

Requirements to minister in the power of the Holy Spirit

Luke 11:14-12:12

Ministering in the power of the Holy Spirit requires...

...authority from God (Luke 11:14-20)!

Q: Which authority do we rely on?

- To break bondages to satan (v. 14-15)
- To be aligned with the highest power (v. 16-19)
- To establish the Kingdom of God - Isaiah 11:2 (v. 20)

Ministering in the power of the Holy Spirit requires...

...keeping the ground that is gained (Luke 11:21-25)

Q: Which areas of your life are constant battles to keep free?

- Strongholds can only be overcome with a greater power (v. 21-23)
- Strongholds that are not completely overcome can destroy you later (v. 24-26)

Ministering in the power of the Holy Spirit requires...

...obedience (Luke 11:27-32)

Q: In what areas of your life is Jesus not pleased?

- Obedience is the hallmark of God's blessing (v. 27-28)
- Seeking signs is disobedience (v. 29-32)

Ministering in the power of the Holy Spirit requires...

...continual cleansing in our lives (Luke 11:33-44)

Q: In what areas of your life are you living in the shadows?

- The light that you think you have can be darkness... shadows (v. 33-36)
- People look on outward appearance but God looks on the heart - 1 Sam 16:7 (v. 37-44)

Ministering in the power of the Holy Spirit will cause others to...

...have a closer relationship with God(Luke 11:45-54)

Q: Is your life one that challenges others in their relationship with God?

- God detests religious activity that replaces a relationship with Him (v. 45-51)
- Living in the power of the Holy Spirit is the key to knowledge for others (v. 52)
- People who are challenged in their relationship with God may react poorly (v. 53-54)

Ministering in the power of the Holy Spirit will cause us to...

...live boldly (Luke 12:1-12)

Q: What are the fears that hold you back?

- The secrets that we have (v. 1-3)
- Harm that we may suffer (v. 4)

Remember...

- God knows us better than anybody ever could...
...and still loves us and cares for us (v. 5-12!)

Questions to frame the 40-day challenge:

1. Which authority do we rely on?
2. Which areas of your life are constant battles to keep free?
3. In what areas of your life is Jesus not pleased?
4. In what areas of your life are you living in the shadows?
5. Is your life one that challenges others in their relationship with God?
6. What are the fears that hold you back?

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