

KeyVerses04 Spirit

Love follows knowledge. A new Believer needs to be fed, fed, fed until they can feed themselves. Here's the 4th of 11 KeyVerse series, each of them with 35 verses (7 weeks worth) to show care and content to a young Christian. This series features verses about the Holy Spirit.

Examples:

Week 2 Day 6: a KeyVerse about the Spirit to encourage you:

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Then the wilderness will become a fertile field,
and the fertile field will yield bountiful crops. (Isaiah 32.15)

For centuries before Jesus came, people longed to have God's life. They felt like a wilderness, so empty and unfruitful. Now because of Jesus, the Spirit has been given to us. Now we can have new life, and can do many things for God. Ask God to pour his Spirit into you, (name), so your life can be "a fertile field".

Week 3 Day 14: a KeyVerse about the Spirit to encourage you:

But the Holy Spirit produces this kind of fruit in our lives: love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control. There is no law against these things! (Galatians 5.22-23)

An apple tree produces apples. A banana tree, bananas. It's completely natural. Same with you, now that you have the Spirit. You begin to produce love joy, peace, all this fruit of the Spirit. It's Jesus' life in you now. Your personality, his life. So great, (name)! You can develop like Jesus as fast as you want. There's nothing limiting you. Today be passionate to be like Jesus!

Verses to use Choose any verses you feel give insights about the Spirit. Here's a sample list for your consideration (there are many more):

Week 1: Genesis 1.1-2; Psalm 143.10; Psalm 51.11; Ps. 139.7; Joel 2.28-29

Week 2: Isaiah 32.15; Isaiah 42.1; Isaiah 44.3; Isaiah 61.1; Luke 4.18-19

Week 3: Luke 4.20-21; John 1.32-33; John 3.5-6; Galatians 5.22-23; Ephesians 5.18-20

Week 4: John 7.38-39; John 14.16-17; John 14.26; John 15.26; John 16.13;

Week 5: Romans 8.11; Romans 8.15; Romans 8.16; Romans 8.26; Romans 15.13;

Week 6: 1 Corinthians 2.10; 1 Cor. 2.14; 1 Cor. 3.16-17; 1 Cor. 6.19-20; 1 Cor. 12.13

Week 7: 2 Cor. 3.17; 2 Cor. 3.18; 2 Cor. 5.4-5; John 6.63; 2 Cor. 13.14

To do: Copy the verse from a website like biblegateway.com, add a comment, and email it to a new Believer, Monday – Friday. If you can, pick the same time each day – make it something they anticipate.

Or if you wish, use/modify the 35 KeyVerses below.

Small things done in great love will change the world, one person at a time...

* this is the 4nd series of KeyVerses; see also 1st series: *Believer – 35 Basic KeyVerses*; 2nd series: *Believer – 35 God KeyVerses*; 3rd series: *35 Jesus KeyVerses*.

4th Series: KeyVerses about the Spirit – from OT/NT – English

Names of those getting the series (move name down to next KeyVerse, one day at a time)

1. John Doe, started (date)
- 2.
- 3.

Week 1

Letter to begin:

Many Christians don't understand the Spirit, (name). They know Jesus died for them, and that the Father loves them, but not what the Spirit does for them. In this KeyVerse series we'll begin to learn and enjoy the care of the Holy Spirit for us. I hope it really encourages you!

("name" here. Move to next KeyVerse, one day at a time)

Day 1: Gen. 1.1-2

a KeyVerse about the Spirit to encourage you:

In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth. The earth was formless and empty, and darkness covered the deep waters. And the Spirit of God was hovering over the surface of the waters. (Genesis 1.1-2)

In the first Creation, when the universe was made, the Spirit was involved, creating. Now we're in the new Creation, (name), and God is giving us a new life in Jesus. The Spirit is here too, creating light and life in us. Thank him, and ask the Spirit to start the new Creation in your family and friends.

Day 2: Ps. 143.10

a KeyVerse about the Spirit to encourage you:

Teach me to do your will, for you are my God.

May your gracious Spirit lead me forward on a firm footing. (Psalm 143.10)

Before we met Jesus, we had to go on our life journey alone. Now we have God's Spirit with us. He's our guide to lead us forward, so we don't fall or fail. This is so great! Ask the Spirit to guide you today in your decisions. And tell him you want a teachable heart.

Day 3: Ps. 51.11

a KeyVerse about the Spirit to encourage you:

Do not banish me from your presence,
and don't take your Holy Spirit from me. (Psalm 51.11)

This was King David's prayer, after a very serious sin. He was so sorry, and was afraid God would send him away. Thankfully, God forgives us, and lets us stay close to him. Ask God to give you more and more of his Spirit, so you can live like Jesus.

