

1 CORINTHIANS 2:4-5, And my speech and my preaching were not with persuasive words of human wisdom, but in demonstration of the Spirit and of power, that your faith should not be in the wisdom of men but in the power of God.

There is a great deal of teaching and preaching in the church on the need for a demonstration of the power of the Holy Spirit as we bring the message of Jesus to this generation. New generations of believers are hungry for the Lord and to witness His power revealed in the marketplace. Signs, wonders and miracles are a natural part of the witness of the believer to the lost. And to that, I would shout AMEN! If ever there was a time when the grace and power of the Lord needs to be demonstrated it is now. I am convinced that the church is being rearranged in its thinking. That "revival" is no longer seen as an event that happens at a certain place or time, whether it be in the church on a week-end or at a Friday night outreach, but rather revival is a lifestyle, a culture, that flows naturally from the life of every believer at all times in every situation.

I believe the Holy Spirit is calling us to consider if we are to see the authority and power of the Lord flowing through us we must have that same authority and power working in us. The greatest impact on this generation will be not so much from the power of God being revealed in healings and miracles, as much as it will come from witnessing how believers live their lives in supernatural grace, honor and joy by the power of the Holy Spirit. The impact of a life lived under the favor and blessing of God on those who are desperately searching for something real should not be underestimated. Beloved, the world does not need to see more miracles nearly as much as they need to see us living lives of self-control and integrity. They need to see someone who will shun foolish and coarse jesting and will not allow themselves to dishonor another even when they disagree with them. They need to see someone willing to suffer a wrong patiently rather than get even. They need to see those who follow Jesus speak truth in love and mercy in place of condemnation. They need to see those who declare themselves His disciples live their lives as if they mean it and not merely substitute going to church and making "holy noise" for truly living in the Kingdom of God. They are hungry to see someone not just carrying their bible but also seeking to live it. In another place, Paul exhorted those who he had won to Jesus to "Imitate me, just as I also imitate Christ." (1 CORINTHIANS 11:1) He knew something we must learn. That the most convincing miracle anyone could ever see, is someone living a supernatural life in the real world. The Holy Spirit is calling a people to embrace that truth. Where do you stand? Glory awaits!