

## THE CHARISMATIC STREAM: THE SPIRIT-EMPOWERED LIFE

The Charismatic Stream is “a life immersed in, empowered by, and under the direction of the Spirit of God.” It “focuses upon the empowering charisms or gifts of the Spirit and the nurturing fruit of the Spirit. This Spirit-empowered way of living addresses the deep yearning for the immediacy of God’s presence among his people.”

*(Streams of Living Water by Richard Foster, p. 99, 132)*

### ***Jesus and the Charismatic Stream***

“Nothing is more satisfying to observe than how Jesus lived and moved in the power of the Spirit.” There is a “refrain that echoes down through his entire ministry: ‘full of the Holy Spirit’ ... ‘led by the Spirit’ ... ‘filled with the power of the Spirit.’” Jesus showed many gifts of the Spirit, including wisdom, discernment, miracles, healing and exorcisms. After Jesus’ death, resurrection and ascension, the Spirit of God became available to all. “This is the life that is open to you and to me. A life flowing with rivers of living water. Rivers of love and joy. Rivers of signs and wonders. Rivers of peace and power. Jesus shows us the way.”

*(Streams of Living Water, p. 8–11)*



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Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit; and there are varieties of services, but the same Lord; and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who activates all of them in everyone. **To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good....**

For just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ.

– 1 Corinthians 12:4-7,12