Day 4: Ps. 139.7

a KeyVerse about the Spirit to encourage you:

I can never escape from your Spirit!
I can never get away from your presence! (Psalm 139.7)

Before we knew God, we didn't want him to be around us. But he was, and we couldn't escape. Now that we belong to him, we're really glad he's right here. Thank God he'll be with you today, and you can get help from his Spirit.

Day 5: Joel 2.28-29

a KeyVerse about the Spirit to encourage you:

Then, after doing all those things,
I will pour out my Spirit upon all people.
Your sons and daughters will prophesy.
Your old men will dream dreams,
and your young men will see visions.
In those days I'll pour out my Spirit
even on servants—men and women alike. (Joel 2.28-29)

This is God's promise to us, when Jesus came into the world. He'd give his Spirit to everyone who trusted in Jesus. Old or young, man or woman, it doesn't matter.

Even if you're as unimportant as a servant, God gives you his Spirit. Now you can find God's Dream for you, (name), because the Spirit is in you to help and lead. Say thanks to God, and tell him you want that Dream. **(If you had a dream to do something great for God, what would it be?)**

Week 2

Day 6: Is. 32.15

a KeyVerse about the Spirit to encourage you:

...until at last the Spirit is poured out on us from heaven.

Then the wilderness will become a fertile field,
and the fertile field will yield bountiful crops. (Isaiah 32.15)

For centuries before Jesus came, people longed to have God's life. They felt like a wilderness, so empty and unfruitful. Now because of Jesus, the Spirit has been given to us. Now we can have new life, and can do many things for God. Ask God to pour his Spirit into you, (name), so your life can be "a fertile field".

Day 7: Is. 42.1

a KeyVerse about the Spirit to encourage you:

"Look at my servant [Jesus], whom I strengthen.

He is my chosen one, who pleases me.

I have put my Spirit upon him.

He will bring justice to the nations. (Isaiah 42.1)

We get God's Spirit, (name), through Jesus. He showed us what life is like, full of the Spirit. Now he's chosen us to have the Spirit, so we can live like him. We'll make a difference around us, even in our country, because Jesus has been so generous. Open your life wide to the Spirit today.

Day 8: Is. 44.3-4

a KeyVerse about the Spirit to encourage you:

For I'll pour out water to quench your thirst
and to irrigate your parched fields.

And I'll pour out my Spirit on your descendants,

and my blessing on your children.
They'll thrive like watered grass,
like willows on a riverbank. (Isaiah 44.3-4)
God's best gift is not money or job or health, although these are wonderful. His best gift is the Spirit, his own life in us. And he's not only thinking about us, (name). He's thinking of our children, our grandchildren, how he will bless them. Thank God today for his Dreams for you, stretching far into the future.

Day 9: Is. 61.1

a KeyVerse about the Spirit to encourage you:

The Spirit of the Sovereign LORD is upon me,
for the LORD has anointed me
to bring good news to the poor.

He has sent me to comfort the brokenhearted
and to proclaim that captives will be released
and prisoners will be freed. (Isaiah 61.1)

For centuries God's people dreamed of a Messiah to come, someone sent from God, full of God's life. They prayed for this, dreamed of a day when there would be hope and freedom for everyone. Jesus was the answer to this prayer. He shows us what it's like to live in the Spirit. Thank God that he keeps his promises, (name), and sent Jesus.

Day 10: Luke 4.18-19

a KeyVerse about the Spirit to encourage you:

The Spirit of the Lord is upon me,
for he has anointed me to bring Good News to the poor.
He has sent me to proclaim that captives will be released,
that the blind will see,
that the oppressed will be set free,
and that the time of the Lord's favor has come." (Luke 4.18-19)

When Jesus spoke to his hometown at a religious service, he picked these verses, (name). He was the answer to this Dream. And he shows what happens when we're full of the Spirit. We'll care for hurting people around us. We'll give them the

good news about Jesus, and show God's love. Ask God to give you more of his Spirit, so you can live like Jesus, compassionate and giving. **(Think of last week, what you said, how you acted, what you thought about. If you were filled up with God's Spirit, what might have been different?)**

Week 3

Day 11: Luke 4.20-21

a KeyVerse about the Spirit to encourage you:

Jesus rolled up the scroll, handed it back to the attendant, and sat down. All eyes in the synagogue looked at him intently. Then he began to speak to them. "The Scripture you've just heard has been fulfilled this very day!" (Luke 4.20-21)

Jesus had just read them the verses from Isaiah about the Spirit of the Lord "being on me". What he said shocked everyone: these verses would come true because of him. This is how we get God's Spirit, (name), through Jesus. As we open our lives to him, God can give us energy and light and love from him. Tell Jesus you want as much of the Spirit as you can possibly have!

