

Holy Spirit & Power Gifts (Healing, Faith, Miracles)

1 Corinthians 12 v 4: There are diversities of gifts, but the same Spirit.⁵ There are differences of ministries, but the same Lord.⁶ And there are diversities of activities, but it is the same God who works all in all.

⁷ But the **manifestation of the Spirit** is given to each one for the profit of all:⁸ for to one is given the (1) word of wisdom through the Spirit, to another the (2) word of knowledge through the same Spirit,⁹ to another (3) faith by the same Spirit, to another (4) gifts of healings by the same Spirit,¹⁰ to another the (5) working of miracles, to another (6) prophecy, to another (7) discerning of spirits, to another *different* kinds of (8) tongues, to another the (9) interpretation of tongues.¹¹ But one and the same Spirit works all these things, distributing to each one individually as He wills.

POWER GIFTS = MANIFESTS (Reveal, makes evident) – Holy Spirit & Power of God.

1) FAITH

Divine ability - to remove mountains of difficulty, or doing great exploits, by pursuing the will of God, and in response to a command or promise from God.

2) HEALING

Supernatural power to heal diseases

3) MIRACLES

Examples: Casting out demons, raising the dead, power over the elements

HOLY SPIRIT – WITNESS & TESTIFY - JESUS & GOSPEL

HOLY SPIRIT: is God, is a Person - our Helper, Advocate, Comforter, Teacher

- Another job:

John 15 v 26: “But when the **Helper** comes, whom I shall send to you from the Father, the Spirit of truth who proceeds from the Father, **He will testify of Me**.²⁷ And **you also will bear witness**, because you have been with Me from the beginning.

- HOLY SPIRIT - WITNESS ABOUT JESUS & HIS GOSPEL MESSAGE
- We are CO-WORKERS with Holy Spirit

GO AND MAKE DISCIPLES

Matthew 28 v 18 – the Great Commission: “All authority has been given to Me in heaven and on earth.¹⁹ **Go therefore and make disciples** of all the nations, **baptizing them** in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit,²⁰ **teaching them** to observe all things that I have commanded you; and lo, **I am with you always, even to the end of the age.**” Amen.

Jesus says:And I will pray the Father, and He will give you another Helper, that He may abide with you forever.....(John 14 v 16)

- Jesus sends the disciples, but before they go, THEY HAVE TO WAIT....

Luke 24 v 46: Then *Jesus* said to them, “Thus it is written, and thus it was necessary for the (1) Christ to suffer and to (2) rise from the dead the third day, ⁴⁷and that (3) repentance and (4) remission of sins should be **preached** in His name to all nations, beginning at Jerusalem. ⁴⁸**And you are witnesses of these things.** ⁴⁹Behold, I send the **Promise of My Father** upon you; but tarry in the city of Jerusalem until you are **endued with power from on high.**”

- WAIT FOR POWER. We will need power to witness.

Acts 1 v 8: But you shall **receive power** when the **Holy Spirit has come upon you**; and you shall be **witnesses to Me** in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth.”

TO BE AN EFFECTIVE WITNESS, POWER IS NEEDED. HOLY SPIRIT EMPOWERS US TO WITNESS

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WHY DO WE NEED POWER TO WITNESS?

1. SPEAK BOLDLY

John 14 v 26: But the Helper, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in My name, He will teach you all things, and bring to your remembrance all things that I said to you.

Mark 13 v 11: But when they arrest *you* and deliver you up, do not worry beforehand, or premeditate what you will speak. But whatever is given you in that hour, speak that; for it is not you who speak, but the Holy Spirit.

2. DEMONSTRATE

PROOF: Jesus is real, the Kingdom is real

DISPLAY: power of God

1 Corinthians 4 v 20 – Paul:For the kingdom of God is not in word but in power.

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How does HOLY SPIRIT witness about JESUS & GOSPEL?

Hebrews 2 v 3:(*Do Not*) neglect so great a **salvation**, which at the first began to be spoken by the Lord, and was confirmed to us by those who heard *Him*, ⁴**God also bearing witness** both with **signs and wonders**, with various **miracles**, and **gifts of the Holy Spirit**, according to His own will?

