

Let's explore one of the powerful secrets that caused the message of our Lord Jesus Christ to spread so effectively in such a short period. Many people assume that self promotion or showing off our good deeds before others will make us more known or successful. For example, someone might help a person with something small and immediately broadcast it to everyone so they can receive praise and recognition.

But let's examine the approach Jesus used. There is a profound lesson here by one that can shape our ministries, our daily work, and every aspect of our lives.

Jesus' Approach: Silent Power and Humble Impact

Mark 1:40-45 (ESV)

“And a leper came to him, imploring him, and kneeling said to him, ‘If you will, you can make me clean.’ Moved with pity, he stretched out his hand and touched him and said to him, ‘I will; be clean.’ And immediately the leprosy left him, and he was made clean. And Jesus sternly charged him and sent him away at once, and said to him, ‘See that you say nothing to anyone, but go, show yourself to the priest and offer for your cleansing what Moses commanded, for a proof to them.’ But

he went out and began to talk freely about it, and to spread the news, so that Jesus could no longer openly enter a town, but was out in desolate places, and people were coming to him from every quarter."

We see here that Jesus healed the man, but instructed him not to tell anyone. This wasn't an isolated case Jesus often gave the same instruction after performing miracles. Why? It wasn't that Jesus didn't want His name known. Rather, He understood a divine principle: when you refrain from self promotion, you give others a reason to speak for you and that often has a more powerful impact.

Mark 7:34-36 (ESV)

"And looking up to heaven, he sighed and said to him, 'Ephphatha,' that is, 'Be opened.' And his ears were opened, his tongue was released, and he spoke plainly. And Jesus charged them to tell no one. But the more he charged them, the more zealously they proclaimed it."

This counterintuitive method doing great things quietly and humbly made Jesus even more famous. It is a spiritual law:

“Whoever exalts himself will be humbled, and whoever humbles himself will be exalted.” (*Matthew 23:12*)

Give Your Best Then Stay Silent

If you want to be recognized or honored whether in ministry, business, or personal life first do excellent work, then stay humble and quiet. Don't glorify yourself or seek the applause of men. In time, the very people you served will speak on your behalf far more convincingly than you ever could.

This was Jesus' principle. He humbled Himself He didn't seek praise and for that reason, God exalted Him.

Philippians 2:8-9 (KJV)

“And being found in fashion as a man, he humbled himself, and became obedient unto death, even the death of the

cross. Wherefore God also hath highly exalted him, and given him a name which is above every name."

Small Answers Can Lead to Big Miracles

Sometimes we pray for something big from God and expect the answer to arrive in the same measure. But God often begins with something small. If we don't understand this divine principle, we might miss His answers.

Think of Elijah: he prayed for rain over Israel after years of drought. He expected a great cloud, but what came instead?

1 Kings 18:44 (KJV)

"And it came to pass at the seventh time, that he said,
Behold, there ariseth a little cloud out of the sea, like a man's hand."

It was just a small cloud, like the size of a man's hand. But Elijah didn't despise it he received it by faith. Soon after, the sky grew

dark and heavy rain poured over the land. That's the power of believing even in small beginnings.

Zechariah 4:10 (ESV)

“For whoever has despised the day of small things shall rejoice...”

Don't despise small answers. You may have asked for a house, and instead received a bicycle. Receive it with gratitude and faith it may be the very thing God uses to bring you the house and more.

Don't Lose Sight of Eternity

But above all, remember: this world is not our home. We are pilgrims on a journey. God may bless us with possessions, but they are temporary. We are not called to pursue houses, cars, or land as our final goal. These are tools, not destinations.

2 Peter 3:13 (KJV)

“Nevertheless we, according to his promise, look for new heavens and a new earth, wherein dwelleth righteousness.”

We must fix our eyes on eternity, not temporary things. Jesus taught that a person's life is not defined by the abundance of their possessions:

Luke 12:15 (ESV)

“Take care, and be on your guard against all covetousness, for one's life does not consist in the abundance of his possessions.”

And again:

Mark 8:36 (KJV)

“For what shall it profit a man, if he shall gain the whole world, and lose his own soul?”

Let us walk in the humility of Christ. Let us do our best quietly,

trusting that God Himself will lift us up. Let us believe in small beginnings and have an eternal mindset. For our greatest reward is not in this world but in the life to come.

May the Lord bless you abundantly.

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