#3) The BIGGEST Kingdom Leadership requirement

Acts 6:3-4 (NIV)

3 Brothers and sisters, choose seven men from among you who are known to be <u>full of the Spirit and wisdom</u>. We will turn this responsibility over to them 4 and will give our attention to prayer and the ministry of the word."

8 Week Series on how to practically live a lifestyle full of the Holy Spirit

HABITS:

1. WORSHIP - The practice of private surrender

HABIT 2: Meditation - Hearing God's voice through His word

Hebrews 4:12 (NIV)

12 For the word of God is <u>alive and active</u>. Sharper than any double-edged sword, it penetrates even to dividing soul and spirit, joints and marrow; it judges the thoughts and attitudes of the heart.

There is life - Holy Spirit fullness in the word that is waiting to be harvested!

How to get the life out of God's word - MEDITATION

Psalms 1:1-3 (NIV) 1 Blessed is the one who does not walk in step with the wicked or stand in the way that sinners take or sit in the company of mockers, 2 but whose delight is in the law of the LORD, and who meditates on his law day and night. 3 That person is like a tree planted by streams of water, which yields its fruit in season and whose leaf does not wither whatever they do prospers.

ILLUST: Chewing the cud

- Reading is like grazing
- Meditating is like chewing the cud
- It is the rechewing and mulling over of what you have already read that releases the life of God

Joshua 1:8 (NIV)

8 Keep this Book of the Law always on your lips; meditate on it day and night, so that you may be careful to do everything written in it. Then you will be prosperous and successful.

The promise of prosperity and success follows the condition of learning to meditate on God's word because the more we meditate the fuller of the Holy Spirit we become

PERSONAL:

- Nothing charges my batteries quicker than hearing God speak to me from His word
- Can feel flat and discouraged and then super charged in an instant
- One of the reasons I enjoy sermon preparation so much is the meditation on scriptures

PRACTICAL:

- Reduce quantity and focus on quality
- Read until you have highlighted something
- Try writing it out and memorising it
- Practice recalling it when you get into bed at night

QUESTIONS:

- 1. Do you have a Scripture reading plan and habit in place in your daily routine?
- 2. What do you need to do to take the habit from Scripture reading to biblical meditation?
- 3. What trigger can you use to remind yourself of a verse to ponder as you fall asleep at night?