

4th. To be our Teacher. "The Comforter, which is the Holy Ghost, whom the Father will send in My name, He shall teach you all things, and bring all things to your remembrance whatsoever I have said unto you." "But ye have an unction from the Holy One, and ye know all things." "But the anointing which ye have received of Him abideth in you, and ye need not that any man teach you: but as the same anointing teacheth you of all things, and is truth, and is no lie, and even as it hath taught you, ye shall abide in him."

5th. To guide into Truth. When He, the Spirit of truth, is come, He will guide you into all truth.

6th. To implant a love for souls. The first-fruit of the Spirit is love. "The love of God is shed abroad in our hearts by the Holy Spirit which is given unto us." When our hearts became permeated with this love we "love one another." This love is like a well of water, springing up into everlasting life: it gives a desire to work for the good of others. "My Father worketh hitherto, and I work." Our desire is to follow in His footsteps who "went about doing good." We therefore feed the hungry, clothe the naked, visit the afflicted; and especially do our hearts go out after those who are perishing for lack of the bread and the water of life - who sit in the darkness and shadow of death; who are like sheep going astray. We become willing to sacrifice, and deny self for their sakes: "For ye know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though He was rich, yet for your sakes He became poor, that ye through His poverty might be rich."

7th To direct where the Gospel should be preached. How can we expect success in a mission that has not had the Divine sanction? In the early Church the apostles were twice taught this truth. At a certain stage of their work, when they were about going into Asia, the Spirit forbade them: "And after they were come to Mysia they assayed to go into Bithynia; but the Spirit suffered them not."

8th. To appoint workers. This also is of vast importance. How necessary that we pray the Lord of the harvest that "He (not we) will send forth laborers into the harvest." There was some special work for Barnabas and Saul to do, and, "The Holy Ghost said, separate me Barnabas and Saul for the work whereunto I have called them."

Seeing then that without the Holy Spirit we cannot be fully equipped, or do effective work for the Master, will we not, as members of the Woman's Missionary Society, pray that upon all of us, individually and collectively, the Spirit may be poured. If every member of this Society were imbued with this Spirit, what might not be accomplished during the year 1891?

Sisters, this Spirit is for you. "I will pray the Father and He shall give you another Comforter, that He may abide with you forever; even the Spirit of truth - He dwelleth with you and shall be in you." It is our privilege to be filled with the Spirit. Paul says, "Be filled with the Spirit." We receive the Spirit in answer to prayer - it is a gift. "The love of God is shed abroad in our hearts by the Holy Ghost which is given unto us." "If ye then, being evil, know how to give good gifts unto your children: how much more shall your heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to them that ask Him?"

Dear sisters, will you ask and receive?