

MINISTERING THE SPIRIT

In order to minister the Spirit, we have to learn how to walk with God. When we have a walk with God then we have a ministry. We don't even have to say anything, we will be reflecting the glory of the lord and people will be drawn to us, and doors will open for us to speak in the spirit.

When a person learns how to walk with God, it will lead into walking not only on the earth, but also the heavenly realms like Enoch did.

In order to walk in the spirit we have to learn how to live in the Spirit, which speaks of abiding. When we learn how to walk in the spirit, which means all our activities in the spirit, then we can begin to learn how to minister the spirit.

In order to walk in the spirit we have to learn the difference between our spirit and our soul. Our spirit is the part of us that is conscious of God, and our soul is the part of us that is conscious of our self.

Everybody knows how to walk in the flesh. The flesh is that union of soul and body that acts independently of the Lord. The flesh is not only the works of the flesh listed in Galatians, it is anything that we do that is not a flow of the Spirit through us. The flesh speaks of our natural human abilities.

In order to minister in the spirit we have to learn how to be full of the Spirit. When the life of God is flowing into our spirit we are aware of the presence God in us. We are to continually join our spirit to the lord.

1 corinthians 6: ¹⁷But he that is joined (continuous repeated action- the relationship is one of intimacy, join together with, unite with, to make cohere) *unto the Lord is one* (to indicate the singularity of something, thus emphasizing that there is but one only. one and the same, not at variance with, in accord with) *spirit*.

When we learn how to abide in the spirit, then we can speak in the spirit. We are either speaking from our spirit or our soul.

In a walk with God we are learning how to talk, how to respond, how to be led by the Spirit in the things that we say and do.

When we pray in tongues we are speaking with our spirit, but not in English. When we speak in tongues we have just opened our spirit or activated our spirit. There is a flow of words and we are aware of our spirit through speaking. The Holy Spirit is giving us utterance so we are aware of the Holy Spirit in us. Our spirit is directly related to our voice.

In order to walk in the spirit we have to be yielded to the influence of the Holy Spirit. In order to speak in the spirit we have to be yielded to the Holy Spirit.

So we speak in tongues silently, where no one can hear us or know what we are doing. We become aware of our spirit and the Holy Spirit or presence of God in our spirit, and then we look to the Lord.

We get the life of God flowing into our spirit so that we are aware of the fruit of the Spirit, we are aware of his love, joy, peace and so forth, and we reflect it, we shine with it.

In order to speak in the spirit we have to learn how to be continually filled with the Spirit. When the life of God is flowing into our spirit, then we can speak in the spirit. We look to the Lord and when we

speaking we release the spirit in our words. We speak with love in our words; we speak with joy in our words.

In order to minister the spirit we have to learn how to practice speaking in the spirit, we have to release the Spirit of God in our words.

Once we learn how to speak in the spirit, then we can begin to minister in the spirit. We look to the lord for revelation, spontaneous thoughts flowing into our mind, pictures or images flowing into our imagination.

We learn how to get the intuition gateway in our spirit open and flowing so that we can sense if they are going to be open to what we say. God has to open a door in the other person for us to minister the spirit to them. If we sense a door is not open in them, then we just love them or express love in our dealings with them.

Ministry is faith working by love. So we believe for people, and express love in the things we say and do. When people know that we believe in them and love them, they will open up to us.

When I say believing in people, I am talking about believing that God is going to enlighten them so that they see who they are in Christ. We do not trust in people we trust in God working in their life.

When people are enabled to see the truth they will respond accordingly. We turn them from darkness to light by ministering the spirit to them.

There are a lot of people who think they are doing the work of God, who believe they are working for God, but they have no awareness of His Spirit. We are called to be co-laborers with Him. We do not work for him, we work with Him, and until we learn how to be

aware of His presence we will be moving in self. Without him we cannot do anything of a spiritual value, so we have to be led by the Spirit so that He can work through us. We need to understand a spiritual principle that God has chosen to work through His people. Apart from the initiative of our joining our spirit with the Lords, learning the ways of God, there will be no outpouring of His Spirit.

Psalm 103: ⁷He made known his ways unto Moses, his acts unto the children of Israel. Until Moses learned the ways of the Lord, the children of Israel saw none of His acts. Moses learned how to work with the Lord, he heard the word of the Lord and moved in the Authority of that word and the Spirit of God confirmed it with signs and wonders following. This is how God has chosen to move in the earth, he works through human channels.