- Salvation message was 1st preached by Jesus, then the apostles
- God authenticated the message with Power gifts through Holy Spirit

1 Corinthians 2 v 1 - Paul: And I, brethren, when I came to you, did not come with excellence of speech or of wisdom declaring to you the testimony of God. ² For I determined not to know anything among you except **Jesus Christ and Him crucified**. ³ I was with you in weakness, in fear, and in much trembling. ⁴ And my speech and my preaching *were* not with persuasive words of human wisdom, but in **demonstration of the Spirit and of power**, ⁵ that your faith should not be in the wisdom of men but in the power of God.

- Paul preached: Person & work of Jesus. Holy Spirit **convicts us of Sin, Righteousness and judgment** (John 16 v 8)
- If someone can talk us into salvation, a smarter person can talk us out of salvation.

1 Thessalonians 1 v 5:for our gospel did not come to you in word only, but **also in power, and in the Holy Spirit** and in much assurance, as you know what kind of men we were among you for your sake.

- Holy Spirit's power to bring conversion

Romans 15 v 19: For I will not dare to speak of any of those things which Christ has not accomplished through me, in (1) **word** and (2) **deed**, to make the Gentiles obedient— ¹⁹ in mighty (3) **signs and wonders**, by the power of the Spirit of God, so that from Jerusalem and round about to Illyricum I have **fully preached the gospel of Christ**.

The Gospel is the Power of God unto salvation (Romans 1 v 16). It is proclaimed through:

1. Words (Gospel Message)
2. Works (actions)
3. Ways (fruit of the Spirit)
4. Wonders (Power gifts)

POWER GIFTS – KEY in DEMONSTRATION, AND PROOF - OF THE GOSPEL MESSAGE

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POWER & AUTHORITY IN JESUS

JESUS' MINISTRY:

Acts 10 v 38:how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the **Holy Spirit and with power**, who went about doing good and **healing all who were oppressed by the devil**, for **God was with Him**.

Luke 5 v 17:He (*Jesus*) was teaching,.....And the **power of the Lord was present to heal**....

Matthew 9 v 35: Then Jesus went about all the cities and villages, **teaching** in their synagogues, **preaching the gospel of the kingdom**, and **healing every sickness and every disease** among the people.

Matthew 11 v 4: Jesus reply to John the Baptist: "Go and tell John the things which you hear and see: ⁵ *The blind see and the lame walk; the lepers are cleansed and the deaf*

hear; *the dead are raised* up and *the poor have the gospel preached to them*.⁶ And blessed is he who is not offended because of Me.”

DISCIPLES & APOSTLES MINISTRY

Luke 9 v 1 – Jesus sending out the 12: Then He called His twelve disciples together and gave them **power and authority** over all **demons, and to cure diseases**.² He sent them to **preach the kingdom of God** and to **heal the sick.....****Luke 9 v 6:** So they departed and went through the towns, preaching the gospel and healing everywhere.

Matthew 10 v 7 – Jesus sending out the 12: And as you go, preach, saying, ‘The **kingdom of heaven** is at hand.’⁸ **Heal the sick, cleanse the lepers, raise the dead, cast out demons**. Freely you have received, freely give.

Luke 10 v 17 – after Jesus sent out the 70: Then the seventy returned with joy, saying, “Lord, even the demons are subject to us in Your name.”¹⁸ And He said to them, “I saw Satan fall like lightning from heaven.¹⁹ **Behold, I give you the authority to trample on serpents and scorpions**, and over all the power of the enemy, and nothing shall by any means hurt you.²⁰ **Nevertheless do not rejoice in this, that the spirits are subject to you, but rather rejoice because your names are written in heaven.**”

- Power is not an end in itself; it is a tool (gift) to be used for the greater purpose

NOW HE SENDS US:

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Luke 20 v 21 – Jesus commissions the Apostles: So Jesus said to them again, “Peace to you! **As the Father has sent Me, I also send you.**”²² And when He had said this, He breathed on *them*, and said to them, “**Receive the Holy Spirit**”

