



Receiving God's Blessings

**A Teaching Manual for Women
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Introduction

Letters began to pour into our home with questions about the Toronto Blessing. We needed to know more about it. I believe that until you witness this for yourself you do not have an opinion.

The conclusion Bill and I have reached is that the Toronto Blessing must be understood in the context of the whole of God's Word. It does not replace anything in the Word, it is part of the Word of God. It is a time of refreshing.

It does not replace the need for proclaiming the Gospel of Jesus Christ with power and the need for people to truly repent and get on their knees before the Lord and confess all of their sins. It does not replace the baptism with the Holy Spirit or the gifts of the Holy Spirit or the need to walk in holiness. It does not replace the requirements of Matthew 25: 31-40 where Jesus says we should have concern for the hungry, the thirsty, the stranger, the naked, the sick and those in prison.

It is part of the overall empowerment granted by the Holy Spirit. I pray that you will go on with increasing victory in Jesus Christ.

PART 1

GOD'S BLESSING EXPLAINED

1. What is this blessing?
2. Is it Scriptural?
3. Where did this latest move of God start?
4. How do we get the blessing?
5. How is the Church affected?
6. Can we expect changes?
7. Can we expect intimacy with God?
8. What about music?
9. Ongoing results

1. WHAT IS THIS BLESSING?

Jesus promised that the Holy Spirit would be sent to be a Comforter. The experience of the baptism with the Holy Spirit followed by speaking in tongues has been a very real demonstration of this Promise. With the infilling of the Holy Spirit came a desire to read God's Word and an empowering to minister in the gifts. That was known as the "Charismatic Renewal" and has had a far-reaching effect.

Today there is a further out-pouring of God's Spirit on all who desire more anointing, refreshing, release, power and the reality of the presence of God.

The present move of the Spirit is not just for counselling, but to revitalise a person for every area of ministry. In evangelism the Holy Spirit is anointing for boldness to witness. An example of this is given in the testimony of a woman in California. She says:

Okay, I admit I'm one of those who have rolled and roared on the floor. I'm sorry if this offends anyone.

All I know is that I was once a quiet housewife struggling to live a 'victorious' Christian life. But ever since my 'carpet times', I'm no longer running and hiding from the enemy - I'm going after him! I used to dread sharing the Gospel' now I have to stop myself from witnessing to everyone I meet at the supermarket.

I apologise if what I do while getting filled with the Spirit is so bizarre. I'd prefer calmer manifestations, but it's not up to me. I know what it's like operating without power, and I'm determined to keep my tank full!

My testimony is that I feel a more powerful anointing of the Holy Spirit when preaching, teaching or ministering. I have an excitement and expectancy in my Spirit for what God is doing in and through His people for His purposes.

2. IS IT SCRIPTURAL?

This is the first question people ask. Many books have been written about this blessing. An apt description is in Acts 3:19:

Repent therefore and be converted, that your sins may be blotted out, so that times of refreshing may come from the presence of the Lord.

Paul says in Romans 15:32:

I beg you through the love of the Spirit that I may come to you with by the will of God, and may be refreshed together with you.

The Scripture that relates to weeping is in Ezra 10:1:

Now while Ezra was praying and making confession, weeping and prostrating himself before the house of the Lord, a very large assembly, men, women and children, gathered to him from Israel; for the people wept bitterly.

TREMBLING/SHAKING:

Worship the Lord with reverence and rejoice with trembling. (Psalm 2:11)

APPEARING DRUNK/TRANCE-LIKE:

On the day of Pentecost 120 people were filled with the Holy Spirit, spoke in tongues, made a noise and as a result a crowd gathered. Some, mocking, observed, "They are full of sweet wine."

(Acts 2:13)

Peter responded, "These men are not drunk, as you suppose, for it is only 9 am. (Acts 2:15) There was something about their behaviour that led people to believe they were drunk.

CONVULSIONS:

Most, if not all, references to do with convulsions have a demonic source. A man with an unclean spirit was silenced by our Lord and the demon was commanded, "Come out of him!" Mark records that this threw him "into convulsions, the unclean spirit called out with a loud voice and came out of him." (Mark 1:25-26)

LAUGHTER:

"He who is enthroned in the heavens laughs . . ." (Psalm 2:4)

A comment from Derek Prince is: "I have to believe it because that is how I was saved more than 50 years ago." He tells how, after asking Jesus into his heart, he began to laugh and continued for several hours.

