

Full Gospel Ministry

Romans 15:18-20a

1. Word and Deed

(what we say and do; the content of our speaking and the manner of our living)

a. Speaking the **content** of the Gospel

- i. Sin
- ii. Forgiveness and Repentance
- iii. Sacrifice of Christ

b. Speaking the **life** of the gospel

c. **Living** the gospel

John Stott 'This combination of words and works, the verbal and the visual, is a recognition that human beings often learn more through their eyes than through their ears. Words explain works, but works dramatize words.'

i. Living out Joy

ii. Living out Sanctification

Overcoming sin / sanctification is about what it says about freedom from bonds that prevent us from enjoying God than about following rules.

iii. Living out biblical commitment

2. Power of signs and wonders

a. *The spectacular gave evidence and support to the truth Paul proclaimed.*

b. *Signs / miracles reserve glory for God alone.*

c. *Anticipate opportunities for the miraculous to occur.*

3. Power of the Spirit of God

- a. ***The Holy Spirit loves to be where the gospel is proclaimed***
(John Piper). John 15:26.
- b. ***The Spirit empowers us to speak and live worthy of the gospel.***
 - i. Mark 13:11 (ESV) *And when they bring you to trial and deliver you over, do not be anxious beforehand what you are to say, but say whatever is given you in that hour, for it is not you who speak, but the Holy Spirit.*
- c. ***The Spirit performs the signs and wonders in and through us.***
 - i. Speaking of spiritual gifts: 1 Cor. 12:11 (ESV) *All these are empowered by one and the same Spirit, who apportions to each one individually as he wills.*
- d. ***The Spirit makes these things effective in the minds and hearts of the hearers and seers.***
 - i. John 16:7-8 (ESV) *Nevertheless, I tell you the truth: it is to your advantage that I go away, for if I do not go away, the Helper will not come to you. But if I go, I will send him to you. [8] And when he comes, he will convict the world concerning sin and righteousness and judgment.*
 - ii. John 6:63 (ESV) *It is the Spirit who gives life; the flesh is of no avail. The words that I have spoken to you are spirit and life.*