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Now we all know that we are called to bring in this harvest of souls to bring to heaven and snatch from pits of hell. We have found that the purpose of Pentecostal power is to give us the power to do just that. In this lesson, we will find that as we walk through the door of the supernatural, we begin to see there are specific spiritual gifts that bring proof to our preaching.

### **New Birth**

- We know at the new birth we will have the Spirit living \_\_\_\_\_ (John 14:17)
- The Bible tells us that this salvation will be like a well (John 4:14)
- This gift will open the door to the 9 fruits of the Spirit which are love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self control (Gal5:22)
- This is for us primarily. Fruit takes time to grow and we will see Jesus more and more in you.

### **Baptism in the Holy Spirit**

- The Bible tells us that we all should be baptized in the Holy Spirit (Acts 2:38-39)
- The Bible tells us that this will be like \_\_\_\_\_ flowing out (John 7:37-38)
- This gift will open the door to the nine gifts of the Holy Spirit which are:
  - These are weapons that are mighty for the pulling down of strongholds (2 Cor10:4) and are to enable us to bring in the harvest

**The Baptism in the Holy Spirit is the door to \_\_\_\_\_this arsenal of the power gift (Luke 24:49)**

**Nobody consistently operates in the power of God that has not entered through the door of the Baptism in the Holy Spirit!**

- This mammoth size job is going to take the power of God (Luke24:49)

**3 that DO something:**

1. gift of healings
2. working of miracles
3. gift of faith

**3 that REVEAL something**

1. words of knowledge
2. words of wisdom
3. discerning of spirits

**3 that SAY something**

1. gift of tongues
2. gift of interpretation
3. gift of prophecy

•We are not going to be able to do it in the arm of the flesh. Not by might; not by power; but by my Spirit says the Lord (Zech 4:6)

•People are hungering for the supernatural. Look at the psychics.

•The world wants to know if Jesus is real. (John 14:11)(Evidence)

**Paul said to the Corinthian church that he did not come to them with wise and persuasive words but with a \_\_\_\_\_ of the Spirit's power. (1Cor2:4-5)(remember Elijah and the prophets of Baal)(Mark16:20)**

#### **A. Miracles, Healings, and the power of God open doors to preach the gospel**

1. In Acts 3 Peter and John minister a great miracle to a cripple from birth (Acts 3:6-8).

The result is the opportunity to boldly preach with Pentecostal power to a group of Israelites (Acts3:12-26) and the Sanhedrin (Acts 4:8-12). The result is many believed (Acts 4:4). We see great boldness (Acts4:13) and the \_\_\_\_\_(Acts 4:14)(Read this)

2. Stephen in Acts 6:8 did great wonders and miraculous sign among the people and then had the opportunity to preach to Jewish Freedmen from slavery that had their own synagogue (Acts 6:9) as well as the entire religious government called the Sanhedrin(Acts 7:2-53). The results were the church was persecuted and scattered and preached throughout Judea and Samaria. **Miracles open doors to preach!**
3. In Acts 8:6, scripture says, “when the crowds heard Phillip and saw the miraculous signs he did, they all paid close attention to what he said.” **Miracles get the \_\_\_\_\_ of sinners!**
4. Jesus in Matthew 4:23 went through Galilee preaching, teaching, and demonstrating. The results were large crowds following and listening to Him. (Matt 4:25) **The Power of God will attract crowds that you can preach to.**
5. Jesus in John 4 ministers to a Samaritan woman, which was a religious no-no. He has a word of knowledge about her past sin and she immediately

listens and respects Him.(John 4-19-25) The results are many in her town came to listen to Him and He had the opportunity to teach them(John 4:28-30). This is the same town that had citywide revival in Acts 8:8 with Phillip. **With the Power of God and the right message, we can have a citywide \_\_\_\_\_! We must still preach the right message or we may get Simon the Sorcerer converts. Power lovers (Acts 8:13), resulting in bitter and unconverted hearts (Acts8:18-23).**

