helping us in our weakness—who do not know how to pray as we ought.
- There appears to be no suggestion in Scripture that the Holy Spirit ever intercedes except through the believer.
 - Look at **Romans 8:15-17** For you did not receive a spirit that makes you a slave again to fear, but you received the Spirit of sonship. And by him we cry, "Abba, Father." 16 The Spirit himself testifies with our spirit that we are God's children. NIV
 - Compare this with the day of Pentecost; **Acts 2:4** And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit gave them utterance. ESV
- The divine Spirit and the human spirit become joint witnesses by the cry that comes from within us.

- All this is borne out by other aspects of the Spirit's ministry.
- **He is a witnessing Spirit, but this witnessing He effects through the believer.**
 - John 15:26-27 "But I will send you the Advocate—the Spirit of truth. He will come to you from the Father and will testify all about me. 27 And you must also testify about me because you have been with me from the beginning of my ministry. NLT
 - Acts 5:32 We are witnesses of these things and so is the Holy Spirit, who is given by God to those who obey him." NLT
- **He is a convicting Spirit, but this is “when He comes” “unto you”.**
 - John 16:7-8 But in fact, it is best for you that I go away, because if I don't, the Advocate won't come. If I do go away, then I will send him to you. 8 And when he comes, he will convict the world of its sin, and of God's righteousness, and of the coming judgment. NLT
- **He is a wooing Spirit, but not apart from the Bride**
 - Revelations 22:17 The Spirit and the bride say, "Come." Let anyone who hears this say, "Come." Let anyone who is thirsty come. Let anyone who desires drink freely from the water of life.

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