

The Believer's Part in Becoming Spiritual

might have exchanged half of his possessions for the life more abundant, but he went away sorrowful. Have you, perchance, tried to strike a bargain with God, offering Him some odd moments of time, some remnants of strength, some segment of talent, in exchange for the fullness of the Holy Spirit? One way remains by which you may possess the Holy Spirit's fullness, which is to receive it as a gift.

“And hereby we know that he abideth in us, *by the Spirit which he hath given us*” (I John 3:24).

What does one usually do with a gift? He receives it and thanks the giver. This is precisely what God wants you to do with this wondrous gift of the Holy Spirit's fullness.

Let me illustrate by an incident which brought this truth to my own heart with fresh meaning. Two Chinese friends, Mr. and Mrs. Wang, came to call upon me one day. Mr. Wang was only a young Christian but he loved the Lord devotedly. What a love for the Word of God also! It was his meat and drink. Seeing this, I was reminded of a Scofield Bible some one had sent me to give to a Chinese friend. I presented it to Mr. Wang, saying, “I see you love the Bible. Here is a Scofield Bible which I should like to give you.” At the