Day 12: John 1.32-33

a KeyVerse about the Spirit to encourage you:

Then John testified, "I saw the Holy Spirit descending like a dove from heaven and resting upon him [Jesus]. I didn't know he was the one, but when God sent me to baptize with water, he told me, 'The one on whom you see the Spirit descend and rest is the one who will baptize with the Holy Spirit.'" (John 1.32-33)

When we get baptized in water, we go in over our heads. God wants the same with his Spirit, where we get "over our heads" with his life and love. Jesus is the one who shows us how. Ask him to make your life completely immersed in the Spirit.

Day 13: Jn 3.5-6

a KeyVerse about the Spirit to encourage you:

Jesus replied, “I assure you, no one can enter the Kingdom of God without being born of water and the Spirit. Humans can reproduce only human life, but the Holy Spirit gives birth to spiritual life. (John 3.5-6)

When we were born physically, we come out of the “water” in our mother’s womb. There’s a new birth God gives us, spiritual life. This birth only the Spirit can do – we can’t. That’s what he did, (name), when you became a Christian! Deep within, you got a new life. Thank God for this spiritual birth the Spirit gave you.

Day 14: Gal. 5.22-23

a KeyVerse about the Spirit to encourage you:

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Day 15: Eph 5.18-20

a KeyVerse about the Spirit to encourage you:

Don’t be drunk with wine, because that will ruin your life. Instead, be filled with the Holy Spirit, singing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs among yourselves, and making music to the Lord in your hearts. And give thanks for everything to God the Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ. (Ephesians 5.18-20)

You know what happens when people get full of alcohol, (name). They can do foolish things. They can be a danger to themselves and others. Imagine when you’re full of God’s Spirit, it’s much different. Now you have joy, you want to praise God, you have a thankful heart. Ask God to fill you more and more with his Spirit. **(How would you compare the behavior of someone full of wine/alcohol, and someone full of the Spirit? What would be different?)**

Week 4

Day 16: John 7.38-39

a KeyVerse about the Spirit to encourage you:

[Jesus] Anyone who believes in me may come and drink! For the Scriptures declare, ‘Rivers of living water will flow from his heart.’” (When he said “living water,” he was speaking of the Spirit, who would be given to everyone believing in him. But the Spirit hadn’t been given yet, because Jesus hadn’t yet entered into his glory.) (John 7.38-39)

When Jesus arose from the dead, he entered his glory, (name). And he gave us gifts. One of his gifts was the Spirit, available to anyone who would believe in Jesus. The Spirit in us isn’t like a trickle of water. He’s like rivers of water. Don’t settle for a tiny bit of God in you. Ask God for as much of the Spirit as you can get. You want rivers of God to pour into you, pour out of you.

Day 17: John 14.16-17

a KeyVerse about the Spirit to encourage you:

[Jesus] And I’ll ask the Father, and he’ll give you another Advocate [Helper], who will never leave you. He is the Holy Spirit, who leads into all truth. The world can’t receive him, because it isn’t looking for him and doesn’t recognize him. But you know him, because he lives with you now and later will be in you. (John 14.16-17)

When Jesus was on earth, the disciples could be with him, and get his help. Now that he has gone back to heaven, we can’t do that. But we can have God’s Spirit in us, helping us like Jesus. He helps us fight the lies that have affected us so deeply. Thank Jesus today, for giving you this Helper-Spirit, (name). Ask him to lead you in the truth today.

Day 18: John 14.26

a KeyVerse about the Spirit to encourage you:

[Jesus] But when the Father sends the Advocate as my representative—that is, the Holy Spirit—he’ll teach you everything and will remind you of everything I’ve told you. (John 14.26)

Did you know you have a Teacher that’s with you always? You do, (name), now that you’re a Christian. The Spirit is teaching you how to live like Jesus, and reminding you what Jesus taught. He’s the best teacher, because he knows you so

well. Tell him today you want to learn as much as you can – you want to be his best pupil.

Day 19: Jn 15.26

a KeyVerse about the Spirit to encourage you:

[Jesus] “But I will send you the Advocate—the Spirit of truth. He’ll come to you from the Father and will testify all about me. And you must also testify about me because you have been with me from the beginning of my ministry. (John 15.26)

An Advocate is like a lawyer in court, someone who defends you. That’s what the Spirit does in your life. He tells you about Jesus, and defends you from the attacks of the culture and the evil one. He’ll give you the courage to tell others about Jesus. Ask for his help today, (name).

