

The Holy Spirit Empowering the Believer

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I. Introduction.

A. Text: Acts 1:8.

B. We want to know whether we are living out of the Spirit's power or our own since God has created us to live out of His power for everything in life.

II. Power can mean authority or vitality. (Matthew 28)

III. There is great spiritual poverty in this generation today.

A. When God works, He works through individuals.

B. We should all be walking in the Spirit so that God's power would fall upon others.

C. The Spirit has no need to release power when one has no real sense of commission and commitment.

D. We must look to what God wants to do instead of the programs we want to do.

E. Where there is purity of heart there is the power of the Spirit.

F. God may have to send some challenge into a person's life in order to prepare them. (Luke 24:38, 49)

IV. The pursuit of spiritual power.

A. God is willing to give anyone spiritual power as long as they meet certain requirements.

B. The purpose of spiritual power is for serving God.

C. We should be aware of our great potential to do awesome things for God.

D. The only proper motivation for spiritual power is service to God and holy living.

V. We are not the best we can be. (II Corinthians 3:4, 2:1-3)

VI. Requirements.

A. Purity of heart.

B. An obedient spirit.

C. A humble spirit.

D. Involvement in ministry.

E. Persevering prayer.

F. Trusting God.

Application questions:

1. Why do you think there is such a lack of spiritual power in churches today?

2. What is spiritual power?

3. How can you challenge yourself to grow in one of the requirements for spiritual power in a provable and practical way?
