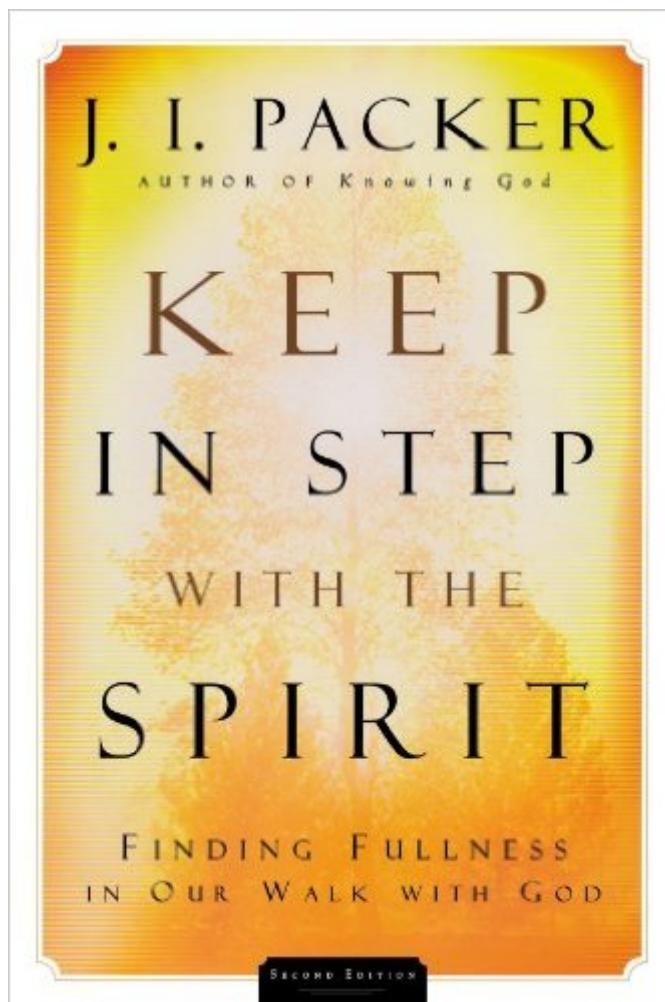


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J. I. Packer's *Keep in Step with the Spirit* focuses on the person and ministry of the Holy Spirit. Now in its second edition, this book is not merely a theological study, but a rousing call to encourage believers to implement the Spirit's directives in their lives. Packer explains how to get the Spirit in focus and how to map the Spirit's path in life. He restates the Christ-centeredness of the Spirit's ministry, reaffirms the biblical call to holiness, and even-handily assesses the charismatic movement. Readers wanting to understand this movement, believers interested in the ministry of the Spirit, and fans of J. I. Packer's writings will appreciate this radical call to personal and corporate revival.

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(p.24-6). The Spirit is often viewed as something which you "switch on and use" (p.26 emphasis original) and which helps one to "perform" better, be that holy living or miraculous gifting (p.27). This focus on power for performance instead of on purity results in a man-centeredness which "does not take us to the heart of the truth about the Spirit" (p.31). Rather, the work of the Spirit is to glorify Jesus. This primary work of the Spirit is highlighted in John 16:13 ("He will take what is mine and declare it to you"), a verse which Packer returns to frequently throughout the book. Following on from his thesis that the primary role of the Spirit is to glorify Jesus, Packer lays out his understanding of the ministry of the Holy Spirit in chapter 2.

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