

## VII. The Power for Witnessing - The Holy Spirit (*Acts 1:8*)

Illustration - Peter

The Apostles (*Acts 4:31,33*)

A. This is a spiritual ministry (*Ephesians 6:12*)

1. Person outside of Christ is spiritually dead (*Ephesians 2:1*)
2. Person outside of Christ is blinded by Satan (*II Corinthians 4:3,4*)

- person may be ever so brilliant in other things...business...science...

B. It is God Who must work a miracle.

1. Of course we are unqualified in our own strength.
2. But God needs a spokesman - That's YOU, the personal worker
3. Therefore a personal worker must be filled with the Spirit

Illustration - *John 15:26,27*. Are you filled with the Spirit?

C. What is involved in this?

1. Confession of all known sin (*Psalm 66:18; Acts 24:16* i.e. "acknowledge")
2. A complete surrender of the will to follow Christ (*Matthew 4:19; Luke 9:23*)

Illustration - Young lady giving herself in marriage

Illustration - A soldier who wants to keep his job

3. By faith depending upon the Person of the Holy Spirit
  - a. To guide you to the right person to help

Illustration - Mendenhall in London, 11 alcoholics

- b. Guide you in the use of the right Scripture
- c. That the Word through you will not be in word only, but in Power (*I Thessalonians 1:5*)
- d. To point the needy soul to Christ (*John 16: 14*)

"He shall glorify me..." says Christ.

Note: In witnessing you can only go so far...a point comes where you step back and the Holy Spirit does His work in the heart.

**Application:**

1. Do you have any known sin unconfessed?
2. Have you surrendered your will to Him?
3. Step out by faith, depending upon the Holy Spirit to guide and give you power to witness to the saving grace of Christ.

**Assignment**

1. Memorize Acts 1:8 and Ephesians 5:18
2. Review daily all the verses you have learned thus far and quote them to someone word for word.
3. List three main reasons why the personal worker must be led by the Holy Spirit.
4. What must be true in a person's life if he is to be Spirit-directed?

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**Unit 7 "Check-Yourself" Test**

**Memory Verses:**

- Acts 1:8
- Ephesians 5:18

1. What two truths are seen in Acts 1:8? \_\_\_\_\_  
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2. Acts 4:29 records the prayer of the apostles for boldness in speech. Was this boldness granted? If so, what verse proves it? \_\_\_\_\_  
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3. What verse states the Lord will not hear us if we have unconfessed sin in our lives? \_\_\_\_\_  
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4. What does it mean to "deny self"? \_\_\_\_\_  
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5. Have you surrendered your will to Christ? Are you willing to step out on faith and depend upon the Holy Spirit to guide you in your witnessing? \_\_\_\_\_  
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**Answers To "Check-Yourself" Tests - Unit 7**

1. (a) Promise of power, and (b) assurance that on receiving that power, we shall be witnesses for the Lord.; 2. Yes (Acts 4:31).; 3. Psalm 66:18.; 4. To say no to ourselves, and yes to Him.; 5. Your answer.