Smith Wigglesworth noticed that as eleven more people went sprawling on the floor the strangest thing happened, they were all laughing in the Spirit.

STATEMENTS PEOPLE MAKE: If it was God:

I would understand:

So Jesus answered and said to them, "Assuredly, I say to you, if you have faith and do not doubt, you will not only do what was done to the fig tree, but also if you say to this mountain, 'Be removed and be cast into the sea,' it will be done."

(Matthew 21:21)

I wouldn't be afraid:

Now when He said to them, "I am He," they drew back and fell to the ground. (John 18:6)

There would be no division:

"Do you suppose that I came to give peace on earth? I tell you, not at all, but rather division. For from now on five in one house will be divided: three against two, and two against three. Father will be divided against son and son against father, mother against daughter and daughter against mother, mother-in-law against her daughter-in-law and daughter-in-law against her mother-in-law." (Luke 12:51-53)

He would never force anything upon me:

And the LORD said to Satan, "Behold, he is in your hand, but spare his life."

So Satan went out from the presence of the LORD, and struck Job with painful boils from the sole of his foot to the crown of his head. (Job 2:6-7)

And as he journeyed he came near Damascus, and suddenly a light shone around him from heaven. Then he fell to the ground, and heard a voice saying to him, "Saul, Saul, why are you persecuting Me?" And he said, "Who are You, Lord?" And the Lord said, "I am Jesus, whom you are persecuting. It is hard for you to kick against the goads." (Acts 9:3-5)

He would not do it publicly (Acts 2:1-12)

When the Day of Pentecost had fully come, they were all with one accord in one place. And suddenly there came a sound from heaven, as of a rushing mighty wind, and it filled the whole house where they were sitting. Then there appeared to them divided tongues, as of fire, and one sat upon each of them. And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance.

And there were dwelling in Jerusalem Jews, devout men, from every nation under heaven. And when this sound occurred, the multitude came together, and were confused, because everyone heard them speak in his own language. Then they were all amazed and marvelled, saying to one another, "Look, are not all these who speak Galileans? And how is it that we hear, each in our own language in which we were born? Parthians and Medes and Elarnites, those dwelling in Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya adjoining Cyrene, visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, Cretans and Arabs—we hear them speaking in our own tongues the wonderful works of God." So they were all amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, "Whatever could this mean?" (Acts 2:1-12)

3. WHERE DID THIS LATEST MOVE OF GOD START

God began to pour out His Spirit in a new way in various parts of the world. At first people did not realise what was happening.

After years of praying and believing for renewal, John and Carol Arnott saw the Holy Spirit begin to move powerfully in their church in Toronto in 1994. Their response was, "Thank You Lord, we need more of you."

4. HOW DO WE GET THE BLESSING?

It is caught not taught.

The Lord gave me this word:

Your measure of release is governed by your openness to the Holy Spirit.

God's blessing is for everyone. Decide in your heart to receive a fresh outpouring of the Holy Spirit. The Spirit is being poured out on all flesh - that means you and me! Do whatever it takes, but don't miss the blessing the Heavenly Father has for you.

The question is, "Do you want more of God?" The title of a little book published by Women's Aglow is Receive all God has to Give. I have always wanted to be fully equipped for service and have everything to help me serve more effectively.

This is how I received the blessing of God.

Bill and I attended a series of meetings in 1995 in Auckland where teachings were given by John Arnott and his team. Bill, with his usual determination, went prepared to receive all that

God had to give. He did just that and proceeded to tell me all about it. For two days I listened to him. Finally I decided I would go the next day and completely focus on Jesus as I did when I received the baptism with the Holy Spirit.

The first two days I had gone in the role of an observer, with arms folded, not joining in at all. If you expect nothing you get nothing. God was gracious and poured out His Spirit, firstly with a shaking, anointing me from head to toe in an upright position. The holy laughter followed. Bill and I were then one in the Spirit.

