

Living Water Part 26
Acts 13:1-12

The Title Of The Message: “Directed By The Spirit”

The Key Word: Prayer

The Thought: When the church gathers together in prayer the Spirit directs our prayer, directs us in ministry and our words.

The Breakdown:

Verses 1-3 Directed In Prayer...

Verses 4-8 Directed By The Spirit...

Verses 9-13 Directed To Speak...

Verses 1-3 Directed In Prayer...

Acts 13:1

Now in the church...

“The superficial results of many a ministry, the deadness of others, are to be found in the lack of praying. No ministry can succeed without much praying, and this praying must be fundamental, ever-abiding, ever-increasing.” -E. M. Bounds “Power Through Prayer”

Prophets and teachers...

Ephesians 4:11–12 (NKJV) 11 And He Himself gave some to be apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, and some pastors and

teachers, 12 for the equipping of the saints for the work of ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ...

Colossians 3:16 Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly in all wisdom, teaching and admonishing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing with grace in your hearts to the Lord.

Barnabas, Niger, Lucius, Manaen, Saul...

Barnabas, from Cyprus, a Greek colony

Simeon = Roman nickname Niger = “Dark” or “Black” from Africa

Lucius from Cyrene, a Hellenist

Manaen from the Royal court of Herod the Tetrarch

Saul = Paul

1 Timothy 1:12–13 (NKJV) 12 And I thank Christ Jesus our Lord who has enabled me, because He counted me faithful, putting me into the ministry, 13 although I was formerly a blasphemer, a persecutor, and an insolent man; but I obtained mercy because I did it ignorantly in unbelief.

Acts 13:2-3

As they ministered...

Matthew 17:19–21

The Holy Spirit said...

“I do not for a moment imagine that the assembly heard a voice. That is the mistake we too often make. We try to force ourselves into

ecstasies in order to hear the voice, then we imagine we hear it!” -G. Campbell Morgan

Then, having fasted and prayed...

Verses 4-8 Sent Out By The Spirit...

Acts 13:4-5

So, being sent out...

Romans 10:8–11

Acts 13:6-8

Now when they had gone...

They found a certain sorcerer...

1 Timothy 2:1–4

Jude 21–23

This man called...

But Elymas the sorcerer...

“Magos” = “One of a Median caste, a magician” “A wizard, a pretender to magic powers, a professor of the arts of witchcraft,”

“Astrologers”

Withstood them...

Proverbs 27:6 (NKJV) Faithful are the wounds of a friend, But the kisses of an enemy are deceitful.

Verses 9-13 Directed To Speak...

Acts 13:9-10

Then Saul...

Bar-Jesus = “son of Jesus”

John 8:44 (NKJV) You are of your father the devil, and the desires of your father you want to do. He was a murderer from the beginning, and does not stand in the truth, because there is no truth in him. When he speaks a lie, he speaks from his own resources, for he is a liar and the father of it.

Acts 13:11-12

And now, indeed...

Proverbs 4:7 (NKJV) Wisdom is the principal thing; Therefore get wisdom. And in all your getting, get understanding.

Proverbs 16:16 (NKJV) How much better to get wisdom than gold! And to get understanding is to be chosen rather than silver.

Proverbs 19:8 (NKJV) He who gets wisdom loves his own soul; He who keeps understanding will find good.

2 Corinthians 11:12–15

You shall be blind...

James 5:16 (NKJV) Confess your trespasses to one another, and pray for one another, that you may be healed. The effective, fervent prayer of a righteous man avails much.

Application:

- 1. The Christian is to prepared to receive instruction through regular prayer and fasting.**
- 2. The Christian is to be obedient to the leading of the Spirit, as they receive instructions through the Word of God.**
- 3. The Christian is to be ready to speak as they have been prepared by the Spirit, through prayer, fasting and the word of God.**