

Lasting Results (Part 8)

Effective Ministry

Results of Proper Preparation and Training

Main Theme

The core message emphasizes that **lasting results in ministry** come from a combination of:

- Proper preparation and spiritual training,
 - Being filled with the Holy Spirit, with the physical evidence of speaking in tongues.
 - Balancing **human touch** with **electronic tools**, and
 - Living as a consistent witness in our **area of influence**.
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Key Scriptures Highlighted

- **Romans 12:21** – Overcoming evil with good.
 - **Revelation 21:7** – Promise to those who overcome.
 - **Romans 8:37** – More than conquerors through Christ.
 - **1 Corinthians 15:10** – By God’s grace, I am what I am.
 - **Proverbs 18:21** – Power of the tongue.
 - **Acts 1:8** – Receiving power from the Holy Spirit to be witnesses.
 - **1 Corinthians 14:4** – Speaking in tongues edifies the individual.
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Personal Testimonies

Two vivid testimonies are shared to illustrate the message:

1. **Grocery Store Witnessing** – Under pressure, demonstrating Christ-like character when questioned by the store director and confronted by a co-worker. Victory comes through spiritual preparation and the power of the Holy Spirit.
2. **Interaction with a Young Man** – At the register, I ministered to a young man grieving the loss of a friend. Using both **human compassion** and the **presence of God**, a profound encounter occurred.

Spiritual Tools Emphasized

The two main tools for preparation and ministry:

1. **Baptism in the Holy Spirit**
 2. **Speaking in Tongues** – Described as personal edification, similar to water flowing in a riverbed.
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Tone and Application

This teaching will be encouraging, reflective, and instructional. **It calls believers to:**

- Recognize their **influence** in everyday places.
 - Develop spiritual strength through daily devotion and the Holy Spirit.
 - Be ready to minister in ordinary situations through extraordinary grace.
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More summary and perspective:

Core Teaching Points:

1. **We All Have an Area of Influence**
 - Recognize where God has placed you: workplace, family, community.
 - You are a representative of Christ, whether people acknowledge it or not.
2. **Preparation and Training Bear Fruit**
 - Ministry effectiveness comes from spiritual disciplines and time with the Father.
 - What's inside will show under pressure.
3. **We Are Called to Be Overcomers**
 - Do not be overtaken by circumstances; walk in the Spirit.
 - Daily spiritual preparation empowers us to respond with Christ's character.
4. **Balance: Human Touch + Technology**
 - Ministry today happens through both relational presence and digital tools.
 - Be sensitive to opportunities in both spaces.
5. **Power from the Holy Spirit (Acts 1:8)**
 - The Holy Spirit empowers us to witness, overcome, and bring peace into chaos.
 - Miraculous transformation often happens in small moments.
6. **Speaking in Tongues as Personal Edification**
 - A key tool in private preparation.
 - Strengthens the inner man for public expression.

Real-Life Testimonies (Summarized):

Testimony #1: Grocery Store Witness

- Under pressure at work, a store director asked about language and conduct.
- A confrontation with another employee was diffused by the Holy Spirit's power.
- Outcome: God's peace prevailed, witness was preserved.

☐ **Testimony #2: Young Man and "The Rock"**

- A grieving young man buying alcohol opened up about a symbolic rock.
- He encountered the peace and love of Jesus at the register.
- Outcome: He didn't want to leave. Ministry happened through compassion and presence.

Reflection Questions:

1. Where is your primary area of influence right now?
2. How are you preparing spiritually, each day?
3. Can you recall a moment where God used you unexpectedly?
4. Are you balancing the human touch and digital tools in your ministry efforts?
5. How can you cultivate the presence and power of the Holy Spirit more consistently?

Practical Takeaways:

- **Stay filled daily** – Make time for prayer, the Word, and speaking in tongues.
- **Be alert** – Your testimony is seen even when you're unaware.
- **Respond with grace** – Even under pressure, God's character can shine through you.
- **Value every moment** – Ministry can happen anywhere, even at a checkout lane.

Prayer & Ministry Activation:

Pray this:

"Heavenly Father, help me to recognize my area of influence and walk in Your power and love. Fill me daily with Your Spirit. Use my life as a living testimony of Your grace and truth."

Activation Challenge:

Ask the Holy Spirit to show you one person this week who needs encouragement. Be ready to listen, speak about life, or simply be present.

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