A friend of mine who was either reluctant or found it hard to receive heard the voice of God in a meeting speaking to her. "Ragaz." She thought it meant praise. However, she discovered that the Hebrew word Ragaz means:

to be agitated

to quiver, quake, be excited to come trembling

to be deeply moved

to be disturbed

to be in turmoil.

My comment is:

Shake, rattle and roll!

5. HOW IS THE CHURCH AFFECTED?

As a result of this outpouring, churches are being renewed and revitalised. Where there was no growth, churches have become filled to capacity and revitalised with people seeking to receive more so that they can give away more to others.

A quote from Charisma magazine, March 1996: Fresh Fire from Down Under

"After years of noticeable decline in church attendance in Australia, God burst on the scene two years ago, leaders say. And the revival that began in 1994 shows no signs of waning."

In the UK churches are uniting for renewal and different denominations are getting together for large nation-shaking events. Christians are uniting in similar ways in Australia and New Zealand.

I received a testimony from a friend. It reads:

From our experience in part of God's Vineyard called the Anglican Church, I want to say an unqualified "Yes!" This blessing is for the church.

Since my husband - who is an Anglican Vicar - and I returned from visiting Toronto, there has been a significant move in all sorts of ways in our evening and morning services. We began to be very aware of things beginning to happen in our morning services as we developed a bracket of worship songs.

The anointing which we had brought back from Toronto was growing Sunday by Sunday.

Lives were and are being touched as people worship during the service and as they take communion. We have not introduced a special time for people to receive 'the blessing' because many of our people would find it a little unnerving for them - and yet the Lord knows His people and is doing a wonderful work in their hearts. People are coming to the morning services with an expectation that God is going to meet them at some stage in the service. They are hungry for more of Him in their daily lives.

Surely this must be what we should all desire. And greater still all the glory goes and belongs to HIM.

It is, I believe, a life-changing experience. God is pouring out His Spirit, bringing changes beyond anything we have seen or experienced.

This is what God said to me:

"Come unto Me all you who are heavy-laden and I will refresh you in body, mind and spirit. I am able to do exceedingly abundantly more than you ask or think, for I am who I am - God."

So we can trust God and expect Him to perform miracles by giving:

1. A prevailing sense of joy which tends to remain.
2. An intensified love for Jesus.
3. Healing physically and emotionally.
4. Discernment in areas of service and empowering.
5. Backslidden Christians the desire to renew their commitment.
6. Bringing people to salvation.
7. Freedom and deliverance to the oppressed.
8. Fresh visions and messages of prophecy.

6. CAN WE EXPECT CHANGES?

7. CAN WE EXPECT INTIMACY WITH GOD?

As never before the desire to worship God is foremost. There is a longing just to be in the presence of God - to talk and walk with Him, and to know that you are His.

In Guy Cheveau's book, he quotes a person saying:

In my times alone in prayer with God, just loving Him and seeking Him, He makes Himself so very real to me and shows me His thoughts and His ways.

Intimacy is based on humility, vulnerability and trust. We are often oblivious to the fact that God wants an intimate relationship with us which flows from humble, vulnerable hearts. Pride needs to be repented of as it can prevent intimacy.

My daughter, Maria, wrote her testimony for me. It reads:

Over the last nine months I have been in the washing machine with the Holy Spirit on pre-soak, soak, wash, rinse and spin.

The manifestations I have experienced have included rolling on the floor and laughing while I saw a circle of angels around me tickling me and playing with me. I have also experienced shaking, pogoing, bowing and groaning. People have prayed for me for deliverance while I have had the "Toronto Blessing".

God is instant to heal every time we ask but we may need to ask many times if the healing is for a lifetime. I have had to go out to the altar every Sunday night for nine months.

On the outside I have had awesomely funny manifestations and on the inside I have had a series of visions, pictures as the Holy Spirit has dealt with me.

We need to say: "Dear Holy Spirit touch anything, touch everything."

The Holy Spirit has come into rooms of my life that were closed.

1. A septic abortion - a natural abortion of an infected embryo.
2. Gaps in childhood memories revealed.
3. Release from performance expected by people who regarded me as more mature than my years.

