



MUSTARD SEED LEADERSHIP PODCAST

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7) 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 full of the Spirit and wisdom. 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
2. **MEDITATION** - Hearing God's voice through His word
3. **PRAYER** - Time on your knees in His Presence
4. **FELLOWSHIP** - Jesus focussed friendships
5. **BREAKING BREAD** - Drawing from the Body & Blood of Jesus

HABIT 6: Serving with your spiritual gift

ILLUST: God has gifted me to preach and teach His Word

- Preaching fills my tank
- Find it exhausting
- Get really nervous
- But it fills my tank!

BIG IDEA: There is a grace gift on your life that if you use it to God's glory by serving will actually fill you, while it helps others

- it is a true win / win scenario!

There is a beautiful example of Jesus ministering to the Samaritan woman at the well:

John 4:34 (NIV)

34 "My food," said Jesus, "is to do the will of him who sent me and to finish his work."

Jesus was hungry and tired before ministering to the woman at the well

- After ministering to her he is refreshed!
- When the life of the Holy Spirit flows through you, you get filled afresh!

1 Corinthians 15:10 (NIV)

10 But by the grace of God I am what I am, and his grace to me was not without effect. No, I worked harder than all of them—yet not I, but the grace of God that was with me.

Paul experienced the same thing

- He felt that his life was being poured out like a drink offering
- Yet he was being spiritually strengthened at the same time

BIG IDEA: Using your spiritual gift fills your tank

- It might tire you physically
- But it will fill you with the Holy Spirit

Dream: Get rid of serving team rosters at church!

- I can't imagine coming to church without welcoming people at the door
- I even gravitate to the door when I'm visiting other churches to welcome people!
- Just love to stand there and greet people
- Might need a WhatsApp group to say when you are not available but when you are - serving is worship and fills your tank!

PRACTICAL:

- Discover your spiritual gifts. Ask the Holy Spirit, ask a mature Christian friend, use an online spiritual gift assessment. Clarity leads to confidence.
- Join a serving team at your church that can use your gifts
- Find a way of using your spiritual gifts in your daily job
- Don't let your flesh lie to you! It might take energy to use your gifts but what you reap is greater than what you sow!

QUESTIONS:

1. Do you know your top three spiritual gifts?
2. Are using your spiritual gifts part of your lifestyle habits? Ie. Are you part of a ministry team that uses your gifts?
3. How are you using your spiritual gifts outside of the church environment but for the glory of God?