

Key Scripture

Acts 19:1-2 KJV

1 And it came to pass, that, while Apollos was at Corinth, Paul having passed through the upper coasts came to Ephesus: and finding certain disciples,
 2 He said unto them, Have ye received the Holy Ghost since ye believed? And they said unto him, ***We have not so much as heard whether there be any Holy Ghost.***

The Holy Ghost is...

A Person - not an impersonal force.

✓ **The Holy Ghost has a Mind**

Romans 8:27 NIV

And He who searches our hearts knows ***the mind of the Spirit,***
 because the Spirit intercedes for the saints in accordance with God's will.

✓ **The Holy Ghost has Emotions**

Ephesians 4:30 NLT

And ***do not bring sorrow to God's Holy Spirit by the way you live.***
 Remember, He has identified you as His own, guaranteeing that you will be saved on the day of redemption.

✓ **The Holy Ghost has a Will**

1 Corinthians 12:11 NKJV

But one and the same Spirit works all these things,
distributing to each one individually as He wills.

The problem of not being recognized as a person.

✓ **Not Seen...people treat you like you don't exist.**

✓ **Not Known...people don't take the time to meet you.**

John 14:17 CEV

The Spirit will show you what is true.

The people of this world ***cannot accept the Spirit,*** because ***they don't see or know Him.***

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Don't Be Afraid To...

1. Acknowledge the Holy Ghost as the 3rd person of the Trinity.

Acts 5:3 NKJV

But Peter said,

"Ananias, why has Satan filled your heart to ***lie to the Holy Spirit...***
 You have not ***lied to men but to God.***"

2. Believe that God the Father sent Him to be your friend.

John 14:16-17 NIV

16 I will ask the Father. And He will give you another Friend to help you and to be with you forever. 17 ***The Friend is the Spirit of truth.*** The world can't accept Him. That is because the world does not see Him or know Him. But you know Him. He lives with you, and He will be in you.

3. Develop your friendship with Him.

2 Corinthians 13:14 Message

The amazing grace of the Master, Jesus Christ, the extravagant love of God, the ***intimate friendship of the Holy Spirit,*** be with all of you.

4. Open your heart and listen to Him.

Hebrews 3:7 TLB

...***the Holy Spirit warns us to listen to Him, to be careful to hear His voice today***
 and not let our hearts become set against Him, as the people of Israel did.

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