Advice:

Don't minister to people out of woundedness but out of wholeness. (Mark Banyard)

8. WHAT ABOUT MUSIC?

There has always been music that glorifies God and enables us to worship more freely, but with this new move of the Holy Spirit has come a deeper sense of worship.

The new music has an impact, an anointing. It has glimpses of heaven, of glory, with a joy as people commune with God, not just singing, praising or going 'through the motions' but worship with their whole being. An adoration giving glory to our Heavenly Father.

9. ONGOING. RESULTS

A visiting speaker to New Zealand said:

If a hunger for God and a growing unity in the Body of Christ are pre-conditions for revival, then the people of New Zealand could well be on their way to one of the greatest revivals in history!!

Tribespeople from the jungles have heard about it and are waiting for someone to minister this new move of the Spirit to them.

I suggest that you get into a small group if you are serious about wanting the Lord to use you. Begin to pray with your friends. Be accountable to one another.

There are certain steps to follow if we are going to move on under this fresh anointing:

1. Know the relative Scriptures and be able to quote them.
2. Seek and experience the fire of God.
3. Be aware of apathy and ignorance.
4. We need to be caring and well informed.
5. Cultivate a daily relationship with God.
6. Intercessory prayer.
7. Be willing to pay the price.
8. Keep our minds active. Use discernment. Study the Scripture. Don't stop thinking and talking about what is happening.
9. Stay humble. It is not a one-man ministry. One person is no more spiritual than another person God is touching.
10. Stay honest.
11. Believe what is happening and witness to it.
12. Pass on the blessing. God blesses for a purpose. Use the blessing you have been given to bless others.
13. The Holy Spirit wants to fill you and enable you to take the renewal everywhere you go - at work, at school, anywhere, everywhere, sharing your faith with the anointing and love of Christ.

Smith Wigglesworth said, "We are no good if we have only a full cup. We need to have an overflowing cup all the time."

Summary:

Make ourselves available.

Be willing to do anything the Lord tells us to do. Cultivate humility.

"Now is the time to sanctify ourselves for tomorrow God will do wonders among us." (Joshua 3:5)

Those of us blessed with the Spirit must move on. We must extend grace to those who do not understand, have concerns, or are not moving as fast as we may be.

MINISTRY PRACTICAL

(EITHER AT THIS POINT IF TIME PERMITS, IF NOT LATER)

Before ministering to others, consider the following requirements:

1. Commitment:

Rededication to Jesus Christ.

Infilling - baptism with the Holy Spirit. Anointing - for gifts, especially prophecy.

2. Needs for Ministry:

First to be clean vessels. Spirit of fear - blockages. Let go of a controlling spirit. Not pride but humility.

Unbelief that the Word of God is true.

Expect to:

Know permanent joy.

Have more love for Jesus.

Receive healing, body, mind and spirit. Be empowered for service.

Renew commitment to Jesus Christ. Be released from spirits.

PART 2

HOW TO RECEIVE

The blessing from God must first be received before it can be passed on. It seems that the main purpose of this outpouring is to share and minister it to others.

Those who find it difficult to receive need help and encouragement. Points to consider:

1. Receive by faith - it is a gift from God. (1 Corinthians 12:7)
2. Fear will prevent receiving. Blocks freedom to receive the anointing.
3. What if I act strangely? Jesus wept - laughed.
4. Controlling spirit. Let go of desire to control. The Holy Spirit will anoint.
5. Hardness of heart. Only the Holy Spirit can change heart attitudes
6. Be humble like a little child with trust and simplicity.
7. Satan will bring fear of deception and say it is not of God.
8. Turn away from all hindrances and be willing to repent from them.

TO SUMMARISE:

1. Tune out the things going on around you and focus on your hunger for more of God in your own life.
2. Let go the desire to control so that you will be more pliable in God's hands.
3. Stop being a spectator and determine to join in.
4. Yield to the feelings that you sense within you. 5. Be thankful to God regardless of what happens.

PART 3

HOW TO MINISTER TO OTHERS

MINISTERING TO OTHERS

1. PRIMARY ROLE:

Pray for people that they would be renewed by a fresh in-filling of the Father's love by the Holy Spirit in Jesus' name. Darkness will manifest itself when the Holy Spirit comes in power. Pray that the person will be set free.

