

Lasting Results Part 1

Theme Statement:

God desires not just a moment of change in our lives, but a lifetime of growth that produces lasting results through the Holy Spirit.

I. Introduction: My Personal Testimony

- When I was born again, God placed in me a deep desire to change and grow.
 - My prayer is that this same desire transfers to all who hear this teaching.
 - Not just results... **lasting** results.
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II. The Difference Between Change and Growth

- **Change** = Initial transformation (salvation, water baptism and the baptism in the Holy Spirit with the physical evidence of speaking in tongues).
 - **Growth** = Ongoing pursuit of spiritual maturity.
 - Many people experience change but stop growing.
 - Growth is what leads to *lasting fruit* (John 15:5-8).
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III. Testimonies: Examples of Change Without Growth vs. Change with Growth

1. Young Man (Testimony 1)

- Experienced salvation and baptism in the Holy Spirit.
- He lacked a desire to grow.
- No lasting fruit evident years later.

2. Friend & Wife (Testimony 2)

- Both touched by God; wife spoke in tongues again.
- Husband born again and baptized in the Spirit.
- No known pursuit of growth.
- Years passed; wife passed away; husband remarried—spiritual impact unknown.

3. Leslie and Family (**Testimony 3**)

- Leslie pursued the gift of tongues diligently.
 - Breakthrough in prayer and worship.
 - Children began to desire and receive the gift.
 - Obstacles (fear, doubt) overcome through spiritual authority.
 - Ongoing mentoring and growth as a family.
 - This is the picture of **lasting results**.
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IV. The Flow of the Spirit: Rivers of Living Water

- **John 7:37–39** – Jesus promises rivers of living water (the Holy Spirit) to those who thirst.
 - The Spirit moves through us and into others (e.g., Brianna and Zackary).
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V. God's Desire: Salvation and Growth

- **1 Timothy 2:1–4** – God desires all to be saved *and* come to knowledge of the truth.
 - Salvation is the beginning; knowing the truth is the path to growth.
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VI. We Are All Called to Preach and Multiply the Gospel

- **Romans 10:14–15, Mark 16:15, John 17:18** – We are sent just as Christ was sent.
- Preaching isn't limited to pastors—every believer is called to share the Gospel.
- The basic Gospel message:
 - Jesus came
 - Crucified
 - Died
 - Buried
 - Rose again
 - Salvation is available to all who believe (1 Corinthians 15:3–4, Romans 1:16)

VII. Call to Action:

1. Self-examination – Test yourselves.

2 Corinthians 13:5 (RSV)

Examine yourselves, to see whether you are holding to your faith. Test yourselves. Do you not realize that Jesus Christ is in you? -- unless indeed you fail to meet the test!

2. Renew your pursuit of God's Spirit daily.

Romans 12:2 (AMP)

Do not be conformed to this world (this age), [fashioned after and adapted to its external, superficial customs], but be transformed (changed) by the [entire] renewal of your mind [by its new ideals and its new attitude], so that you may prove [for yourselves] what is the good and acceptable and perfect will of God, even the thing which is good and acceptable and perfect [in His sight for you].

Matthew 6:33 (NKJV)

But seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness, and all these things shall be added to you.

3. Mentor others (like Leslie's example) to help them grow beyond just salvation.

Matthew 28:19-20 (NKJV)

19 Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit,
20 teaching them to observe all things that I have commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age." Amen.

4. Speak and teach the full Gospel—change *and* growth.

Romans 15:29 (NKJV)

But I know that when I come to you, I shall come in the fullness of the blessing of the gospel of Christ.

2 Peter 3:18 (NKJV)

but grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. To Him be the glory both now and forever. Amen.

Closing Scripture

1 Corinthians 14:39

"So, my brethren, earnestly desire to prophesy, and do not forbid speaking in tongues."
Let the rivers flow. Desire more. Grow. And pursue *lasting results*.

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