

Luke 4: 14-21 Seven natures of Spirit Filled Caring or Divine Care Giving

Look first at Luke 1:1, I want to show you that Jesus was full of the Holy Ghost, and as a result of that, what came into His life immediately?

Problems! Temptations! Face to face encounter with the Devil! Please don't think that because you are a Spirit filled Christian that everything is just going to be peaches and cream and be better because you decided to be filled with the Holy Ghost.

The next 40 days, Jesus and does combat with the Devil like He never has before. Jesus fasts for those 40 days prior just to give the devil a chance! (Rush Limbaugh says, Answer your questions with ½ his brain tied behind his back!) He comes out the Victor but is weakened, tired and worn to the point that angels come from heaven to minister to His body.

Being filled with the Spirit is planned! It is an act of your free will! Anyone of us can have a revival in His or her life this week if they desired to. It comes by getting the sin out of our lives, and replace it with the filling of the Holy Spirit, Die to self and being submissive and obedient to God's will.

When the devil sees you say, "I want to be spirit filled, I want to follow the Lord and to do His will, you are asking for trouble from the Devil. You are aiming for a head on collision with the Devil! Satan tried to stop Jesus at the beginning of His ministry, not at the end.

Some of you are in fore the time of your life with the adversary.

There is a record in Acts 6 where seven men are said to have been full of the Holy Ghost before they started their Care Ministry of the taking care of the widows and taking care of tables.

Caring for people is the product of a Spirit filled life.

Acts 6:3-4 Wherefore, brethren, look ye out among you seven men of honest report, full of the Holy Ghost and wisdom, whom we may appoint over this business. 4 But we will give ourselves continually to prayer, and to the ministry of the word.

The pastor does not say this out of pride but out off necessity! The leaders of the church need to be occupied continually with the ministry of the Word and to prayer!

The average pastor's job is, spending all his week caring for people and then rushing Saturday night to get a sermon ready for Sunday morning and for Sunday nights. And never has time to pray.

I have talked to other preachers who have left the ministry as to why they did.

The churches today believe that the pastor is the care giver. Every single little need that they have they take it to the pastor. Every time there is a need for counsel, or hosp. Visit, someone's sick or absent, someone needs to get saved, or whatever it falls on the shoulder of the pastor.

Don't you love it when you get a good sermon on Sunday, one that has obviously has been thought out, prepared, studied, prayed over, rather that some refurbished old sermon taken out of the old files or something just thrown together at the last minute?

Seven natures of Spirit filled care giving: Text: Luke 4: 14-21 Jesus comes in the power of the Spirit and being filled with the Spirit!

1. He Taught! Teaching is the first nature of spirit filled care giving. A Care giver is a teacher.

Spirit filled mothers teach their children. Spirit filled fathers teach their children. Spirit filled pastors and Sunday school teachers teach!

Growing up my mom taught me how to wash and dry dishes, vacuuming floors, mowing the lawn, ironing my clothes and doing the laundry! That was all I knew what to do when I graduated from high school! Clean a house!

I started to work with my father at A-1 Auto sales; cleaning interiors on cars... I advanced to cleaning and spray painting or spackling trunks. I learned to steam clean and repaint engines.

Then one day my father taught me how to do body and fender repair. Grinding down the metal, riveting on new sheet metal in areas that were rusted out completely. Fiberglassing, filing, sanding, puttying, primer, more sanding, then spray painting fenders hoods and eventually whole cars!

I did so well at it that my father wanted to start his own business and have me work with him full time!

He took the time and taught me how to use the proper tools! **Teaching is one of the greatest acts of love that you can show someone!**

I don't care if it is mechanical work, garden work, kitchen work, woodwork, yard work, music...

A Spirit filled person will teach!

We hear all the time people who are struggling, "No one ever told me..." (Life saver min.)
Where were their mothers, fathers, teachers?

I heard an older lady say, "It's my secret recipe, I'm not sharing it with anybody!" What a legacy? What an attitude! To have all kinds of knowledge and not share it with anybody??

I don't understand that? I'll be honest with you, when I am done preaching and teaching you from the Bible, I don't know anything else! I have no secrets in my office. I know nothing that I don't share with you from this pulpit.

When I am done teaching, I have to go back and work hard and dig into the Bible some more!
You know what I know!

2. vs. 16-19, The second nature of a Spirit filled care giver is **PREACHING!**

Preaching is not just done by the preacher. Preaching is simply proclaiming the gospel, the good news. Preaching isn't something that is just done by this sacred wooden desk on Sunday morning at 11:00 am.

It is for anybody who proclaims the truth!

Teaching and preaching is only two- sevenths of what Jesus did in caring for others.

3. Healing, vs.18