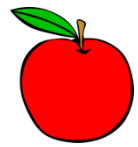




The Fruits of a Spirit Filled Life

A Genuine Ministry

Galatians 2:1-10
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Introduction: What makes a Gospel ministry genuine: the messenger or the message? In our celebrity driven culture, it is often demonstrated that personality and charisma can trump the message in terms of popularity. However, only the Gospel has the power to provide enduring transformation. Paul now reveals elements of a genuine ministry, though they may be directed towards different groups of people. He shares *All Genuine Gospel Ministries Will Have:*

I. A Shared G_____ (vv. 1-5)

“But when God, who had set me apart even from my mother's womb and called me through His grace, was pleased¹⁶to reveal His Son in me so that I might preach Him among the Gentiles, I did not immediately consult with flesh and blood,¹⁷nor did I go up to Jerusalem to those who were apostles before me; but I went away to Arabia, and returned once more to Damascus.” Galatians 1:15-17

“For I delivered to you as of first importance what I also received, that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures,⁴and that He was buried, and that He was raised on the third day according to the Scriptures...”

1 Corinthians 15:3-4

“Only, as the Lord has assigned to each one, as God has called each, in this manner let him walk. And so I direct in all the churches.” 1 Corinthians 7:17

“The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy; I came that they may have life, and have it abundantly.” John 10:10

II. A Shared M_____ (vv. 6-8)

“... but you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be My witnesses both in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and even to the remotest part of the earth.” Acts 1:8

“I have become all things to all men, so that I may by all means save some. ²³I do all things for the sake of the gospel, so that I may become a fellow partaker of it.”

1 Corinthians 9:22b-23

“Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit. ⁵And there are varieties of ministries, and the same Lord. ⁶There are varieties of effects, but the same God who works all things in all persons.” 1 Corinthians 12:4-6

III. A Shared F_____ (v. 9)

IV. A Shared P_____ (v. 10)

“The King will answer and say to them, ‘Truly I say to you, to the extent that you did it to one of these brothers of Mine, even the least of them, you did it to Me.’” Matthew 25:40

“Now concerning the collection for the saints, as I directed the churches of Galatia, so do you also. ²On the first day of every week each one of you is to put aside and save, as he may prosper, so that no collections be made when I come. ³When I arrive, whomever you may approve, I will send them with letters to carry your gift to Jerusalem...” 1 Corinthians 16:1-3