

Life in The Spirit

Activating the gifts...

Important keys to understanding God's power...

1. Hidden in God's hand:

- **Habakkuk 4: 3** – There was the hiding of his power
- **Proverbs 25: 2** – God conceals, but it is an honor to search it out...

2. The power of God is available in the atmosphere:

- **Luke 5: 17** - Now it happened on a certain day, as He was teaching, that there were Pharisees and teachers of the law sitting by, who had come out of every town of Galilee, Judea, and Jerusalem. And the power of the Lord was *present* to heal them.
- **Luke 6: 19** - ¹⁹ And the whole multitude sought to touch Him, for power went out from Him and healed *them* all.
- Notice: the power of God was present in both situations, but it was only activated in one.

3. The power of God is within us:

- **Ephesians 3: 20** – God will work according to the power within us
- **1 John 2: 20** – We have an unction (anointing) from the holy one (holy spirit)

How to activate the power of God:

1. Knowing the Word of God

- **Romans 1: 16** (The gospel is the power of God)
- **Mark 12: 24 (KJV)** - And Jesus answering said unto them, Do ye not therefore err, because ye know not the scriptures, neither the power of God?

2. Overcoming temptation

- **Luke 4: 14** (Jesus returned in the power of the Spirit)
- **James 4: 7 – ⁷** Therefore submit to God. Resist the devil and he will flee from you.
 - “Resist” = to set oneself against (used of tipping the scales to one side or the other)
- When you resist the temptations or attacks of the enemy you tip the scales in your favor!

3. Practicing the presence of God

- **Mark. 3: 13-15** - And He went up on the mountain and called to *Him* those He Himself wanted. And they came to Him. ¹⁴ Then He appointed twelve, that they might be with Him

and that He might send them out to preach, ¹⁵ and to have power to heal sicknesses and to cast out demons...

- God ordained that they should be with **him!** *Ordain* = to create, construct and appoint...
- Notice: Our power comes in being with him!

4. **Fervent prayer**

- **James 5: 16** - Confess *your* trespasses to one another, and pray for one another, that you may be healed. The effective, fervent prayer of a righteous man avails much.
- “Effectual, Fervant” = to show ones self operative
- “Availleth” = to have power shown by extraordinary deeds
- **Jude 20** – “Building” – to charge, energize (like a battery)
- **1 Corinthians 14: 4** – Praying in tongues edifies
- **1 Corinthians 14: 18** – I speak in tongues more than you all...
 - Could this be one of the secrets to Paul’s revelation and power

5. **Walking in your divine call**

- **Eph. 4: 16** - ...from whom the whole body, joined and **knit** together by what every joint supplies, according to the **effective working** by which every part does its share, causes growth of the body for the **edifying** of itself in love.
- Vs. 12 – body is edified (charged)
- “compacted” = coalesce (the puddles coalesced into one stream)
- “effectual working” (same Greek word in James 5: 16) – Energia (super human power)