

Topping Off Your Tank

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There is this awesome App on my iPhone that tells me when the price of gas is going to go up. So, I always try to wait until the last minute, passing stations where the gas is still low thinking to myself, *"I will stop back by there and top off my tank tonight!"* only to find I totally missed it and the price of gas went up by \$2.00 per gallon. Ok, so it didn't go up by \$2.00 per gallon, but I still get frustrated with myself when I do that.

The apostle Paul wrote in Ephesians 5:18, *"And be not drunk with wine, in which is dissipation; but be filled with the Spirit ..."*

Each day we need to be continuously filled by the Spirit of God. There are times when we rely on past fillings, the scriptures we learned long ago, to keep us filled. What we do not realize is that little crack in the glass that seeps ever so slowly until our glass has become empty and dried up.

Praise is good and we all should do it. Worship is better, coming next after praise as we draw closer to God with our hands lifted high in prayer. But, this does not fill our glass with the Spirit of God. It certainly helps, but to fill our glass there is more. Much more.

The Spirit of God will always follow the reading of Word of God. There is such honor in the God-head of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. There is order and discipline. As stated in 1 Corinthians 12, the apostle Paul instructed the Corinthian believers to see that God the Father watches over the gifts of the Spirit; God the Son administers the gifts of the Spirit; and the Holy Spirit has the gifts to give to believers at His will. There is order.

To top off our tanks so we do not run out of gas, we need a daily fill-up from the Word of God, the Holy Bible. This involves physically taking our Bibles from the shelf or end table, opening the pages, and beginning to read and hopefully study it. In doing so, it is always best to read the Word of God *in the Holy Spirit*, meaning we should pray and ask the Holy Spirit to reveal the truths of our reading before we even start.

Today, right now, you can begin an excellent habit of reading the Bible to be filled each day, so the glass does not run dry. After reading the scriptures and praying for the truth to fill you up, driving out the doubt, the Holy Spirit will flow you up and out of you to minister to those around you.

Instead of passing up the gas station to top off your tank, why not pull up the pump and fill up on God and His word daily? The filling of the Holy Spirit is to be a continuous overflowing. Then, enjoy the drive.