### **B. Who is this power for? Isn't it just for preachers?**

1. In John 14:12, Jesus says "I tell you the truth, \_\_\_\_\_ that has faith in me will do what I have been doing.
2. In Mark 16:17, Jesus says, "and these sign will accompany those who believe **(don't you want some come company-those who believe)**
3. Stephen and Phillip were waiters and they eventually ministered in the power of God (Acts 6:5)
4. In 1 Corinthians 12:7 scripture says, "to each one the manifestation of the Spirit is given."
5. He tells the whole Corinthian church to eagerly desire the greater gifts (1Cor12:31, 1Cor14:1)

**The Power of God manifested in the 9 spiritual gifts is for all that want and seek them.**

### **C. How do I get the power? I already speak in tongues!**

1. **Desire**-like we just read, we begin to desire to have these gifts in order to bring in this harvest (1Cor 12:31, 1Cor14:1, 1 Tim3:1)
2. **Faith**-faith begins where the will of God is known. Now that you know what is available and that God wants to give you gifts, you can ask and believe God for them. (Acts 3:16, Mark 11:23-24, Rom 10:17, Heb 11:1,6)
3. **Prayer**-whenever we see Jesus come down from the mountain of prayer or the disciples finish praying we see great power. (Mark 9:2,25 and Acts 1;14,2:4 and Acts 4:24,4:31)
4. **Use what you have**-do not despise small beginnings. Like the parable of the talents in Matt 25:14-29, use what you have and more will be given unto you.
5. **Association**- Timothy associated with Paul and received a gift by the laying on of hands.(2 Tim 1:6) Elisha associated with Elijah and received a double portion of the anointing. The 12 disciples hung out with the Master Miracle worker for 3 \_ years and found themselves healing the lame, blind, and even raising people from the dead. You become like those you associate with. Who are you hanging out with? Are they raising the dead? (Bad company corrupts good character.(1 Cor 15:33)

**Just because you speak in tongues, don't think you have arrived. Thinking you are walking in all the power you will ever see because you are speaking in tongues is like a new Air Force cadet thinking he is ready to fly the stealth bombers. The Baptism is just the door. You have to walk in and begin to learn through desire, faith, prayer, and using what you have to walk in the supernatural.**

**1. Peter**-Baptized in the Spirit in Acts 2:4. Preaches boldly in Acts 2:14. Healed one crippled man in Acts 3:6-7. Then healed many with miracles (Acts 5:12). Then anyone would come under his shadow was healed (Acts 5:15-16). **There's a \_\_\_\_\_!**

**2. Paul**-he began to preach at once that Jesus was the son of God.(Acts 9:20) He then grew more and more powerful proving that Jesus is the Christ(Acts 9:22) Later we see Paul doing miraculous signs and wonders(Acts 14:3) and even handkerchiefs and aprons were taken to the sick and demon possessed and they were healed. (Acts 19:11)

#### **D. Persecution can be expected when we move in the power of God!**

**Where there is no power and sin is not being uncovered which leads to repentance there is very little persecution.**

**When the truth and power of God shows up, there is much persecution.**

1. Power demonstrated in healing in Acts 3:7. Peter and John jailed in Acts 4:3.
2. Miraculous healing and deliverance in Acts 5:12-16 done by the apostles. Throw into jail in Acts 5:18 because of jealousy and flogged in Acts 5:40.
3. Stephen does miraculous signs and wonders in Acts 6:8 and then was seized in Act 6:12, stoned in Acts 7:58, and eventually killed in Acts 7:60.

**The power of God will bring great eternal results as it enables you to speak to truth to many but it comes with a high \_\_\_\_\_.**

**Are you ready to pay the price and lay your life down with a consecrated will and begin desiring, believing, and asking for the power of God to be a witness (martyr)?** Next week will see that evangelism is more than just a class, one outreach, but it must become a Way of Life!

## **Lesson 9 Homework**

DONE

- 1. Listen to Hell's Best Kept Secret**
- 2. Listen to Citytaker Gospel Presentation**
- 3. Begin to read Hell's Best Kept Secret**
- 4. Pray over your Target List**
- 5. Witness to someone at work this week**
- 6. Hand out 5 tracts**
- 7. Call Citytaker Partner**