Day 20: Jn 16.13

a KeyVerse about the Spirit to encourage you:

[Jesus] When the Spirit of truth comes, he’ll guide you into all truth. He’ll not speak on his own but will tell you what he has heard. He’ll tell you about the future. (John 16.13)

We’re surrounded by lies, (name), and have lies within us that really affect us. The Spirit’s task is to get the truth in our lives, so we don’t believe the lies any more. Ask him to show you what lies are around you, and in you, so you can stop believing them. **(Now that you’re getting to know God’s truth, what lies have you discovered that the culture surrounding you told?)**

Week 5

Day 21: Rom 8.11

a KeyVerse about the Spirit to encourage you:

The Spirit of God, who raised Jesus from the dead, lives in you. And just as God raised Christ Jesus from the dead, he’ll give life to your mortal bodies by this same Spirit living within you. (Romans 8.11)

Even though our body is growing old, and we can be affected by disease, we have hope, (name). Jesus’ body was totally crushed by the whipping and the crucifixion.

But three days later he came alive, in a totally restored, indestructible body. Same with us! No matter how we wear out and die, the Spirit will raise us up. That's a promise! Tell God thanks that death won't defeat you.

Day 22: Rom 8.15

a KeyVerse about the Spirit to encourage you:

So you haven't received a spirit that makes you fearful slaves. Instead, you received God's Spirit when he adopted you as his own children. Now we call him, "Abba, Father." (Romans 8.15)

Before we knew God, (name), we had good reason to be afraid of him – we were an enemy of his. But now we're his child. We have no reason to fear him. Instead, we're adopted – that's how much he loves us. Spend the day calling him "Abba" (which means "Dad" or "dear father", even "daddy")

Day 23: Rom 8.16

a KeyVerse about the Spirit to encourage you:

For his Spirit joins with our spirit to affirm that we're God's children. (Romans 8.16)

When you became a Christian you came alive spiritually, (name). Now you can talk to God, and his Spirit can communicate with you. He'll be sure to remind you, you're God's child, so you get confidence and desire to grow. Tell him today, *Yes, I know! And I'm glad!* when he assures you you're in the family

Day 24: Rom 8.26

a KeyVerse about the Spirit to encourage you:

And the Holy Spirit helps us in our weakness. For example, we don't know what God wants us to pray for. But the Holy Spirit prays for us with groanings that can't be expressed in words. (Romans 8.26)

So true, we often don't know what to pray for. We don't know what's best for us, or even what kind of troubles are coming. The Spirit is our best friend, really caring for us, praying at a deeper level than we can. Thank him for his help, and tell him you want to cooperate with his prayers,(name).

Day 25: Rom. 15.13

a KeyVerse about the Spirit to encourage you:

I pray that God, the source of hope, will fill you completely with joy and peace because you trust in him. Then you'll overflow with confident hope through the power of the Holy Spirit. (Romans 15.13)

Without hope, (name), we easily give up. The future looks dark and cold. Now that God is our Father, we have his Spirit. He gives us hope. You can face anything, (name), because the Spirit will give you the power. His hope will even pour overflow from you to encourage others. Such a wonderful gift, to have the Spirit! Tell him he's welcome in every part of your life. **(How has hope from God affected in your life? How has it helped you cope with daily living?)**

Week 6

Day 26: 1 Cor 2.10

a KeyVerse about the Spirit to encourage you:

But it was to us that God revealed these things by his Spirit. For his Spirit searches out everything and shows us God's deep secrets. (1 Corinthians 2.10)

The mark of friendship is sharing secrets – that's what God does, (name), shares his deepest thoughts with us. Ask the Spirit to make you a faithful friend of God, so he can trust you enough to open his heart.

Day 27: 1 Cor. 2.14

a KeyVerse about the Spirit to encourage you:

But people who aren't spiritual can't receive these truths from God's Spirit. It all sounds foolish to them and they can't understand it, for only those who are spiritual can understand what the Spirit means. (1 Cor. 2.14)

Just like a blind person can't see color, and a deaf person can't hear music, so we couldn't appreciate who God was when we were outside of Christ. Now we're insiders, we have God's Spirit, (name). He's going to show you many things about God you couldn't understand before. You and God will become intimate friends! It's good to tell him you can't wait!

