

Session Seven  
(Lessons 21, 11)

**SERVING IN OUR SPIRIT AND THE SPIRIT'S WORK IN THE BELIEVERS (2)  
EMPOWERING AND SUPPLYING THEM TO SPEAK CHRIST**

Scripture reading: Rom. 1:9; 7:6; 12:1, 11; 2 Cor. 3:6, 8;  
1 Cor. 9:16; Acts 1:8; 1 Cor. 2:4; 1 Thes. 1:5; Acts 4:31

- I. With Christians there are always two aspects; the first aspect is a matter of the Christian life, a life matter, and the second aspect is a matter of the Christian service, a service matter-Rom. 1:9; 7:6.**
- II. The real service is our functioning in the church life in a way that ministers Christ-2 Cor. 3:6.**
- III. The basis of our service is first we have the aspect of life, then, based on that fact, we have the matter of service:**
- A. Without life and the adequate growth in life, we cannot have the service; we must all rise up to serve according to our capacity in life
  - B. The Christian service is a matter of life and in the Body.
  - C. We need to learn to serve in the spirit-not in the letter, not in the law, not in doctrine, but in the spirit-Rom. 7:6:
    1. "But now we are discharged from the law, having died to that in which we were held, that we should serve in newness of spirit and not in oldness of letter."
    2. We need to learn not only to walk, to live, in the spirit but also to serve in the spirit, and to serve in the newness of the spirit.
- IV. The purpose of all we do in the church service is to minister Christ to others; there are many lessons to learn in ministering Christ to others by cleaning, by cooking, and by doing many different practical things.**
- V. We all have to realize that it is God's desire that we Christians should be a speaking people, and we have to try our best to fulfill His desire-1 Cor. 9:16:**
- A. We are His witnesses and we have to speak Him, speak for Him, and speak forth Him on every occasion-Acts 1:8.
  - B. To speak we need the Spirit; this Spirit is upon us and this Spirit is within us-1 Cor. 12:13.
- VI. We the believers must speak by preaching the gospel:**
- A. We all should learn that to preach the gospel we must preach in power, in the Holy Spirit, and in much assurance-1 Thes. 1:5.
  - B. Our power is the Triune God as the Spirit.
  - C. When we speak the word of God, we have to speak it with boldness; this boldness is very much related to the Spirit, and the Spirit is related to prayer.
  - D. Learn to speak the living word and learn to speak the rich word; if you are going to speak such a rich word you have to study to pick up the riches in the Word.
  - E. The young saints can preach the gospel with power and impact if they trust in prayer, the Word, and the Spirit.
- VII. God desires that we Christians would be a speaking people; we must be a people all the time speaking Christ:**
- A. All of us in the Lord's recovery have to speak Christ in our daily life to our parents, our children, our cousins, and our in-laws; we all owe so much to our relatives.
  - B. Then we need to continue to speak Christ every day; all human beings today need Christ, yet we need to speak to them-Rom. 1:14

**FOCUS:** The major burdens of this final lesson are (1) to impress the young people with the fact that to have a normal Christian life we must have a proper balance between life (inflow) and service (outflow); in order to have the full enjoyment and experience of the Spirit we must not be self-centered, but rather we must flow out, and (2) to lead the young people into a normal and healthy church life. In order to maintain their freshness and vitality in the Lord, they need the church life and they need a gospel-preaching life. We must lead them to be burdened for their unbelieving friends and relatives to share the gospel and raise up young ones for the building up of the Body of Christ.

**SUGGESTED MEMORY VERSES:**

Mark 10:45; Rom. 12:1,11; 2 Cor. 3:6; John 6:63; Rom. 1:16; 2 Tim. 2:21-22