

The Gospel Unleashed
Living Daily in the Spirit and the Power!
1 Corinthians 2:4b; 14:1

Today I'm concluding our series with a message I've titled, "Living Daily in the Spirit and the Power!"

**AMERICA'S CHANGING VIEW
OF THE EVANGELICAL CHURCH**

VIEW	TIMEFRAME	CHURCH RESPONSE	GOSPEL STYLE
RESPECTED	< 1994	ENGAGED	ACTS 2
NEGLECTED	1994-2013	ENLIGHTENED	ACTS 17
REJECTED	2014-PRESENT	EMPOWERED	ACTS 18 1COR 2:1-5

The overt rejection of Christian morality through the continued embrace of the RELIGION OF SECULARISM has had a devastating effect on our nation...

According to a recent study by George Barna, ...

→ **30% of American millennials no identify as LGBTQ**

Millennials are those born between 1981-1996

→ **Just under 30% of Christian millennials say they identify as LGBTQ**

According to the Washington Post...

→ **47% of younger evangelical Christians (born after 1964) now favor gay marriage**

→ **26% of older evangelicals (born between 1928 and 1964) now favor gay marriage**

These numbers are up from 2006...

- 16% younger evangelicals
- 10% older evangelicals

→ **85% of Unaffiliated Americans endorse same-sex marriage**

→ **67% Catholics endorse same-sex marriage**

→ **68% Mainline Protestants endorse same-sex marriage**

→ **44% Black Protestants endorse same-sex marriage**

Christians in America are simply embracing the cultural norms of our day!

The Church in America has lost its way!

ONE THING

When we no longer adhere to the TRUTHS of SCRIPTURE we will easily fall prey to the LIES of SATAN!

In a world filled with LIES and COMPROMISE it is time for the Church to AWAKEN and ARISE!

1 Corinthians 2:1–5 (ESV) — And I, when I came to you, brothers, did not come proclaiming to you the testimony of God with lofty speech or wisdom. For I decided to know nothing among you except Jesus Christ and him crucified. And I was with you in weakness and in fear and much trembling, and my speech and my message were not in plausible words of wisdom, but in demonstration of the Spirit and of power, so that your faith might not rest in the wisdom of men but in the power of God.

1 Corinthians 2:4b (ESV) — ... in demonstration of the Spirit and of power ...

First, we must begin by understanding what does it mean to have our speaking and message be in demonstration?

ἀπόδειξις - apodeiksis

The word, here translated as “demonstration” means...

“The means by which one knows that something is a fact — ‘proof, evidence, verification, indication.’”

Also, we looked last week briefly at verse one in chapter 14...

1 Corinthians 14:1 (ESV) — Pursue love, and earnestly desire the spiritual gifts, especially that you may prophesy.

I really want today to be a “HOW TO” training

→ HOW TO produce the evidence of God’s Kingdom!

→ HOW TO live daily in the Spirit and the Power!...

1. Daily AWAKEN into your ANOINTING!

What I mean by this is that you must make a decision daily!

1 Corinthians 2:3 (ESV) — For I decided to know nothing among you except Jesus Christ and him crucified.

First, every believer MUST RECOGNIZE that he/she has been anointed!

1 John 2:20 (ESV) — But you have been anointed by the Holy One, and you all have knowledge.

The word, “anoint” means...

“To assign a person to a task, with the implication of supernatural sanctions, blessing, and endowment.”

When you gave your life to Jesus you were anointed with the Holy Spirit...

➤ Your anointing is not simply a BADGE of IDENTITY, but a MISSION with RESPONSIBILITY!

Jesus carried an anointing for mission...

Luke 4:18–19 (ESV) — “The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to proclaim good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim liberty to the captives and recovering of sight to the blind, to set at liberty those who are oppressed, to proclaim the year of the Lord’s favor.”

We too carry an anointing for fulfilling our mission!

1 John 2:27 (ESV) — But the anointing that you received from him abides in you, and you have no need that anyone should teach you. But as his anointing teaches you about everything, and is true, and is no lie—just as it has taught you, abide in him.