2. LAYING ON OF HANDS:

Be careful that you are not manipulating the person you are praying for with your hands. Do not push to the floor. If the person does fall down, resting in the Spirit or slain in the Spirit, there needs to be a catcher.

3. CATCHERS:

Catchers assist the person being prayed for by lowering safely to the floor. They may be overcome by the presence of the Lord and can no longer stand in their own strength. You are there to catch, not to minister to the person in prayer. You do the catching only, while others pray.

4. PRAYER:

Pray (if you can) in the language that the person speaks. Please don't pray in tongues. If you need to 'edify yourself' (1 Corinthians 14:15-17) by speaking in tongues, then please do it quietly to yourself.

5. PROPHECY:

Only give prophetic words that are general, not specific, which edify, encourage or exhort. Specific, directional or judgemental words must not be spoken.

6. BADGE:

You must wear a badge which indicates that you have received training and have been released to minister. If you are not wearing a ministry badge, please do not minister.

QUALITIES OF A COUNSELLOR

1. Born again. (John 3:3; Romans 6:23)
2. Spirit-filled. (Ephesians 5:18)
3. Exercising the Gifts of the Spirit. (1 Corinthians 12)
4. Manifesting the Fruit of the Spirit. (Galatians 5:22-25)
5. Considering the way Jesus 'walked'. (John 2:25; 1 Samuel 16:7)
6. Willing to receive Ministry as well as give it. (Proverbs 3:11; 12:1; 13:1; 15:32)
7. Well-versed in the Scriptures. (1 Timothy 4:6-7; 2 Timothy 2:15; 3:16)
8. Active member of a local Church. (Hebrews 10:25; Romans 12:4-5)
9. Denominationally Neutral in Ministry (1 Corinthians 3:3-11)

10. 100 per cent committed, ready for anything, wholly available to the Lord. (Hebrews 12:1-2; 2 Timothy 2:3-6; Romans 12:1)
11. Obedient to the Holy Spirit. (Romans 12:2)
12. Walking in forgiveness as a lifestyle. (Matthew 6:14-15.
13. A Person of prayer. (1 Thessalonians 5:17; Romans 8:26-27; Ephesians 6:18)
14. KNOW who you are in Christ. (Romans 8:1; 1 John 4:4; Ephesians 1:19-20)
15. Trust the Holy Spirit to anoint for the task at hand. (2 Timothy 1:6-7)
16. Always show compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience.
(These above qualities are ones in which we should be maturing.)

GUIDELINES FOR COUNSELLORS

INTRODUCTION

Being a counsellor does not allow you to rebuke, correct or give direction for someone's life, or in-depth ministry involvement, ie inner healing counselling or deliverance. The Holy Spirit frequently brings about these results.

1. When praying for individuals, watch closely what the Spirit is doing (John 5:19). If no manifestation of the Holy Spirit comes within a few minutes, it is often wise to simply allow that person to 'soak' and come back later. It is even advisable to say something like this, "I want you to enjoy the presence of the Lord, to worship Him, and soak in the anointing for a little while. Someone will come and pray with you again soon."

Never make a person feel that they are unable to receive or are resisting the Holy Spirit just because they are not openly manifesting something. We are called to encourage and love, not speak words that will bring rejection or discouragement.

If there is no manifestation, it does not mean a person is not being ministered to by the Holy Spirit.

2. Do not force ministry. If a person is not receiving, relax, and remember that there will always be another opportunity. Trusting the word of wisdom is essential, knowing when He is doing something personal within an individual and not interrupting that special 'conversation'. If you do not know how to pray for someone, get another counsellor to take over for you and move on.

3. There is at times a 'backwash phenomena'. This can happen when the anointing upon you is not able to be received by the individual and it pours back onto you.

4. If the person continues to have a hard time receiving you might help them in the following ways:

- (a) Help them deal with a tendency to rationalise; or calm their fears of loss of control.
- (b) Let them know what to expect - that even when the Holy Spirit is blessing them, they will have a clear mind and can usually stop the process at any point if they want to.
- (c) The Holy Spirit often moves in 'waves' similar to the blowing wind.
- (d) Encourage them to 'be still and know that God is God' and stay focused on the Lord. He loves them intensely and longs for them to know Him intimately.