There are hundreds of things God has promised for us, but they do not work until we learn how to appropriate (to take something that belongs to us, that has been provided by someone else) them. God provides the provision, but we have to learn how to drink of it, to partake of it. There needs to be a contact where the blessing flows. It is like electricity, we have to learn how to plug into it- we have to learn how to appropriate it.

The presence of the Lord does not automatically happen; we have to learn how to appropriate it. We have to learn how to take the initiative to draw near to Him and then He draws near to us. The intensity and the power of God's presence around us has to be appropriated.

God gives us the faith to believe that we can be aware of Him. He Himself is the provision- we have to learn how to lay hold of Him. We

have to learn how to touch the Lord, when we touch him or make contact with Him then the blessing of the Spirit flows.

John 15: ⁴Abide in me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit of itself, except it abide in the vine; no more can ye, except ye abide in me. ⁵I am the vine, ye are the branches: He that abideth in me, and I in him, the same bringeth forth much fruit: for without me ye can do nothing.

Jesus is the source of the uncreated eternal life of God, the life that is in him flows into us when we learn how to focus upon Him where our spirit connects with his. Without this divine awareness of His Spirit, the life flow of His Spirit is not operating in our heart, but we are disconnected and are living on a human level.

God commands us to begin this moment to abide in Him; it is not a command to do continually but a command to do once and for all. We should never for a moment lose our intimacy with Him. By commanding us to do something, he in turn commands himself to do something. If we abide in Him, then He has no choice but to abide in us. We see here that God has given us the initiative to take the initiative. As we direct the focus of our life upon Him, out of our spirit will flow the eternal life of God.

If we abide in the Lord, then we shall experience the provision (the promise) ask what you will and it shall be done unto you. When we are abiding in the Lord through a steadfast focus on the Spirit where His life is flowing in us, we receive revelation (the mind of Christ). Our focus is on pleasing the Father and seeing His will come to pass on the earth, and because of our oneness with the Lord what we ask or say comes to pass in the earth, because we are an oracle of God, his voice in the earth.

John 15: ⁷If ye abide in me, and my words abide in you, ye shall ask what ye will, and it shall be done unto you. ⁸Herein is my Father glorified, that ye bear much fruit; so shall ye be my disciples.

What we inherit or possess is made available to everyone who learns how to join their spirit to the Lords. The provision the Lord has made for us is not something to be prayed for, in the sense that we are asking God to do something for us. To the degree or the extent that we are submissive to the Lord where He is truly the Lord of our lives to that extent we will have authority to use His name to see the will of God come into manifestation in the earth.

We are the body of Christ in the earth, but the body is not one member but many. We are to speak the truth in love-ministering the Spirit-to one another that we might grow up into him which is the head. We are to bear one another's burdens and fulfill the law of Christ. This means we are able to discern our brother's or sister's need and carry that for them.

In order to minister the Spirit, our spirit must be free in the lord. If our spirit is being clouded by something in our soul life, then the gateways of our soul need to be cleansed and healed so that our soul can be rightly related to our spirit and not move independent of it.

There is an inner preparation we have to go through, in order to minister the Spirit to others. We let the Spirit of the Lord search our heart, we receive inner healing for the areas of our soul that have been fragmented. Our soul has to be saved, which means to be made whole.

When our soul has been restored we can become a true worshiper of the Lord, in spirit and truth, because our soul is no longer running the show, it has come into submission to the Lordship of Jesus over our spirit.

The first thing we must do is to worship the Lord until we become aware of His presence. Once our spirit is connecting to the Lord then we need to focus on the presence of the Lord. We have to do whatever is necessary so that the Lord becomes real to us until we are so close to the Lord that we can sense what is in His heart. We have to tune into His mind.

Once we make a connection to the Spirit of the Lord, then we have to tune into our brother or sister until we make a connection to them, where the Lord's wisdom is coming through to us where we become aware of what the person needs. This is something that takes practice, but when our heart is set to be a channel of God that is pure then the gifts of the Spirit will begin to operate.

Until we learn how to tune into the presence of God, where we are filled with His Spirit, where we sense his thoughts and feelings, we can't effectively tune into someone else. If we try to do this in ourselves it will not work. There has to be a living contact first with the Lord and then with the individual. Until we learn how to reach out and touch God where his life is flowing into us, we cannot minister the Spirit to others.

Just like in the natural where there is a generator (a machine that converts mechanical energy into electrical energy) we have to first plug into it and then plug into the tool we want the current to flow to. We are the wire or the channel in which the power flows through.

We tap into the Lord or the source (the generator) then we reach out and make a connection with the brother or sister who has the need.