- As the Father sent Jesus, He now sends us

EXAMPLE 1 – PETER AND JOHN: ACTS 3 & 4

(Authority & Power of Jesus)

Acts 3 v 1: Now Peter and John went up together to the temple at the hour of prayer, the ninth hour.² And a certain man lame from his mother’s womb was carried, whom they laid daily at the gate of the temple which is called Beautiful, to ask alms from those who entered the temple;³ who, seeing Peter and John about to go into the temple, asked for alms.⁴ And fixing his eyes on him, with John, Peter said, “Look at us.”⁵ So he gave them his attention,

expecting to receive something from them. ⁶ Then Peter said, “Silver and gold I do not have, but what I do have I give you: In the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, rise up and walk.” ⁷ And he took him by the right hand and lifted *him* up, and immediately his feet and ankle bones received strength. ⁸ So he, leaping up, stood and walked and entered the temple with them—walking, leaping, and praising God.....

¹¹ Now as the lame man who was healed held on to Peter and John, all the people ran together to them in the porch which is called Solomon’s, greatly amazed. ¹² So when Peter saw it, he responded to the people: “Men of Israel, why do you marvel at this? Or why look so intently at us, as though by our own power or godliness we had made this man walk?.....

¹⁶ And His name (*Jesus*), through faith in His name, has made this man strong, whom you see and know. Yes, the faith which comes through Him has given him this perfect soundness in the presence of you all.

- Power is not about us. It is to glorify Jesus and point to Him.

(Then they preached Jesus to the people.)

Acts 4 v 1: Now as they spoke to the people, the priests, the captain of the temple, and the Sadducees came upon them, ² being greatly disturbed that they taught the people and preached in Jesus the resurrection from the dead. ³ And they laid hands on them, and put *them* in custody until the next day, for it was already evening. ⁴ However, many of those who heard the word believed; and the number of the men came to be about five thousand.

⁵ And it came to pass, on the next day, that their rulers, elders, and scribes, ⁶ as well as Annas the high priest, Caiaphas, John, and Alexander, and as many as were of the family of the high priest, were gathered together at Jerusalem. ⁷ And when they had set them in the midst, they asked, “**By what power or by what name have you done this?**”

⁸ **Then Peter, filled with the Holy Spirit, said** to them, “Rulers of the people and elders of Israel: ⁹ If we this day are judged for a good deed *done* to a helpless man, by what means he has been made well, ¹⁰ let it be known to you all, and to all the people of Israel, that **by the name of Jesus Christ** of Nazareth, whom you crucified, whom God raised from the dead, **by Him this man stands here before you whole.** ¹¹ This is the ‘stone which was rejected by you builders, which has become the chief cornerstone.’ ¹² Nor is there **salvation** in any other, **for there is no other name under heaven given among men by which we must be saved.**”

¹³ Now when they saw the boldness of Peter and John, and perceived that they were uneducated and untrained men, they marveled. **And they realized that they had been with Jesus.** ¹⁴ And seeing the man who had been healed standing with them, they could say nothing against it. ¹⁵ But when they had commanded them to go aside out of the council, they conferred among themselves, ¹⁶ saying, “What shall we do to these men? For, indeed, that a notable miracle has been done through them is evident to all who dwell in Jerusalem, and we cannot deny it.” ¹⁷ But so that it spreads no further among the people, let us severely threaten them, that from now on they speak to no man in this name.”

¹⁸ So they called them and commanded them not to speak at all nor teach in the name of Jesus. ¹⁹ But Peter and John answered and said to them, “Whether it is right in the sight of God to listen to you more than to God, you judge. ²⁰ For we cannot but speak the things which we have seen and heard.” ²¹ So when they had further threatened them, they let them go, finding no way of punishing them, because of the **people, since they all glorified God for what had been done**. ²² For the man was over forty years old on whom this miracle of healing had been performed.

Prayer for Boldness

²³ And being let go, they went to their own *companions* and reported all that the chief priests and elders had said to them. ²⁴ So when they heard that, they raised their voice to God with one accord and said:

²⁹ Now, Lord, look on their threats, and grant to Your servants that **with all boldness they may speak Your word**, ³⁰ by stretching out Your hand to **heal, and that signs and wonders** may be done **through the name of Your holy Servant Jesus**.”