5. It is helpful to have people stand to receive ministry. This seems to allow the Holy Spirit more freedom to move at the beginning. Have a ministry assistant stand behind the person receiving to catch them if they fall in the Spirit.

Some people have a 'fear of falling'. Help them to sit down, kneel, or fall carefully, especially if they have back problems or are pregnant or elderly.

6. When people fall in the Spirit (called 'resting in the Spirit'), keep praying for them. It seems that everyone wants to get up far too quickly. God continues to work even when one is down on the floor. Sometimes it will be noticeable and other times it might be quiet and inward. Allowing people to get up too quickly seems to work against what the Lord wants to do.

7. It is best to pray and soak the person for a couple of minutes while they are on the floor.

Proceed to minister to others waiting, but occasionally return to the first one to see how they are doing. Many feel vulnerable while on the floor and appreciate the loving care given by faithful counsellors. Also they need to be guarded from other people bumping into them or making uncalled for comments within their hearing.

8. Be very careful not to push people over! This is offensive and will cause people to grow resistant to the real manifestation. Watch over-enthusiasm and a tendency to want to 'help God out', especially when you are sensing a strong anointing within you or if you are tired and getting a little impatient. If this happens withdraw your hand or fingers from the person immediately and let the Holy Spirit have His way.

9. Prophecy should be for encouragement, edification, exhortation or comfort. Remember, no direction or correction.

10. Pray as follows:

- (a) Come Holy Spirit.
- (b) Let Your Kingdom come, Lord.
- (c) A deeper revelation of the Father's love in Christ.
- (d) Anointing for service.
- (e) Release of the Gifts and callings.
- (f) Bring the light and expel the darkness.
- (g) "More, Lord."
- (h) Peace . . . in their hearts.

11. Do not project what God has been doing with you on to the person you are praying with. For example, if you have been laughing or weeping, don't pressure them to do the same. Find out what God is doing for them and bless it.

12. If your hand or body is shaking, pray with your hands slightly away from the person so as not to distract them. If a stronger manifestation begins to happen within you, then withdraw from ministry time for a while and let the Lord bless you.

13. Laying on of hands. Give a light touch only, generally on forehead, top of head, shoulder, or hands.

14. Some people who are receiving pray aloud while they are being ministered to. Encourage them to be quiet and just receive (it is difficult to drink in and pour out at the same time).

15. The person you are praying for needs to be assured that she is the most important one for that moment. Avoid the tendency to let your mind and eyes wander onto other things or situations in the room; don't become distracted with other issues.

16. Taking care of your own personal hygiene is essential. Use mints for breath, deodorant if perspiring and keep hands, hair and clothes clean.

ADVICE TO CATCHERS

1. Please do not push or pull anyone over.
2. Do not hold anyone up by supporting their shoulders or upper back.
3. When laying hands on people, do not rub or do other things that might be annoying.
4. When preparing to catch someone, keep your elbows close to your sides and put your hands at the small of their back. This gives people confidence that you are behind them and does not interfere with the prayer process. Attempt to move back with the person as they fall rather than trying to take their whole weight upon yourself.
5. Assisting in this role is a vital part of ministry so please concentrate on being a helper - being right there when you are needed, not gazing around the room.
6. This time of being a ministry assistant can be a valuable one for you to listen and learn and quietly intercede for the individual being prayed for.

QUESTIONS

1. Praying for individuals. What do you do first?
2. If a person is not receiving, what do you do?
3. Can you expect a double anointing?
4. How can you help a person who is having a hard time receiving?
5. What is the best body position for ministry and why?
6. Should people get up immediately? Your reason.
7. How do you minister to a person on the floor?
8. Do you help God out?
When you know a strong anointing?
9. How should you use prophecy?
10. Methods of prayer?
11. Do you try to influence manifestation?
12. Should you lay hands on a person when your hands are shaking?
13. How should you lay on hands?
14. Should the person receiving prayer also pray aloud?
15. How do you keep focused?
16. Tips for personal hygiene?

