

Lasting Results Part 9: Effective Ministry

Two Tools and Weapons

Theme: *Balance is the key – this message is only for those who believe*

Review of Part 8

- Two personal testimonies shared last week:
 - Demonstrated the power of proper **preparation and training**.
 - Illustrated what can happen in our **area of influence**.
 - The miraculous should **manifest in those baptized in the Holy Spirit**.
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Scriptural Foundation: Acts 1:8 (RSV)

“But you shall receive **power** when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be My witnesses...”

Greek: Power (Dunamis)

- Strong’s NT:1411 **dunamis** (doo'-nam-is):
 - Force, ability, abundance, miraculous power
 - **English roots:** *dynamite, dynamic*

Key Statement

*Effective ministry and lasting results come through the human touch and electronic tools — **balance is the key.***



Two Tools and Weapons Provided by God

1. Baptism in the Holy Spirit

2. Speaking in Tongues

These tools are like the **riverbed and the water**—they need each other to function properly.



John 7:37–39 (NKJV)

“Out of his heart will **flow** rivers of living water...This He spoke concerning the Spirit...”

- *Note:* **Believing** is involved
 - “*Rivers*” imply **riverbeds** — structure and flow together
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Tools in Daily Preparation

Speaking in tongues strengthens believers for **daily devotion** and **spiritual consistency**.



Hebrews 3:12–15 (RSV)

“Exhort one another **daily**... that none may be hardened by the deceitfulness of sin.”

- Encouragement prevents a **hardened heart**.



1 Corinthians 14:4 (NKJV)

“He who speaks in a tongue **edifies** himself.”

Greek: Edifies (Oikodomeō)

- Strong’s NT:3618 – to **build up, strengthen, make more able**



Key Thought:

Even with potential, desire and power must be in the mix.

Philippians 2:13

- Weymouth: “*God creates within you both the desire and the power...*”
- Beck: “*God makes you willing and gives you the energy...*”

→ **Prayer:**

“Dear Father, create in me the desire and power to do Your will, in Jesus’ name, amen.”

Speaking in Tongues Prepares Believers

- Helps overcome daily **challenges** and **spiritual fatigue**
 - Builds resilience in **time with the Father and His Word**
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Tools in Spiritual Training

John 8:31–32

“If you continue in My word... you will know the truth, and the truth will make you free.”

8 Disciplines of Spiritual Training:

1. Hearing God’s Word
2. Reading God’s Word
3. Studying God’s Word
4. Memorizing God’s Word
5. Meditating on God’s Word
6. Applying God’s Word
7. Character Training
8. Continuing in God’s Word

Speaking in tongues helps **sustain** each of these over time.

Tongues as Spiritual Weapons

- **Long-lasting results** require more than just occasional effort.
- Speaking in tongues strengthens the spirit for consistent impact.

Inner Workings of Speaking in Tongues

(A different realm of communication for those who believe)

Facets Over Time:

1. Edifying the believer (1 Cor 14:2, 4)
 2. Singing, thanksgiving, praise (1 Cor 14:15–17)
 3. Instruction – receive what to do
 4. Wisdom – “That’s a great idea!”
 5. Insight (Rhema words from the Bible)
 6. Direction – where to go
 7. Caution – what to avoid
 8. Reminders – like wind in sails
 9. Public Interpretation – direction to others
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Perfect Prayers through the Spirit

1 Corinthians 14:14 (AMP)

“If I pray in a tongue, my spirit prays, but my mind is unproductive.”

Greek: Pray (Proseuchomai)

- NT:4336 – to supplicate, worship, pray earnestly

Greek: Tongue (Glossa)

- NT:1100 – an unacquired language; a spiritual tongue
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Reinforcement: John 7:37–39

“If anyone thirsts... let him come to Me and drink... rivers of living water...”

- These rivers flow **through the believer** by the **Holy Spirit**.
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To Be Continued...

More Summary:

Theme: *Balance is the key – this message is only for those who believe.*

Review of Part 8:

- Two personal testimonies illustrated the results of preparation and training.
- Miraculous power (dunamis) should be evident in Spirit-baptized believers (Acts 1:8).

Core Principle:

- **Balance** is essential: *Human touch and technology both play a role in effective ministry.*

Two Spiritual Tools and Weapons:

1. **Baptism in the Holy Spirit**
2. **Speaking in Tongues**

These tools function together like a **river and its riverbed**, emphasizing mutual necessity.

Daily Preparation:

- Speaking in tongues **edifies** the believer (1 Cor 14:4) – it strengthens and builds up the inner man.
- Hebrews 3:12–15 highlights the need for daily encouragement to avoid a hardened heart.
- Philippians 2:13 stresses that **God provides both the desire and the power** to do His will.

Spiritual Training:

Speaking in tongues strengthens believers to engage in:

1. Hearing
2. Reading
3. Studying
4. Memorizing
5. Meditating
6. Applying
7. Character Training
8. Continuing in God's Word

Tongues as Weapons:

- Speaking in tongues is not only **personal** but **strategic**—it aligns with God's perfect will.
- It unlocks guidance, wisdom, warnings, thanksgiving, and perfect prayers (1 Cor 14:14).

Facets of Tongues:

- Edification
- Worship
- Instruction
- Wisdom
- Revelation
- Direction
- Caution
- Reminder
- Interpretation for others

These elements reflect **Spirit-led prayer**, which bypasses the limitations of the natural mind.

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