

# LETTERS TO LEADERS

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## THE PARABLE OF THE GAS GAUGE.

As leaders in the body of Christ we must not forget that our first and most important role is spiritual. Our first and most important objective is to help mature the body of Christ to become spiritual. This can only be accomplished by the Holy Spirit.

We have all had friends with “pet” pickup trucks (especially in Texas.) Once such friend had a pickup truck that was on its last legs, be he loved it none the less. This pickup truck had a broken fuel gauge, so he was frequently was running out of gas. It always happened at the most inconvenient times and it was quite frustrating.

One day it dawned on him to make a mental note of the mileage when he filled the gas tank, because he knew he usually got about 250 miles per tank full. Then he would forget what the mileage was and run out of gas again.

He finally decided to solve the problem by just filling up the gas tank every day, because he seldom drove over 250 miles in one day. From that time on he hardly ever ran out of gas.

Oh, that we Christians would have a spirit “gas gauge” so we would know when to “fill up”, but we do not. Sometimes we think we know when we are running dry. Then we take time to “fill up”. But still we run out of spiritual gas.

Many of us learn slowly like our “pick up truck” friend. Save yourself the frustration of running out of spiritual gas. Fill up every day.

How do we fill up? Pray in tongues. Paul writes in I Cor 14:4 “He that speaketh in an unknown tongue edifieth himself.” The Greek word used here is “oikodomeo”. Stong’s concordance literally translates this word as “to be a house builder”. One teacher said, “praying in unknown tongues charges our batteries.”

Pray in tongues. Build your house.

Pray in tongues. Build God's house.

Pray in tongues. Be a spiritual leader.

In His service

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