

THE POWER WITHOUT THE FRILLS

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Two thousand years after Christ, the Holy Spirit is being poured out like never before, but the power is not properly understood. The way the Spirit is received and used, is often compromised through ignorance or pride. Humans have a great need to improve or modify the effective and powerful ways of the spirit. It is God's will that we be aware of these failings and protect people from this type of compromise. The simple, yet powerful promises in the bible are more than enough for all Christians to overcome this world... but they need to know these truths and it is the duty of those who understand, to promote it for the Lord.

This duty falls upon all Spirit filled people, not just the leaders!!

The power, the actions, the blessing, the revelation and the way of God are all through the same indwelling Spirit. It is a revealing Spirit, working far better when used according to God's wisdom. ROM 8:16 The Spirit itself beareth witness with our spirit, that we are the children of God: God's Spirit bears witness of itself... our testimony is of God's action... not our own. 14 For as many as are led by the Spirit of God, they are the sons of God. The key is to allow the spirit to direct us... to lead us... to act on our behalf. Then it is our duty to act on God's behalf... as prophets of truth.

ROM 8:26 Likewise the Spirit also helpeth our infirmities: for we know not what we should pray for as we ought: but the Spirit itself maketh intercession for us with groanings which cannot be uttered. *The power of effective prayer rests in the knowledge of praying in the spirit... of letting the spirit have its way. We need to make time for this type of prayer and discipline ourselves to practice it... it has power to do all the things that we are not able to do.*

27 And he that searcheth the hearts knoweth what is the mind of the Spirit, because he maketh intercession for the saints according to the will of God. *The spirit does the work, not us. It works because it uses the preordained powers granted by God... it needs no added help... it works despite our age, condition, health, mental capacity, mood, feelings or emotions. It works because tongues, works. It doesn't need adjustment nor does it need embellishment. The spirit knows what we don't and relies upon us to use tongues for it to be effective; speaking words and principles that we don't understand nor can naturally speak.*

God works outside of our skills and knowledge... outside of our intellect and understanding. PHI 4:6 Be careful for nothing; but in every thing by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known unto God. *Everything hinges on an effective prayer life... it's the spiritual equivalent of breathing (*pneuma) with the oxygen being dispersed in the blood stream to all parts of our bodies. 7 And the peace of God (tranquillity, comfort, harmony, rest), which passeth all understanding (outside of natural reason), shall keep your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus. It is the power of the spirit alone that keeps our hearts and minds... beyond our reason and emotions, beyond our doubts and will power.*

Those who have kept their hearts and minds have a duty to encourage those that have not and the unsaved as well... that is why Jesus spoke the following words.

Jesus prophesied of the disastrous results that would follow, if we erred in wisdom and action. MAT 7:21 Not every one that saith unto me, Lord, Lord, shall enter into the kingdom of heaven; but he that doeth the will of my Father which is in heaven. *Victory is restricted to God's purposes, not our own. 22 Many will say to me in that day, Lord, Lord, have we not prophesied in thy name? and in thy name have cast out devils? and in thy name done many wonderful works? Miracles alone are not sufficient... the purpose and plan of God also needs to be diligently applied... no frills, no added actions. 23 And then will I profess unto them, I never knew you: depart from me, ye that work iniquity.*

God has opened our eyes to these truths, we can encourage and share this knowledge filled blessing with others.

The warning in the book of revelation is similar... diligent people, yet negative results with God. REV 3:16 So then because thou art ****lukewarm**, and neither cold nor hot, I will spue thee out of my mouth. *They believed they were righteous, but they were wrong... they were thus, self righteous. 17 Because thou sayest, I am rich, and increased with goods, and have need of nothing; and knowest not that thou art wretched, and miserable, and poor, and blind, and naked: They misunderstood the blessings, set the wrong goals, measured the wrong results... these weren't lazy or slack, they were heading in the wrong direction... similar to the problems in Matthew above. 18 I counsel thee to buy of me gold tried in the fire, that thou mayest be rich; and white raiment, that thou mayest be clothed, and that the shame of thy nakedness do not appear; and anoint thine eyes with eyesalve, that thou mayest see. Go back to the word of God and seek its advice... use the spirit as per direction... don't be led by natural emotions and personal opinions... the spirit is always the best guide.*

Strength in weakness is the key to success.

Humility and integrity are the key for consistent overcomers. 2COR 12:9 And he said unto me, **My grace is sufficient for thee:** for my strength is made perfect in weakness. *Most gladly therefore will I rather glory in my infirmities, that the power of Christ may rest upon me. 10 Therefore I take pleasure in infirmities, in reproaches, in necessities, in persecutions, in distresses for Christ's sake: for when I am weak, then am I strong. Natural challenges and failures are the key to overcoming... without exception. This wisdom is only valid for those who truly wish to live forever... whatever the cost.*

Once we have the Spirit, we don't need anything else, the powers of the Spirit are more than enough. 2COR 5:7 (For we walk by **faith**, not by **sight**;) *Use and promote the proven power without the added frills.*

***JOH 3:8** The wind (pneuma, breath) bloweth where it listeth, and thou hearest the sound (voice, tongue) thereof, but canst not tell whence it cometh, and whither it goeth: so is every one that is born of the Spirit. *Spiritual breath empowers all the spiritual organs for all spirit filled duties.*

****Hot water can cleanse and purify; cold water can refresh and enliven. As is also true with wine... (a drink of scriptural hospitality), lukewarm water carries no positive value. The Laodiceans were in spiritual trouble because they were all words (spiritually hot), but had the wrong actions (cold). The results were a compromise that is common today... lots of talk and verbal commitments, but very little spiritual action... see sheep and goats parable. Mat 25:31-46**