

December 8

TODAY'S BIBLE STUDY & MEDITATION

KEY IDEAS: Do I understand that the Holy Spirit's power was unleashed in the creation of the earth and universe? Do I see myself as God sees me, as one empowered by the Holy Spirit and fully equipped to face any threat? Am I constantly seeking the Spirit's influence and power in areas of self-control and self-discipline?

1 God made His creation by the power of His Spirit — Job 26:13 *By his spirit he hath garnished the heavens; his hand hath formed the crooked serpent.*

What impact does the Holy Spirit have upon refashioning my life?

How should I praise the Spirit since He made all of the living creatures?

2 I am beneficiary of the Holy Spirit Who gives me power, love and a sound mind (discipline) — 2 Timothy 1:7 *For God hath not given us the spirit of fear; but of power, and of love, and of a sound mind.*

What character qualities does the Holy Spirit reproduce in the believer?

Why doesn't the devil want me to live fearlessly in the Spirit's power?

3 I am to pursue a walk that demonstrates self-control (temperance) — Acts 24:25 *And as he reasoned of righteousness, temperance, and judgment to come, Felix trembled, and answered, Go thy way for this time; when I have a convenient season, I will call for thee. (Compare: 2 Peter 1:6.)*

Should I be fearless in the face of judgment? What are the proper feelings?

What does my self-control reveal about the Spirit's true influence in my life?

Spirit of Wisdom, how do you want to apply these verses in my life today?

OPTIONAL BIBLE READINGS

Morning: 3 John

Evening: Daniel 8, 9, 10