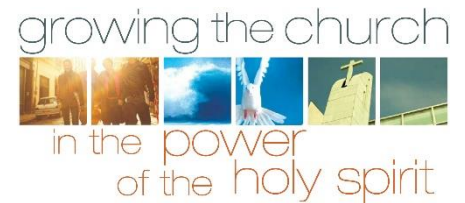


# Video 1A

## Introduction



This course is based on the conference and book *Growing the Church in the Power of the Holy Spirit* by Brad Long, Paul Stokes & Cindy Strickler.

### **Without the Holy Spirit the church lacks the energy to function properly.**

“Management techniques are God-given tools, available for the church's use. But far more basic are the God-given characteristics of the church itself - its unique nature as the people of God and its unique gift, the Holy Spirit. The fatal error for the church is to employ management techniques as if it were just another human organization in pursuit of human goals. The fatal error is to focus on oiling the organizational wheel, without attention to the wheel within the wheel [the Holy Spirit who] is the basic power source.”

***R.Hutcheson : “Wheel Within The Wheel: Confronting the Management Crisis of the Pluralistic Church”***

### **Mixed reaction to the topic of the Holy Spirit?**

*Pentecôte* by Jean II Restout portrays a variety of reactions by the first Christians.

Reactions and attitudes today are shaped by:-

- ❖ Our own experiences
- ❖ Teaching we have received
- ❖ Cultural attitudes (both church and society)

### **The Holy Spirit in Acts and today**

Without the Spirit the book of Acts would not exist.

This course aims to help develop churches who are:

- ❖ Growing in welcoming the Holy Spirit
- ❖ Growing in relating to the Holy Spirit
- ❖ Growing in co-operating with the Holy Spirit

...so that the Holy Spirit can grow Jesus' church.