

People who received the Lord Jesus because they heard the Gospel preached by someone who had received power and on whom the Holy Spirit was currently resting, but did not themselves seek to be filled with the power from on High and to continue to be filled with the power from on High, are born again. However, they cannot reproduce their kind because what is needed to impart the life of God to someone who is dead in trespasses and sin is not only that the messenger has the life from above but also that he has the power from above resting upon him. This is the problem of the church today – the members are largely moving corpses, because they are the products of men and women who do not have the indispensable qualification for imparting life – power from the Holy Spirit. The Lord Jesus said, “The Spirit of the Lord is on me, because he has anointed me to preach the good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim freedom for the prisoners and recovery of sight for the blind, to release the oppressed and to proclaim the year of the Lord’s favour” (Luke 4 : 18-19). If you are honest, you will own up that the churches are made up of people the vast majority of whom are poor, bound, blind, oppressed and have no real dealings with Me. They are the fruit of an impotent ministry. They are the fruit of impotent ministers. They are the fruit of impotent witnesses that decided that they could do in the power of the flesh what could only be done in the power of the Holy Spirit.

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THE SECOND REASON FOR NOT KEEPING THE HARVEST (The lack of Continuous Anointing)

The second reason why there is no harvest to keep is that, it is not enough that the Holy Spirit came upon someone to give that one power for ministry. The person upon whom the power of the Holy Spirit came the first time and so anointed him to witness in power must have the Holy Spirit coming upon him again and again and again. There must be repeated anointings and in between the anointings there must be continuous anointing. The distinct anointings can be called the crises and the permanent anointing can be called the processes.