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I've wanted the Spirit to be

- a resource for my agenda
- a show for my entertainment
- a taboo to be avoided
- power for my glory
- a miracle-machine for my happiness

being Spirit-filled is an issue of lordship and submission

*be <u>filled</u>

Look carefully then how you walk,
not as unwise but as wise,
16 making the best use of the time,
because the days are evil.
17 Therefore do not be foolish,
but understand what the will of the Lord is.
18 And do not get drunk with wine,
for that is debauchery,
but be filled with the Spirit...

Ephesians 5:15-18 (ESV)

*walk by

But I say, walk by the Spirit,
and you will not gratify the desires of the flesh.
17 For the desires of the flesh are against the Spirit,
and the desires of the Spirit are against the flesh,
for these are opposed to each other,
to keep you from doing the things you want to do.
18 But if you are led by the Spirit, you are not under the law.
19 Now the works of the flesh are evident:
sexual immorality, impurity, sensuality,
20 idolatry, sorcery, enmity, strife, jealousy,
fits of anger, rivalries, dissensions, divisions,
21 envy, drunkenness, orgies, and things like these.
I warn you, as I warned you before,
that those who do such things
will not inherit the kingdom of God.

22 But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, 23 gentleness, self-control; against such things there is no law.

24 And those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires.

25 If we live by the Spirit, let us also keep in step with the Spirit.

26 Let us not become conceited, provoking one another, envying one another.

Galatians 5:16-26 (ESV)

*do not grieve

Do not let any unwholesome talk
come out of your mouths,
but only what is helpful for
building others up according to their needs,
that it may benefit those who listen.
30 And do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God,
with whom you were sealed for the day of redemption.
31 Get rid of all bitterness, rage and anger,
brawling and slander, along with every form of malice.
32 Be kind and compassionate to one another,
forgiving each other, just as in Christ God forgave you.

Ephesians 4:29-32 (NIV)

next steps

Forgotten God -- Francis Chan

Baptism and Fullness -- John Stott

The Wonderful Spirit Filled Life -- Charles Stanley