

Lasting Results (Part 5) Effective Ministry |and Human Touch

I. Confusion vs. God's Pattern

- 1 Corinthians 14:33 – God is not the author of confusion.
- Reiterating the biblical pattern that brings peace and order.
- Character quality: **Orderliness** (1 Corinthians 14:40)

II. Importance of Understanding

- Proverbs 24:3 – Understanding establishes us.
- Wisdom gives structure; understanding gives stability.

III. God's Pattern for Discipleship and Ministry

1. (A) Be a practicing disciple of Jesus Christ
2. (B) Water baptism / The Lord's Supper
3. (C) Baptism in the Holy Spirit
4. (D) Speaking in tongues
5. (E) Accurate and effective teachings
6. (F) Go
7. (G) Preach
8. (H) Do the works of Jesus
9. (I) Involvement with people
10. (J) Character – the glue that holds it all together

Revelation 21:6 – Jesus is the Alpha and Omega

IV. Effective Ministry Requires the Human Touch

- Ministry involves people, not just content.
- Warning signs:
 - Over-reliance on electronic devices
 - Mechanical relationships and services
 - Diminishing personal communication

V. Testimony

- The long-term impact of a pastor's **simple human touch**: “God bless you, son.”
- No text, no call—**just presence**.

VI. Cautions About Technology

- Speed of tech may override Holy Spirit's timing
- Diminishing attention span (Psalm 130:5–6)
- Preoccupation with trivial things (Colossians 3:2)
- Be intentional about **balance**

VII. The Power of the Human Touch (Scripture References)

- Matthew 19:13–15
- Luke 4:40–41
- Acts 8:14–19
- Acts 19:1–7
- 2 Timothy 1:6

VIII. Practical Application

- Spend **intentional time** with people, especially the younger generation.
- Be Jesus' **hands** to the world.
- Ask: *How often do I touch a device vs. touching a person in love and ministry?*

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