

along in the yoke because Jesus keeps walking. Or if you try to race ahead or turn off in another direction, the yoke will chafe your neck and your life will be uncomfortable. The key to a restful yoke-relationship with Jesus is to learn from Him and open yourself to His gentleness and humility.

The picture of walking in the Spirit in tandem with Jesus also helps us understand our service to God. How much will you get done without Jesus pulling on His side of the yoke? Nothing. And how much will be accomplished without you on your side? Nothing. A yoke can only work if both are pulling together.

Paul said (1 Corinthians 3:6) "I planted, Apollos watered, but God gave the increase." You and I have the privilege to plant and water, but if God isn't in it, nothing will grow. However, if we don't plant and water, nothing will grow. God has chosen to work through the church, in partnership with you, to do His work in the world today. He's the lead ox. Let's learn from Him.

Prayer:

Dear Jesus, I want You to be my yoke-mate today. Keep me from going ahead or lagging behind. I want to walk step-by-step with You.



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UNDER THE SAME YOKE

(Matthew 11:28-30) "'Come to Me, all you who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. {29} 'Take My yoke upon you and learn from Me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. {30} 'For My yoke is easy and My burden is light.'"

Matthew 11:28-30 contains a beautiful description of the purpose and pace of the Spirit-filled walk. Jesus invites you to a restful walk in tandem with Him, just as two oxen walk together under the same yoke. "How can a yoke be restful?" you ask. Because Jesus' yoke is an easy yoke. As the lead ox, Jesus walks at a steady pace. If you pace yourself with Him, your burden will be easy. But if you take a passive approach to the relationship, you'll be painfully dragged



Meat

The seven Spirits.



Isaiah 11:1-2 shows us that The Holy Spirit enabled Jesus the Messiah in four ways:

1. In Making _____, 10:1-3, 5-6, 12, 33-34, 11:1-2, 4:2

(Isaiah 11:1) "A shoot will come up from the stump of Jesse; from his roots a Branch will bear fruit." [paraphrase]

(2 Samuel 7:16) ""And your house and your kingdom shall be established forever before you. ...""

(Matthew 3:16) "When He had been baptized, .. He saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and alighting upon Him.

(Luke 2:40) "And the Child grew and became strong in spirit, filled with wisdom; ..."

(Luke 2:47) "And all who heard Him were astonished at His understanding"

(Matthew 12:42) ""The queen of the South .. came from the ends of the earth to hear the wisdom of Solomon; and indeed a greater than Solomon is here."

(Matthew 13:54) "... they were astonished and said, "Where did this Man get this wisdom .."

(Colossians 2:3) "in whom are hidden all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge."



2. In securing ultimate _____, verse 2

(Mark 1:38) ".. "Let us go into the next towns, that I may preach there also, because for this purpose I have come forth.""

(John 6:38) ""For I have come down from heaven, not to do My own will, but the will of Him who sent Me."

(John 9:39) ".. "For judgment I have come into this world, that those who do not see may see, and that those who see may be made blind.""

(John 10:10) ""... I have come that they may have life, and that they may have it more abundantly."

(John 12:46) ""I have come as a light into the world, that whoever believes in Me should not abide in darkness."

(John 18:37) "...For this cause I was born, and for this cause I have come into the world, that I should bear witness to the truth. ...""

(Luke 12:51-52) ""Do you suppose that I came to give peace on earth? I tell you, not at all, but rather division. {52} "For from now on five in one house will be divided: three against two, and two against three."

(Luke 19:10) ""for the Son of Man has come to seek and to save that which was lost.""

(John 13:1) "Now before the feast of the Passover, when Jesus knew that His hour had come that He should depart from this world to the Father,"

(Colossians 2:13-15) "And you, being dead in your trespasses .. He has made alive together with Him, .. {14} having wiped out the handwriting of requirements that was against us, .. And He has



taken it out of the way, having nailed it to the cross. {15} Having disarmed principalities and powers, He made a public spectacle of them, triumphing over them in it."

(John 19:30) ".. "It is finished!" ..."

3. In an _____ **with the Father,**
verse 2

(John 8:54-55) "... It is My Father who honors Me, .. {55} ... I know Him. And if I say, 'I do not know Him,' I shall be a liar like you; but I do know Him and keep His word."

(John 10:15) ""As the Father knows Me, even so I know the Father; and I lay down My life for the sheep."

(John 10:38) ""... believe the works, that you may know and believe that the Father is in Me, and I in Him.""

(John 11:42) ""And I know that You always hear Me, ..""

(John 14:7) ""If you had known Me, you would have known My Father also; and from now on you know Him and have seen Him.""

(John 14:31) "".. I love the Father, and as the Father gave Me commandment, so I do. ..."



4. In all the _____ **of God,** verse 2

(Revelation 1:4) ".. Grace to you and peace from Him who is and who was and who is to come, and from the seven Spirits who are before His throne,"

(Revelation 3:1) ""... These things says He who has the seven Spirits of God and the seven stars: "I know your works, that you have a name that you are alive, but you are dead."

(John 3:34) ""For He whom God has sent speaks the words of God, for God does not give the Spirit by measure."

(Isaiah 42:1) ""Behold! My Servant whom I uphold, My Elect One in whom My soul delights! I have put My Spirit upon Him; ..."

(Isaiah 61:1) ""The Spirit of the Lord GOD is upon Me, Because the LORD has anointed Me To preach good tidings to the poor; He has sent Me to heal the brokenhearted, To proclaim liberty to the captives, And the opening of the prison to those who are bound;"

(Luke 4:1) "Then Jesus, being filled with the Holy Spirit, returned from the Jordan and was led by the Spirit into the wilderness,"

(Luke 4:16-19) "So He came to Nazareth, .., and stood up to read. {17} And He was handed the book of the prophet Isaiah. And when He had opened the book, He found the place where it was written: {18} "The Spirit of the LORD is upon Me, Because He has anointed Me To preach the gospel to the poor; He has sent Me to heal the brokenhearted, To proclaim liberty to the captives And recovery of sight to the blind, To set at liberty those who are oppressed; {19} To proclaim the acceptable year of the LORD.""

(Luke 1:35) ".. "The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Highest will overshadow you; ..

(Hebrews 9:14) "how much more shall the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered Himself without spot to God, cleanse your conscience ..?"

(Romans 1:4) "and declared to be the Son of God with power according to the Spirit of holiness, by the resurrection from the dead."

(Colossians 2:9) "For in Him dwells all the fullness of the Godhead bodily;"

(2 Corinthians 3:18) "But we all, with unveiled face, beholding as in a mirror the glory of the Lord, are being transformed into the same image from glory to glory, just as by the Spirit of the Lord."