So how do we do this?

Ephesians 4:22–24 (NLT) — Throw off your old sinful nature and your former way of life, which is corrupted by lust and deception. Instead, let the Spirit renew your thoughts and attitudes. Put on your new nature, created to be like God—truly righteous and holy.

As Martin Luther said over 500 years ago...

“We awaken daily to self-worship!”

Therefore, we must daily awaken our anointing!

In a world filled with lies and compromise it is time for the Church to awaken and arise!

1. Daily AWAKEN into your ANOINTING!

2. Daily ATTEND to your AFFECTION!

1 Corinthians 2:4b (ESV) — ... but in demonstration of the Spirit and of power

Remember what demonstration means...

“The means by which one knows that something is a fact — ‘proof, evidence, verification, indication.’”

The validity of Jesus Christ and Him crucified being a life changing reality is proved first by a demonstration of the Holy Spirit’s Presence!

So how is this accomplished?

1 Corinthians 14:1 (ESV) — Pursue love, and earnestly desire the spiritual gifts, especially that you may prophesy.

The word, “Pursue”, is an imperative/command...

To “pursue” means to do something with intense effort and with definite purpose or goal—‘to do with effort, to strive toward.’

When Jesus was asked what is the greatest commandment He replied...

Mark 12:29–31 (ESV) — Jesus answered, “The most important is, ‘Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God, the Lord is one. And you shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind and with all your strength.’ The second is this: ‘You shall love your neighbor as yourself.’ There is no other commandment greater than these.”

Pursuing love was also Jesus’ command to His disciples...

John 13:34–35 (ESV) — A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another: just as I have loved you, you also are to love one another. By this all people will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another.”

Paul explained the basics of love in the previous chapter...

1 Corinthians 13:4–7 (ESV) — Love is patient and kind; love does not envy or boast; it is not arrogant or rude. It does not insist on its own way; it is not irritable or resentful; it does not rejoice at wrongdoing, but rejoices with the truth. Love bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things.

➤ ***This love cannot be produced BY us, but can only be produced THROUGH us!***

Galatians 5:22–23 (ESV) — But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control; against such things there is no law.

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1. Daily AWAKEN into your ANOINTING!

2. Daily ATTEND to your AFFECTION!

3. Daily ASSERT your AUTHORITY!

1 Corinthians 2:4b (ESV) — ... in demonstration of the Spirit and of power ...

1 Corinthians 14:1 (ESV) — Pursue love, and earnestly desire the spiritual gifts, especially that you may prophesy.

The phrase, “earnestly desire” is another imperative/command... It means...

To be deeply committed to something, with the implication of accompanying desire — ‘to be earnest, to set one’s heart on, to be completely intent upon.’

So, we are commanded to be deeply committed to spiritual gifts... but what are spiritual gifts?

The Greek word used for “spiritual gift” is the word...

χάρισμα (charisma)

Charisma is a derivative of another word you may be familiar with...

χάρις (charis)

Charis is the Greek word for grace?

Ephesians 2:8a (ESV) — For by grace you have been saved through faith...

The “ma” on the end of the word means to make it active or manifest.

Charis refers to God’s grace and charisma refers to God’s grace manifest!

1 Corinthians 12:7 (ESV) — To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good.

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➤ ***We do not desire spiritual gifts as PARTY FAVORS to SHOW OFF, but as a POWERFUL FORCE of SHARE GOD'S GRACE!***

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When we no longer adhere to the _____ of _____ we
will easily fall prey to the _____ of _____!

In a world filled with _____ and _____, it is time
for the Church to _____ and _____!

1. Daily _____ into your _____!

- Your anointing is not simply a _____ of _____,
but a _____ with _____!

2. Daily _____ to your _____!

- This love cannot be produced _____ us, but can only be
produced _____ us!

3. Daily _____ your _____!

- We do not desire spiritual gifts as _____ to
_____, but as a _____ of
_____!