ANSWERS

1. If no move of Spirit, watch closely what the Spirit is doing Praying encouragement and love.
2. Relax - There will be another opportunity for the person to receive.
Use word of wisdom.
Allow Lord to minister.
Seek another counsellor if necessary.
3. The person is unable to receive the anointing which falls on the counsellor - (double portion).
4. Calm fears re control.
(a) Refrain from rationalising.
(b) Mind is clear and can stop any point.
(c) Holy Spirit anointing comes and goes.
(d) Focus on Lord. He loves them and desires intimacy.

5. Person receiving to stand with catcher behind.
6. The Lord could be wanting to minister further (longer).
7. Be sensitive to their needs.
Loving care.
Protect them from accidents or adverse comments.
8. Do not push - offensive.
Avoid ministering when under strong anointing or tired. Do not lay hands.
9. Prophecy - encouragement, edification, exhortation or comfort. No direction, correction.
10. (a) Come Holy Spirit.
(b) Let Your Kingdom come, Lord, on earth as it is in Heaven.
(c) A deeper revelation of the Father's love in Christ.
(d) Anointing for service.
(e) Release of the Gifts and callings.
(f) Bring the light and expel the darkness.
(g) "More, Lord." How much more will the Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask Him.
(h) Peace . . . ruling and reigning in their hearts.
11. Do not expect person to copy your manifestations. Let God do it.
12. Take hands away. Withdraw if under strong anointing.
13. Light touch on forehead, top of head, shoulders or hands.
14. Should be quiet and just receive. Cannot pray and receive at the same time.
15. Be attentive to the person's needs - not yours.
16. Your own personal hygiene is essential (breath mints for frequent use, deodorant, clean hands, hair and clothes).

PART 4

MINISTRY

PRAY for those who feel called to minister, especially in the new move of the Spirit. Offer themselves to their church or groups.

PRAY for needs before counselling others.

Before ministering to others, consider the following requirements (now if not dealt with earlier):

1. Commitment:

Rededication to Jesus Christ.

Infilling - baptism with the Holy Spirit. Anointing - for gifts, especially prophecy.

2. Needs for Ministry:

First to be clean vessels. Spirit of fear - blockages. Let go of controlling spirit.

Not pride but humility.

Unbelief that the Word of God is true.

Expect to:

Know permanent joy.

Have more love for Jesus.

Have healing, body, mind and spirit. Be empowered for service.

Have renewal of commitment.

Be released from spirits.

Essential to be fully equipped mentally and spiritually.

MINISTERING GOD'S BLESSING

SPECIAL OPPORTUNITIES FOR RECEIVING

Invite those forward who desire a further blessing from the Lord. Those who hunger and thirst for more of the Holy Spirit.

Form in lines in front of the platform.

Invite catchers to stand behind - on a one-to-one basis. They are to help lower the person to the floor when under the anointing to avoid any accidents.

Counsellors to come forward to pray individually for those needing prayer.

Pray for the counsellors that they will know the anointing as they minister.

Worship team to come forward. Play anointed music.

Encourage all to worship together. Worship the Father - trust Him. He has everything to give.

If time permits, ask for brief testimonies of what God has done.

People not receiving could be prayed for in specified place for other needs.

WORDS OF ENCOURAGEMENT

TO RECEIVE

Father bring Your power.

Flow in the Spirit.

Get into the river - let Him flow through you.

Go with the current.

Let go - take your hands off.
Father, in the name of Jesus flow through me.
I give all control to You. Spirit of God come. Raise hands.
Pour out Your Spirit Lord.
More of Your Spirit. Pour, pour.
Let it flow.
Fill to overflowing. Increase, increase. Flow all over and around.
Thank You Father.

PATTERN FOR RENEWAL SERVICES

Start at 7.30pm
Praise and Worship for 35 minutes
Welcome visitors and others
How many first-time?
Where from? - especially out of town
Testimonies
What God has done previously.
Offering and announcements
Preaching the Word - 30-45 minutes
Salvation Call
Recommitment (prodigals return to Christ)
Prayer and Ministry time
Prayer related to the message, ie unforgiveness.
* Extension of time when necessary.