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## What Manner Of Spirit Are You Of?

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Jesus said: "Ye know not what manner of spirit ye are of" when the disciples of Jesus wanted to call down fire from heaven on those Samaritans that did not receive the ministry of Jesus. (Luke 9:51-56)

The same disciples that were called by God to heal the sick , cast out devils, and preach the gospel of the Kingdom (Luke 9:1-2) were now so angry that they were ready to kill the people that rejected the ministry of their master and Lord, Jesus Christ.

They did not, like so many other Christians today, know what manner of spirit they were of. One minute they speak in the Spirit of God and in the next in the spirit of the devil.

This is what happened with Peter in Matthew 16:17-18. First he called Jesus the Christ, the son of the living God, and in the next moment he tried to talk Jesus out of going to the cross to give his life, when Jesus rebuked him saying: "Get behind me, Satan! You are a stumbling block to me; you do not have in mind the concerns of God, but merely human concerns." (Matthew 16:23 NIV)

In the developed nations today, we live in a society that acknowledges the material and intellectual world a great deal, but know very little, if anything, about the spirit world.

In the developing nations it is the other way around. The people are very keen on the spirit world but not as developed materially and intellectually.

The Lord, however, is a spirit and the Father of spirits and must be approached in the spirit through the precious name and blood of Jesus. How much more should we submit to the **Father** of **spirits** and live. (Hebrews 12:9)

The spirit world is very real, and eternal, and the root cause of every human problem is sin, which has a spiritual root and which separates us from the presence of the Father.

When we minister in different nations it is quite clear that people in Europe and the western world are more interested in teachings about God, and seeking to understand the things of God, while the people in the developing nations want to experience the person, presence, and the Anointing of God.

## <u>That is why the developing nations have more outpourings of the Spirit of God and see more miracles and deliverances from evil spirits.</u>

Now, if we really want to see revival and the miracle working power of God, we must humble ourselves like children, and become spiritually minded in the Holy Spirit.

## For the natural man receiveth not the things of Spirit of God for they are foolishness unto him, neither can he know them for they are spiritually discerned (understood). (1 Corinthians 2:14)

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