

Ministers Who Walk in Shallow Faith Are Doomed to Fail—Here's Why

If the pastor walks in shallow faith, likely the congregation will, too.

Recently returned from his trip to Israel, Pastor Greg Locke of Global Bible Vision Church in Lebanon, Tennessee, gave a powerful message to his congregation about why it is so vital to be filled up by the Holy Spirit day after day, especially for ministers.

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“I’m not going to be lukewarm just because everybody else in America wants to be lukewarm,” Locke says. “God is sending out that lukewarm crowd, that loveless crowd, that powerless crowd that unbaptized by the Holy Ghost crowd.”

Locke makes it clear that what is needed in the American church is the presence of God. He believes that we cannot have more of the power of His Spirit without being receptive to His presence above all else.

Locke points out that if someone can go to a church year after year without ever hearing the gospel, feeling a sense of community and receiving healing and deliverance, then that is a reflection of a particular church not moving in the power of the Holy Spirit.

“The only people who get mad at fired up churches are dead ones,” Pastor Locke says. They’re the only people complaining about demons and healing and supernatural and baptisms and praying in tongues.

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Ultimately, a minister must be willing to bring in the presence of God. And a minister can only pour out to others what he has to give.