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Acts 1:8

God's Spirit works in every believer. He doesn't limit Himself to pastors and missionaries. If you've received Jesus Christ as your personal Savior, then residing within you is the same great power that raised Christ from the dead. (See Rom. 8:11.) The Holy Spirit creates godly character in all who follow the Lord.

The fruit of the Spirit is the character and conduct the Holy Spirit produces in believers (Gal. 5:22-23). These are qualities that we can't generate consistently on our own. Especially in this season, the most powerful message we can give isn't a testimony or sermon; it's the life we live when the pressure is on, temptation is tremendous, or we are buried under an avalanche of problems.

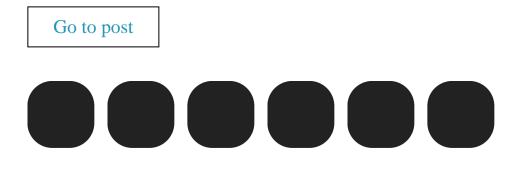
The world doesn't need more festive decorations or empty songs. Instead, it needs to witness godly families loving one another, businesspeople working with integrity and frugality, and young men and women who choose moral purity. The world needs to be exposed to believers who are obedient.

By showing peace instead of anxiety, or practicing patience rather than speaking a sharp word, a Christian bears witness to the beauty of the gospel. We attract unbelievers to Jesus through our words and deeds. They may turn down a doctrine, but they can't ignore a righteous life.

The strongest gospel message doesn't always come from a pulpit. The most powerful witness for Jesus Christ where you work, where you live, and where you relax is *you*. In the next few weeks and into the new year, be mindful of the message you preach through your words and actions.

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