This is the secret of ministering the Spirit, of ministering a living word from God. We have to be so tuned into God where his life and

wisdom is flowing into us and then tune into the individual where the mind of Christ is coming through towards them.

The Lord never reveals a need unless he exalts himself to meet that need. His love and provision always comes through so that the need can be met. In this way we minister the Spirit, we minister to the Christ in the person. If we are focused on a person's flesh, then we judge the person and partake of the judgment ourselves. If we are focused on the defilement of a person's flesh, it defiles us because we have made contact with it. This is the ministry of self-condemnation, there is only one accuser of the brethren (Satan) and we have partaken of Him.

Everyone in the body of Christ should have a living connection with one another and a living connection with the Lord where they can focus on him where he becomes very real to them.

We cannot focus on the lord and another member of the body at the same time. We focus on the Lord until we touch him and then out of that awareness we focus on the individual until we touch them. Once the connection is made with the Lord and the individual then we will become aware of the mind of the Spirit towards them. We become the channel; the flow comes from the Lord to the individual. The life of God flows out of heaven, the life of God flows out of the unseen realm into our spirit, into our soul and out of our mouth to the individual.

As we begin to understand the way the Spirit of God flows through us, then we become a channel for him to work through. His life flows into our spirit and then our soul and then out through our body.

We can learn how to impart to others through the laying on of hands. Whatever we receive from the lord we can impart to others, but

then they have to learn how to walk in it. We can begin to minister the healing power of God to others, it will flow out of heaven into our spirit, into our soul and out through our hands to the other person.

When we learn how to be filled with the Spirit and be a channel of the Lord then we can switch the current where we take the cares and burdens of the Person and cast them back upon the Lord. We can literally lift oppressions off of people.

As we begin to develop in the ministry of the Spirit we can begin to feel the nature and the power of God flowing through us. Every experience we have in ministering the Spirit will not be the same, the essential thing is that we are able to touch the Lord where our contact with Him becomes real (there will be worship and love and strength in our spirit). We have to keep worshiping the Lord, keep communing with the Lord until there is no cloud over us.

Until we learn how to live from the inside out, the things from the outside coming in will block us from ministering the Spirit. We have to learn how to focus on the Lord in such a way that we are in the spirit, we are just as much conscious of the Lord as the world we live in. We can be so in the spirit, where we have to focus back on something in the natural so that we can minister the spirit to people.

But unless we learn how to first make contact with the Lord, we are going to just be talking with no awareness of the Lord coming through in the things we are saying. We first make contact with the Lord and then the other person.

The best way to start to experience the mind of the Lord concerning others where His Spirit is flowing in us- is in the church service. When people are gathered together (his presence is more concentrated) in His name to worship the Lord (a Spirit filled church)

and we learn how to worship the Lord where we have a meeting with Him (our spiritual senses become aware of the Lord) we can then tune into other members of the Body where we can sense the mind of the Lord towards them.

Until we really learn how to open up our spirit to worship and praise the Lord, our spirit is not going to be aware of the Lord. Then all the things we learn are just in our minds and not a living experience. To minister the Spirit we have to be aware of the Spirit and His mind towards others. It is only when we breakthrough and the Lord becomes more real to us than our surroundings, that the Lord will be able to meet others in a life changing experience.

We have to enter into a dedication so that we do not do things or partake of things that dull our spiritual senses. Otherwise we will have weights on us and oppressions and we will not be able to break through into the presence of the Lord where our spiritual senses are aware of Him.

The presence of the Lord does not come automatically, but the oppression of Satan does. Unless we are continually pressing into God, we go backwards. There is a gravitational pull of the world that brings us down. We cannot automatically go up in the air, but once we are in the air we will automatically come down.

As we learn how to live in mystical union with the Lord then we will not have to keep pressing in for spiritual gifts. But in order to minister the spirit we have to be able to live in the spirit. We have to learn how to build up our spirit; we have to learn how to focus our conscious awareness so that we find ourselves in the spirit.

So to get in the Spirit, to make a living contact with God, we have to start worshiping, and throw off some clouds and start reaching into

Him. It is only when we come into a freedom in our spirit where our soul is no longer weighing it down, that we start receiving revelation from Him. Once our spirit ascends into the heavenly places in Christ, everything we need is there, and then we are in a position to turn and bless someone else.

As we learn how to walk in the spirit, we begin to live in dual realms. This is how Jesus lived. We have to learn how to develop our spiritual senses so that we see in the spirit, we hear in the spirit and we speak in the spirit.