³¹ And when they had prayed, the place where they were assembled together was shaken; and they were **all filled with the Holy Spirit**, and they spoke the word of God with boldness.

EXAMPLE 2: PHILLIP IN SAMARIA: ACTS 8

(God confirms His word with power)

Acts 8 v 5: Then Philip went down to the city of Samaria and **preached Christ** to them. ⁶ And the multitudes with one accord **heeded** the things spoken by Philip, **hearing and seeing the miracles which he did**. ⁷ For unclean spirits, crying with a loud voice, came out of many who were possessed; and many who were paralyzed and lame were healed. ⁸ And there was great joy in that city.

⁹ But there was a certain man called Simon, who previously practiced sorcery in the city and astonished the people of Samaria, claiming that he was someone great, ¹⁰ to whom they all gave heed, from the least to the greatest, saying, “This man is the great power of God.” ¹¹ And they heeded him because he had astonished them with his sorceries for a long time. ¹² But when they **believed Philip** as he **preached** the things concerning the **kingdom of God** and the **name of Jesus Christ**, both men and women were baptized. ¹³ Then Simon himself also believed; and when he was baptized he continued with Philip, and was amazed, **seeing the miracles and signs which were done**.

PRACTICAL EXAMPLE: HOW TO PRAY FOR THE SICK

Luke 13 v 11: Now He (*Jesus*) was teaching in one of the synagogues on the Sabbath. ¹¹ And behold, there was a woman who had a spirit of infirmity eighteen years, and was bent over and could in no way raise herself up. ¹² But when Jesus (1) **saw her**, He (2)

called *her to Him* and (3) **said** to her, “Woman, you are loosed from your infirmity.” ¹³ And He (4) **laid His hands on her**, and immediately she was made straight, and glorified God.

- (1) See people & Compassion
- (2) Call them to Jesus – revelation knowledge of Him
- (3) Speak & declare – healing, deliverance
- (4) Laying on of hands - impartation

RESULT: healing

RESPONSE: praising God & faith in Jesus

COMMISSIONED

Mark 16 v 15 – Great Commission: And He said to them, “Go into all the world and **preach the gospel** to every creature. ¹⁶ He who believes and is baptized will be saved; but he who does not believe will be condemned. ¹⁷ And **these signs will follow those who believe:** In My name they will **cast out demons**; they will **speak with new tongues**; ¹⁸ they will take up serpents; and if they drink anything deadly, it will by no means hurt them; they will **lay hands on the sick**, and they will recover.”

¹⁹ So then, after the Lord had spoken to them, He was received up into heaven, and sat down at the right hand of God. ²⁰ And they went out and **preached everywhere**, the **Lord working with them** and **confirming the word** through the **accompanying signs**. Amen.

RESPOND, ACTIVATION

1 Corinthians 14:**desire spiritual gifts**....

John 4 v 37: On the last day, that great *day* of the feast, Jesus stood and cried out, saying, “**If anyone thirsts, let him come to Me and drink.**” ³⁸ He who believes in Me, as the Scripture has said, out of his heart will flow rivers of living water.” ³⁹ But this He spoke concerning the Spirit, whom those believing in Him would receive; for the Holy Spirit was not yet *given*, because Jesus was not yet glorified.

Luke 11 V 9: So I say to you, **ask, and it will be given to you; seek, and you will find; knock, and it will be opened to you.** ¹⁰ For everyone who asks receives, and he who seeks finds, and to him who knocks it will be opened. ¹¹ If a son asks for bread from any father among you, will he give him a stone? Or if *he asks* for a fish, will he give him a serpent instead of a fish? ¹² Or if he asks for an egg, will he offer him a scorpion? ¹³ If you then, being evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, **how much more will your heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask Him!**”

PRAY:

- Baptism of Holy Spirit, receive power

- Impartation of spiritual Gifts

Encourage: to activate, witness, preach, pray

- The same Holy Spirit that was in Peter, Paul, Apostles is in you.
- The same Power and Authority resting on Peter, Paul, Apostles is on you.

