

Acts 1:4-5

And being assembled together with them, He commanded them not to depart from Jerusalem, but to wait for the Promise of the Father, "which," He said, "you have heard from Me; for John truly baptized with water, but you shall be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days from now."

Jesus told the disciples to “*wait*” not to “*rush*.” Yet we tend to do the opposite, we rush out to do for God, instead of waiting for the leading and empowering of the Holy Spirit to come upon us to go out and do. So, when we don’t “*wait*” in prayer, but rather “*rush*” out in our own power, that is when we fail and become unfruitful, and even frustrated.

Here in today’s verses, Jesus told the disciples to “*wait*” and He told them that when you do, then “*you shall be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days from now.*” And we see the results of them waiting in the beginning of chapter two in Acts.

† Acts 2:1-4 *When the Day of Pentecost had fully come, they were all with one accord in one place. And suddenly there came a sound from heaven, as of a rushing mighty wind, and it filled the whole house where they were sitting. Then there appeared to them divided tongues, as of fire, and one sat upon each of them. And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance.*

Also, if you read at the end of chapter two in Acts, we see tremendous fruit happening as well, as we read of about three thousand were saved.

† Acts 2:41 *Then those who gladly received his word were baptized; and that day about three thousand souls were added to them.*

But we tend to do things backwards. We plan and get all our resources in play, then at the end we pray, “*Okay God, now bless the work of my hands.*” Yet I wonder how many things we could actually do for the Kingdom of God, if we spent our time **praying** before we did any **planning**. Because if we are praying first, then we are seeking what God want’s us to do, and how He wants to do it through us so that He receives the glory, and it is done according to His plan and by the power of the Holy Spirit working in us.

† Zechariah 4:6 *So he answered and said to me: "This is the word of the LORD to Zerubbabel: 'Not by might nor by power, but by My Spirit,' Says the LORD of hosts.*

† Proverbs 16:9 *A man's heart plans his way, But the LORD directs his steps.*

† John 16:13 *However, when He, the Spirit of truth, has come, He will guide you into all truth; for He will not speak on His own authority, but whatever He hears He will speak; and He will tell you things to come.*