

**Church - All Nations and All Generations:
Spirit Filled in Private or Public
Acts 1:12-2:41**

Are we for real?

What makes the testimony of the Spirit-filled, God-centered people of God effective in reaching those who are not His yet?

The effectiveness of the Church's testimony depends on...

- I. The humility and integrity of their private lives (Acts 1:12-26).
 - a. An effective witness requires humility: Submission in prayer and word to obey what God says (1:12-20).
 - b. An effective witness requires integrity (1:21-26, Prov. 16:33).

- II. The authenticity and audacity of their public witness (Acts 2).
 - a. An effective witness is the authentic public fulfillment of God's word, not the contrived result of human endeavors (2:1-21, Joel 2:28-32).
 - b. An effective witness boldly invites all people to trust Jesus Christ (2:22-41).

**Christ does not call us to be settled and safe,
But sacrificial and sent.
Be humble, live with integrity, share boldly.**

1. What areas in your personal life does God want to use to communicate his power to a hurting world? Every struggle in our journey is an opportunity to display the power of God's grace to redeem what sin has hurt (2 Cor 12:1-10).
2. The power of the Holy Spirit is displayed when we boldly proclaim the gospel of Jesus. It starts with a step of faith as simple as sharing a life-card but may produce a harvest as amazing as the 3,000 conversions and baptisms we see at the end of Peter's sermon. You do not have to be a great preacher to see God using you to bring others to Christ, but you have to be an authentic, willing and audacious one. Are you ready to be sent?