

Spirit-Filled Pastor: Why You May Be Missing This Crucial Element of Your Calling

Moral failure. It's become all too common today. And it's especially painful when it happens to Christian leaders, as recent news stories have shown us.

As a Spirit-filled pastor, Doug Stringer daily walks in the power and authority God has given him to use the gifts of the Spirit to minister to others. While those are available to all believers, he says some who struggle with their walk with Christ miss the most important element of their calling.

"No leader ever sets out to fail, but yet we see so many failures," Stringer, the founder of Somebody Cares International, told Dr. Steve Greene on a recent episode of "Greenelines" on the Charisma Podcast Network. "Sometimes we forget to be tethered to that place of God's presence, the foundations, the fundamentals of that place that God has called us.

"David Livingston, the great missionary to South Africa, used to ask, 'Why is it that when an earthly king commissions us, we considered it an honor? But, when the heavenly King commissions us, we call it a sacrifice?' For me, every morning in my prayer time, I thank the Lord for the privilege of His calling. It's an honor and a privilege. I think people need to recognize that we really need His presence to empower our generation.

"And what are the fundamentals and the foundation? We need a relationship with God to walk in authority and do great exploits. That relationship comes by spending time with Him in prayer, in His presence, and to stay low in humility because humility and the fear of the Lord guarantees a stewardship of

riches and honor in life. So often we want to circumvent that place of humility, but we cannot.”

A cancer survivor, Stringer delivers a powerful message through his podcast, “A Word in Season,” with practical teaching and powerful stories of Christ’s love for a hurting world.

For more about Doug Stringer and his ministry, listen to this podcast.