Day 28: 1 Cor. 3.16-17

a KeyVerse about the Spirit to encourage you:

Don't you realize that all of you together are the temple of God and that the Spirit of God lives in you? God will destroy anyone who destroys this temple. For God's temple is holy, and you are that temple. (1 Cor 3.16-17)

God's church is made up of people, (name). The "glue" that holds them together is the Spirit. We should respect it like we'd respect the home of someone we love – it's the Spirit's home. Ask God to gave you a deep appreciation for your church – it must be very valuable to him, if his Spirit chooses to live among us.

Day 29: 1 Cor 6.19-20

a KeyVerse about the Spirit to encourage you:

Don't you realize that your body is the temple of the Holy Spirit, who lives in you and was given to you by God? You don't belong to yourself, for God bought you with a high price. So you must honor God with your body. (1 Cor 6.19-20)

Our culture says *do what you want with your body*. But God says, no, *bring it under control and treat it with respect*. His Spirit lives in you, (name). That's why we don't neglect our bodies, we refuse outside-of-marriage sex, we don't abuse our bodies. Your body is very precious to God; ask him to help you treat it that way.

Day 30: 1 Cor. 12.13

a KeyVerse about the Spirit to encourage you:

Some of us are Jews, some are Gentiles, some are slaves, and some are free. But we've all been baptized into one body by one Spirit, and we all share the same Spirit. (1 Cor 12.13)

When the Spirit gave us new life, he also birthed us into God's family. It's made up of everyone who believes in Jesus, from every race and economic level. Ask God to let you see others with the Spirit's eyes, (name), and celebrate the diversity God adopted you into. **(Now that you're a Christian, is there anyone you're close to that you wouldn't even have liked before you were a Christian?)**

Week 7

Day 31: 2 Cor 3.17

a KeyVerse about the Spirit to encourage you:

For the Lord is the Spirit, and wherever the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom. (2 Cor. 3.17)

The mark of a Christian is freedom, (name), responsible freedom. We're free to find God's dream, free to develop our potential, free to love like God made us to. Thank God for his freedom, and ask the Spirit to use your freedom to become more like Jesus.

Day 32: 2 Cor. 3.18b

a KeyVerse about the Spirit to encourage you:

And the Lord—who is the Spirit—makes us more and more like him as we are changed into his glorious image. (2 Cor. 3.18b)

This is part of God's Dream for you, (name). He's going to make you like Jesus! Your body, your personality, in your time and space... but Jesus' life! When people see you, they'll be getting glimpses of Jesus. Tell God yes, you want this more and more.

Day 33: 2 Cor. 5.4-5

a KeyVerse about the Spirit to encourage you:

While we live in these earthly bodies, we groan and sigh, but it's not that we want to die and get rid of these bodies that clothe us. Rather, we want to put on our new bodies so that these dying bodies will be swallowed up by life. God himself has prepared us for this, and as a guarantee he has given us his Holy Spirit. (2 Cor. 5.4-5)

Life can get tough when our body starts wearing out, (name). Sickness, accidents, terminal illness... no fun at all. It affects everyone. But we have the Spirit in us, and he gives us encouragement that death isn't a destination, it's a doorway. There's better life ahead, much better than now. You know, because the Spirit lives in you. How great, (name)!

Day 34: John 6.63

a KeyVerse about the Spirit to encourage you:

The Spirit alone gives eternal life. Human effort accomplishes nothing. And the very words I have spoken to you are spirit and life. (John 6.63)

All of our effort to live the good life... all our attempts to find God... useless, (name), unless the Spirit helps. Ask God to give you more and more of his Spirit, so you can taste eternal life even while you're still living.

Letter for the last day:

This is the last KeyVerse in this series, (name). I wanted you to get to know about God's Spirit. He's the one who will help you grow spiritually. And your guide to find God's dream for you.

Tomorrow we'll start a new KeyVerse series on the Good News. You'll learn why it's such good news that Jesus came and died for us. You'll get to partner with the Spirit to invite others to find God and follow Jesus. So great! I'm glad to keep sending the KeyVerses to you, but if you're too busy to read them, just let me know, k.

Day 35: 2 Cor. 13.14

a KeyVerse about the Spirit to encourage you:

May the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all. (2 Cor. 13.14)

This is God, one God in three persons. The Father, who loves you... the Son (Jesus), who is so kind to you... and the Spirit, who is your constant companion. Welcome Father-Son-Spirit into your life today, (name). Tell the Spirit he's your best friend, and you delight to have his companionship. Thank Jesus for dying for you. Tell God you love him! **(When you think of Father-Son-Spirit, who do you know best? Who do you need to know better?)**