

BE EMPOWERED FOR YOUR DESTINY

2 PETER 1:3-4 ESV

3 His divine power has granted to us all things that pertain to life and godliness, through the knowledge of him who called us to his own glory and excellence,

4 by which he has granted to us his precious and very great promises, so that through them you may become partakers of the divine nature, having escaped from the corruption that is in the world because of sinful desire.

- The divine power comes from the Holy Spirit
- His divine power has granted us all things pertain to life and godliness
- The children of God are partakers of the divine nature.
- We need divine power to live a victorious life on earth.
- We need divine power to fulfill God's purpose on earth.

BE EMPOWERED BY THE HOLY SPIRIT

1. BE FILLED WITH THE HOLY SPIRIT

ACTS 1:8

But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth.” (ESV)

ACTS 2:1-4 ESV

1When the day of Pentecost arrived, they were all together in one place. **2**And suddenly there came from heaven a sound like a mighty rushing wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. **3**And divided tongues as of fire appeared to them and rested^a on each one of them. **4**And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit gave them utterance.

- They were ALL FILLED WITH THE HOLY SPIRIT VS 4
- THE POWER OF THE HOLY SPIRIT US FOR ALL BELIEVERS
Acts 2:38-39

2 And Peter said to them, “Repent and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins, and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit.

Act 2:39 For the promise is for you and for your children and for all who are far off, everyone whom the Lord our God calls to himself.”

THEY WERE EMPOWERED TO WORSHIP GOD IN SPIRIT

- When they were filled with the Holy Spirit, the glorified God, they declared the great things of God
- **They prayed in a new language/ tongues**
- When you pray in new tongues nobody understands what you are praying except God. You pray mysteries
- You pray in the spirit
- You edify your spirit
- They were transformed- Peter was changed from being a fearful man to a powerful preacher

2. BE LED BY THE HOLY SPIRIT

***13**For if you live according to the flesh you will die, but if by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body, you will live. **14**For all who are led by the Spirit of God are sons^f of God.*

- Those who are born again have divine nature because they are born of the Spirit
- They are set free from the bondage of sin
- They are led by the Holy Spirit

ROMANS 8:1-2 ESV

***1**There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus.^a **2**For the law of the Spirit of life has set you^b free in Christ Jesus from the law of sin and death.*

- Believers are set free from the law of sin and death
- The law of the Spirit of Life has sets us free from the law of sin and death
- The Holy Spirit empowers you to live a godly life

WALK BY THE SPIRIT

Galatians 5:16,24-25 ESV

***al 5:16** But I say, walk by the Spirit, and you will not gratify the desires of the flesh.*

Gal 5:25 If we live by the Spirit, let us also keep in step with the Spirit.

3. BE USED BY THE HOLY SPIRIT

- Be empowered by the Holy Spirit to fulfill God's purpose on earth.

ACTS 6:3 NIV

3Brothers and sisters, choose seven men from among you who are known to be full of the Spirit and wisdom. We will turn this responsibility over to them

Acts 6:5-6

5This proposal pleased the whole group. They chose Stephen, a man full of faith and of the Holy Spirit; also Philip, Procorus, Nicanor, Timon, Parmenas, and Nicolas from Antioch, a convert to Judaism. **6**They presented these men to the apostles, who prayed and laid their hands on them.

Acts 6:8

8Now Stephen, a man full of God's grace and power, performed great wonders and signs among the people.

- The Holy Spirit empowers you and enables you to do things beyond human abilities
- Holy gives us spiritual gifts.

THE HOLY SPIRIT GIVE YOU POWER TO OVERCOME CHALLENGES AND OBSTACLES.

ACTS 13:6-12 NLT

*6*Afterward they traveled from town to town across the entire island until finally they reached Paphos, where they met a Jewish sorcerer, a false prophet named Bar-Jesus. *7*He had attached himself to the governor, Sergius Paulus, who was an intelligent man. The governor invited Barnabas and Saul to visit him, for he wanted to hear the word of God. *8*But Elymas, the sorcerer (as his name means in Greek), interfered and urged the governor to pay no attention to what Barnabas and Saul said. He was trying to keep the governor from believing.

*9*Saul, also known as Paul, was filled with the Holy Spirit, and he looked the sorcerer in the eye. *10*Then he said, "You son of the devil, full of every sort of deceit and fraud, and enemy of all that is good! Will you never stop perverting the true ways of the Lord? *11*Watch now, for the Lord has laid his hand of punishment upon you, and you will be struck blind. You will not see the sunlight for some time." Instantly mist and darkness came over the man's eyes, and he began groping around begging for someone to take his hand and lead him.

*12*When the governor saw what had happened, he became a believer, for he was astonished at the teaching about the Lord.

- Paul and Barnabas reached Paphos where they met the Jewish Sorcerer and false prophet. This false prophet had attached himself to the governor.
- The governor wanted to hear the word of God and the Elymas the sorcerer interfered and urged the governor not pay attention to Paul and Barnabas as they share the word of God
- Paul full of the Holy Spirit He commanded the Elymas the sorsorer to be blind for a while, the false prophet became blind
- When the governor saw what had happened, He became a believer.
- The power of God is above all powers

HE GIVES YOU POWER TO MOVE MOUNTAINS.

Zechariah 4:6-7 ESV

6Then he said to me, “This is the word of the LORD to Zerubbabel: Not by might, nor by power, but by my Spirit, says the LORD of hosts. **7**Who are you, O great mountain? Before Zerubbabel you shall become a plain. And he shall bring forward the top stone amid shouts of ‘Grace, grace to it!’”

8Then the word of the LORD came to me, saying, **9**“The hands of Zerubbabel have laid the foundation of this house; his hands shall also complete it. Then you will know that the LORD of hosts has sent me to you. **10**For whoever has despised the day of small things shall rejoice, and shall see the plumb line in the hand of Zerubbabel.

RECEIVE THE POWER OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

- Desire to be filled with the Holy Spirit
- Believe in Jesus Christ and receive Him as your personal savior
- Have faith to receive the power of the Holy Spirit.

John 7:37-39 ESV

Joh 7:37 On the last day of the feast, the great day, Jesus stood up and cried out, “If anyone thirsts, let him come to me and drink.

Joh 7:38 Whoever believes in me, as the Scripture has said, ‘Out of his heart will flow rivers of living water.’”

Joh 7:39 Now this he said about the Spirit, whom those who believed in him were to receive, for as yet the Spirit had not been given, because Jesus was not yet glorified.