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Spiritual Formation

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There is a heavy reliance on the Holy spirit that continues to work In the pentecostal and charismatic movement. Both movements focus on what goes on in worship settings. The article states that both movements emphasize more on the spirit working in working service rather than the work the spirit does individually. As believers both movements look back at their past experiences to be a standard. Pentecostals have merged beliefs that sanctification and transformation is spontaneous in the beginning but it still is an ongoing process that should be pursued.

I learned that the pentecostal movement began at the beginning of the twentieth century. Also that the Charismatic movement is a much newer movement, and still figuring things out. Both movements also weigh heavy on experience. Both movements seem to always be in search of the same experience they felt the last time. Experiences have to also have evidence like speaking in tongues, moving radically, sporadic laughter, and even losing awareness. I have learned that I shouldn't rely much on experience, but more on the Words from God. experience and emotions fluctuate, but the Word of God stands firm in all seasons. Spiritual leaders that call themselves evangelists have risen to lead people to a spiritual awakening. That involves prophecy, healings, and deliverance. I learned that both movements believe they are experiencing the pentecost event as it happened in Acts.

In the article McMahan states pg 337 “ For any believers, drinking of the spirit is a reminder of the Gospel message”. I also believe in the constant filling of the Spirit. I believe we are a linking

vessel, as we get poured in, we also pour out. As a discipline moving forward I want to be reminded weekly of the Gospel Message. The Gospel message will always lead us to a deeper, and wider understanding of the love of God. I have learned not to follow a leader because of their spiritual gifts or talents, but notice more their character, and the way they conduct their personal life. I have to also discipline myself to continue to pursue the gifts of the spirit daily, to reach a spiritual maturity, since it goes hand in hand with gifts.