

Lasting Results Session 2 Part 8

Character! It takes time to grow!

This session dives deep into the essential aspects of developing a Christlike character and offers practical steps for achieving lasting spiritual growth. Here's a summary and reflection on **Session 2, Part 8 of "Lasting Results"**:

Key Points and Reflections

- 1. Spiritual Strength Through Speaking in Tongues**
 - Paul emphasizes self-edification through speaking in tongues (1 Corinthians 14:4).
 - This practice empowers us spiritually and strengthens our capacity to exhibit Christlike character.
- 2. God's Desire for Lasting Fruit**
 - John 15:16 reminds us that God appoints us to bear fruit that remains. This enduring fruit stems from character molded in His likeness.
- 3. Faith and Patience in Prayer**
 - Prayer, coupled with patience, yields results. Impatience undermines even the strongest prayers of faith.
 - Leslie's testimony of faith and patience leading her family into spiritual growth is a vivid example.
- 4. Maturity as a Process**
 - **Colossians 1:28-29** outlines the goal: presenting every believer mature in Christ through teaching, wisdom, and effort.
 - Growth unfolds in stages, as illustrated in **Mark 4:26-28**: seed, blade, ear, and full grain.
- 5. Rooting Before Fruiting**
 - Growth begins unseen, as roots develop underground. In time, visible fruit manifests (Isaiah 37:31).
 - This encourages us to focus on foundational growth rather than immediate results.
- 6. Tolerance Over Prejudice**
 - **Tolerance** means accepting others as unique expressions of God's work in progress, without compromising values.
 - **1 Peter 3:15** instructs believers to respond with gentleness and reverence, even while defending their faith.

Practical Takeaways

1. Commitment to Spiritual Growth

- Incorporate habits like speaking in tongues and consistent prayer to build your character in Christ.

2. Exercise Patience in Yourself and Others

- Acknowledge that growth takes time. Be gracious with yourself and others, understanding that character develops gradually.

3. Balance Acceptance with Truth

- Embrace people's unique journeys but remain steadfast in biblical truths without compromising.

4. Root Yourself in Scripture

- Build a strong foundation in God's Word, allowing His principles to guide your growth and interactions.

This session is a call to **patience**, **commitment**, and **compassion** in our spiritual journey, emphasizing that true character mirrors the qualities of Jesus and requires ongoing dedication.

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