

# I KNOW A GHOST

## A PROFESSING GHOST FACILITATOR GUIDE

### ARE YOU SCARED OF THE GHOST?

Movies and TV shows have conditioned us to be fearful of ghosts. Spirits in the house are considered a negative thing. Look at what the Word tells us about the spirit world.

**Ephesians 6:12** —For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the cosmic powers over this present darkness, against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly places.

**Colossians 1:16** —For by Him all things were created, in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or authorities—all things were created through Him and for Him.

**Are there spirits in our house?** [Yes. Spirits are all around us. They are battling each other for our soul.]

**What do these verses tell us about the spirit world around us?** [There are spiritual beings that are warring around us that we can not see. God created everything we see and what we can't see. ]

So whether we choose to be aware of it or not, there are spirits that are out to trap us and get us off track.

The thing that many Christians fear the most is that the Holy Spirit will call upon them to do something out of their comfort zone.

**What would be something you would consider to be out of your “comfort zone?”**

**1 John 4: 1-3**—Dear friends, do not believe every spirit, but test the spirits to see if they are from God, because many false prophets have gone out into the world. 2 This is how you know the Spirit of God: Every spirit that confesses that Jesus Christ has come in the flesh is from God, 3 but every spirit that does not confess Jesus is not from God. This is the spirit of the antichrist, which you have heard is coming; even now it is already in the world.

**According to John's letter, what should we must we do? [Test to see if the spirits that are leading/guiding/speaking to us are really from God.]**

**How can we tell which ones are of God? [V2—The Spirit of God professes Jesus Christ.]**

**How can we tell which ones are not of God? [V3.—They do not profess Jesus because this is the spirit of antichrist. A spirit that puts down the church, does not regard God or His Word is of antichrist. A government or law that sets out to stop the church or attempts to wipe out the name of Christ is not of God.]**

**Acts 2: 12-15**—They were all astounded and perplexed, saying to one another, “What does this mean?” 13 But some sneered and said, “They’re drunk on new wine.” 14 Peter stood up with the Eleven, raised his voice, and proclaimed to them, “Fellow Jews and all you residents of Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and pay attention to my words. 15 For these people are not drunk, as you suppose, since it’s only nine in the morning.

**Acts 2: 38**—Peter replied, “Repent and be baptized, each of you, in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins, and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit.

**After Peter received the Holy Spirit, what did he do? [He stood up in front of a great number of people and spoke. He defended what they were saying and doing. He pleaded with the people to understand that they were not drunk, but filled with the Spirit. ]**

Peter was always naturally outspoken. Where he was usually speaking on his own behalf, now, with the help of the Holy Spirit, he spoke out professing Jesus and supporting others who were speaking with the help of the Spirit of Truth.

**The Holy Spirit will not ask you to do something that He will not EQUIP you to do.**

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## **YOU WILL BE WITNESSES...**

**Acts 1: 8**—But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come on you, and you will be My (JESUS) witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.

Jesus promised that the Spirit will help them to be witnesses "...in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria...".

Jerusalem was their **HOME**.

Judea was their **NATION**.

Samaria as their **WORLD**.

**How do people affect their WORLD for Christ? [Missionaries, those who support missions, Bible translations in other languages, etc. ]**

**How can we affect our NATION for Christ? [Supporting legislation that goes along with God's Word, etc.]**

**How can we affect our HOME for Christ? [Leading our families to belief in God, sharing our faith with extended family members, and inviting our neighbors and co-workers to church when they can hear the Gospel. Reacting to difficult situations with faith and joy can show others what it means to live with the Holy Spirit guiding our life. ]**

**Mark 13:11**— (Jesus said) So when they arrest you and hand you over, don't worry beforehand what you will say, but say whatever is given to you at that time, for it isn't you speaking, but the Holy Spirit.

**How did Jesus say we are to react when something happens to us? [Don't worry before it happens, just know that the Holy Spirit will give us the right words to say.]**

**Have you ever fretted over whether you had the right words to speak to someone?**

**What did Jesus say would happen to His followers? [They would be arrested and handed over.]**

**What do you think this means for us today? [Trouble will come to us. Some are arrested today for their beliefs. But even if we are not arrested, we can assume that our faith will be tried at some point. We will have opportunities to express our faith to others. The Holy Spirit will guide us through these situations.]**

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## **PRAYER TIME**

- Give thanks to God that the Holy Spirit gave someone the words and opportunity to share the Gospel with you.
- Ask Holy Spirit to prepare you for opportunities that will come up. Ask Him to help you hear His leading.
- If you will follow the Holy Spirit's leading in your life, surrender yourself to be available for whatever He calls you to do.

