

## INCORRECT BELIEFS ABOUT THE SPIRIT-FILLED LIFE

LIE	Implication	God's Truth	Scripture
I live my life with God as my helper. I can't expect God to do everything.	God helps those who help themselves.	God wants to live His life through me by the Spirit. He says that apart from Him, I can do nothing.	Galatians 2:20 John 15:5 Acts 17:28
I can control my life better than the Spirit. If I let the Spirit control my life, then life would be out of control.	My control is better than God's control.	When I try to control my life, I actually become out of control. Living by my laws and standards arouses sin and I inevitably end up doing the opposite. By allowing the Spirit to live through me, I am given the Spirit of self control.	Romans 7:4,8, 15 Galatians 5:16, 22-23 2 Timothy 1:7
Living by faith in the Spirit is foreign to me, unnatural, contrary to how I best operate.	God is unwise. He doesn't know what is best for me.	I am primarily a spiritual being. Living by faith in the Spirit is consistent with who I really am. Living by faith may feel awkward initially because it has not been the way I have been living my life, but the truth is that God calls me to walk by the Spirit because He knows that is how I have been designed by Him. It is how I best operate.	Romans 8:14-16 Galatians 2:20
If I submit to the Spirit, I'll have to give up _____. I will not enjoy life as much.	God doesn't know or care about my desires. He may withhold something from me that I really want and that would be terrible. My enjoyment in life is based on external things.	Fullness of joy comes from knowing God and being in His presence. The Holy Spirit enables us to experience and know God for who He is which results in unequalled joy. God is our Heavenly Father who cares about our needs and desires. He delights in giving unto us and is infinitely wise in knowing the perfect gifts and perfect time to give those gifts to us.	Psalms 16:11 Romans 8:31-32 Matthew 7:7-11 James 1:17
The Spirit-filled life is unclear and confusing. It is too hard to understand, therefore I cannot do it.	God is telling me to do something and not telling me how to do it. He is unclear and confusing.	God is not a God of confusion, but of peace. He commands us to be filled with the Spirit and He says His commandments are not burdensome. God desires more than we do that we walk in the Spirit. We can trust Him to teach us and clarify the truth to us.	1 Corinthians 14:33 Ephesians 5:18 1 John 5:3 Matthew 11:28-30
If I'm spirit-filled, I will be obnoxiously over-spiritual, do crazy looking things and alienate people.	God will make me weird and obnoxious.	The Holy Spirit is God. God is not obnoxious, overly pushy or insensitive to people. He desires to draw all men to Himself, not to alienate them. The Spirit lives uniquely through each person, through the personality God has given them. The Holy Spirit is in the process of conforming all of us to the image of Jesus, therefore, comparing our lives to others is futile.	1 Corinthians 13:4-8 2 Corinthians 3:18, 10:12