HOW TO BE FILLED WITH THE HOLY SPIRIT

1. Surrender to Jesus: where Jesus conquers, the Spirit controls.

- **Sacrifice all to Christ (Romans 12: 1).**
- **Submit to Christ's authority (Matthew 6: 24 & Romans 6: 16).**
- **Serve Christ's agenda (Matthew 10: 24-25).**
- **Seek Christ's approval (Galatians 1: 10).**

2. Maintain a clear conscience by confessing all sin to God: where the blood cleanses, the Spirit fills (Acts 24: 16 & 1 Timothy 1: 19).

- **Be honest (Psalm 32: 2 & 5)**
- **Be specific (1 John 1: 9)**
- **Be continual (Psalm 139: 23-24)**
- **Be complete (Hebrews 13: 18)**

3. Obey God's Word: where there is obedience the Spirit empowers (Colossians 3: 16-19 compared with Ephesians 5: 18-21).

4. Yield to brokenness: where there is brokenness, the Spirit is released.

Brokenness is the life long process of God using <u>ADVERSITY</u> to shatter all self-will & self-reliance in order to create absolute submission and reliance on God as a channel through which the Holy Spirit is released in the believer's life to reproduce Christ's character for the benefit of others.

> ***Each time He said, "My grace is all you need. My power works best in weakness." So now I am glad to boast about my weaknesses, so that the power of Christ can work through me.*** **2 Corinthians 12: 9 (NLT)**

- **The principle: John 12: 24-25; Isaiah 57: 15**
- **The process: 2 Corinthians 4: 6-12**
- **The purpose: Matthew 5: 16**
- **The potter: Jeremiah 18: 1-4**
- **The examples: "When God wants to do an impossible task, He takes an impossible individual—and <u>CRUSHES</u> him." (Dr. Alan Redpath) Abraham, Jacob, Joseph, Moses, David, Peter, Paul**