

Leaders Notes – Session 8



Title:- **Different Models of Ministry (Continued....)**

What the Bible Says: 2 Timothy 1 v 6 – 7. 2 Timothy 4 v 5

5) Regular Filling of the Holy Spirit.

An important part of our ongoing relationship with the Lord Jesus is that we are willing and open to be filled with His Holy Spirit on a regular basis. We see in Acts 2 how the disciples received the Baptism of the Holy Spirit and yet a number of other times in the book of Acts these same disciples received a filling of the Holy Spirit. When Paul talks about being filled with the Spirit; the Greek word he uses means “continually” So what Paul is saying is be continually filled with the Spirit of God as you look to witness and minister in His name. This ongoing openness and walk with the Spirit is absolutely important to a dynamic and anointed ministry in the Lord Jesus.

What the Bible Says: Acts 4 v 31, Ephesians 5 v 15 – 18

6) Openness to Listen and Obey.

Cultivating a open and listening heart to the Lord is one of the most important dimensions to an ongoing effective ministry in the Lord. Jesus declared that He had come not to do His own will but do the will of Him who sent Him. In the same way we need to understand that the Lord God Almighty is working out His purposes in every generation in people’s lives. Therefore we need to be open to the will and revelation of God so that what we minister and what we say does not cut across the true intentions and purposes of God for a person. This means a willingness to both listen and obey what the Lord is saying to us.

At the heart of all of this is a need to develop a balanced life of both receiving from God and than from that fullness giving out to others.

Discussion: Do you think a healing ministry needs to come under the authority of the wider body? if so why?

Whatever model or mix of models that is developed it is prudent to develop this ministry of healing as part of a local body ministry of a church. This means that although this ministry many not necessary be done always in the church, those who practice it come under the support and pastoral care of a local fellowship. This is good practice because it helps protect both those who are being prayed for and those who are ministering. This wider support enables the spiritual needs of the healers to be supported and ministries encouraged and developed.

Discussion: How do you think we can develop an effective healing ministry in our church?

Teaching Point 2 - Models of ministry

Lifestyle Approach

One of the questions that is often asked is, “What is the most effective way of moving in a healing ministry?” Many people have found it to be true that the more natural the development of this gift and ministry the more effective it is. We as Christians today have in many areas of the Christian faith over sensationalised and made suspicious spiritual blessings that were meant to be part of the everyday Christian experience.

We need to recognise that our difficulty in accepting God’s blessings and signs of His Kingdom is not down to some confusion over what the Bible says about God participation in the world, (For the bible makes it clear that God is at work in His creation both on a natural and supernatural level) But is more to do with a Western World view that we have been indoctrinated into.

Alongside this rationalistic view, we have also seen the fringes of the Christian community distorting and undermining the heart of what a real healing ministry is all about. This has left some Christians feeling that the gifts of the Spirit are not really for the mature, balanced believer who is concerned with the unchanging glory of God not shallow showmanship

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