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God's Power Today

1. How far do you want to go towards moving in God's power, all the way or just some of the way?

Steps to take:

This experience doesn't come "ready made" but by learning growing and practical application.

Be encouraged to step out beyond your ability, depending completely on God for He will not fail you.

In all areas of our lives we need the power of the Holy Spirit to be effective.

2. OUR PRIORITIES ARE:

God: First

In our time, energy, and commitment.

Is there anything you are involved in that takes you away from God?

Family: Second

Husband

Children

Family

Or young mothers

Or widows

Or single people

Calling for service: Third

Our commitment to following our calling includes:

1. Studies – learning and teaching others
2. Wisdom – from God
3. Choices – making the correct decisions
4. Circumstances – do they agree with God's purposes?
5. Hindrances – deal with them
6. Grief – overcoming with God's victory
7. Fear – seek deliverance and freedom
8. Abilities – use our talents
9. Giftings – assurance of God's leading

Ministries: Fourth

We need to know what God has called us to do. This includes:

1. Evangelism
2. Youth Groups
3. Bible studies
4. Home Groups
5. Intercession
6. Prison Visiting

God knows what He is calling you to do and will equip you as you totally trust Him.

3. PREPARATION

A time of preparation is required for those who desire to receive this extra power of God. A basis needs to be formed in our hearts and spirits. Sometimes it is necessary to see this power of God as a confirmation.

The following is a quote from Maria Woodworth-Etta:

“It is not so much the might of preaching but in the demonstration of the spirit. Sinners are more hard-hearted than they used to be. You can preach hell until they see it blaze, and yet they will stand and look at you calmly in the face; but let them see the mighty power of God manifested and they are convicted.”

Complete belief is required in order to be effective. We need to know that it is **only God** by His Holy Spirit who heals and delivers.

Our aim and goal should be to know the power of God operating in all circumstances.

4. SALVATION

The first requirement is to know God personally; have a relationship with Him.

“That if you confess with your mouth the Lord Jesus, and believe in your heart that God has raised Him from the dead, you will be saved. For with the heart one believes unto righteousness, and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation.” (Romans 10:9-10.)

You can receive Jesus Christ as Saviour today. Even now, repent of all sin and/or involvement in the occult. Then declare Jesus as your Lord and Saviour.

5. PRAYER OF SALVATION (SINNER'S PRAYER)

Repeat this prayer after the leader.

“Dear Lord, I am a sinner and come to you in repentance. I turn away from all sin and ask Your forgiveness. I believe that You came into this world as the Son of God, that You were crucified, buried, and rose on the third day. Please come into my heart as my Lord and Saviour. Thank You Jesus for saving me. Help me to remain a child of Yours. Amen.”

Water baptism: All should seek water baptism which signifies death to old self and renewal with new life in Christ.

6. BAPTISM IN THE HOLY SPIRIT

This is the power experience we need if we are to be used in the gifts of the spirit.

“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.” (Acts 1:8)

The nine gifts of the Holy Spirit are:

1 Corinthians 12:8-10

Prophecy

Tongues

Interpretation

Word of knowledge

Word of wisdom

Healings

Miracles

Discerning of spirits

Faith

All those who desire the baptism of the Holy Spirit come forward. The counsellors should stand in front of these people.

Repeat this prayer after the leader.

“Lord Jesus I pray that You will baptize me in Your Holy Spirit.”

The leaders are to pray for the anointing of the Holy Spirit. Ask the person receiving to speak out in their heavenly language.

7. THE HOLY SPIRIT POWER

What we are seeing and experiencing in the miraculous today is the power of the Holy Spirit.

“And the whole multitude sought to touch Him, for power went out from Him and healed them all.” (Luke 6:19)

We can do nothing of ourselves but it is only by the power of the Holy Spirit.

“Now to Him who is able to do exceedingly abundantly above all that we ask or think according to the power that works in us.” (Ephesians 3:20)

A person who desires to move in God’s power must live a holy life, read the Word of God daily, pray daily, and listen to the voice of God and be directed by Him.

The Holy Spirit will operate through a committed, dedicated, sincere Christian, who is filled with the Holy Spirit.

Before we can minister to others we must be pure vessels, consecrated to the work of the Holy Spirit.

8. MINISTERING IN GOD’S POWER

Take note of the following points:

1. Be humble, sincere and worthy.
2. Believe that God is able to move through you.
3. Know that there is nothing God cannot heal or problem He cannot solve.
4. Stretch forth your hand and sense power moving through it. (Acts 4:30)
5. No long prayer is required.
6. Occasionally lay hands as directed by the Holy Spirit.
7. Watch the reaction of the person being ministered to.
8. Know that the Holy Spirit’s power is touching the person.
9. In some instances where witchcraft is involved, call down the Holy Ghost Fire.

9. REPENTANCE

Before ministering to others we must look at our own lives. Is there anything in our lives displeasing to God which could block the work of the Holy Spirit through us?

“For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God.” (Romans 3:23)
Therefore all should come to repentance.

“The Lord is not slack concerning His promises, as some count slackness, but is longsuffering towards us, not willing that any should perish but that all should come to repentance.” (2 Peter 3:9)

Read the following sin list. Mark any areas that relate to you.

Those who practice the following sins will not inherit the Kingdom of God.

Galatians 5:19-21 says:

Adultery – sex with someone other than your husband/wife

Fornication – sex outside of marriage

Uncleanness – dirty jokes, bad language

Lewdness – pornography

Idolatry – putting things before God

Sorcery – witchcraft

Hatred – extreme dislike

Contentions – disputes

Jealousies – envious and resentful

Outbursts of wrath – deep set anger

Selfish ambitions – selfish gain

Dissentions – disagreements

Heresies – wrong doctrine

Envy – coveting

Murders – deliberate unnecessary abortion

Drunkenness

Revelries – wild parties

10. PRAYER OF REPENTANCE & FORGIVENESS

“If we confess our sins He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.” (1 John 1:9)

We suggest you say a prayer such as a following:

“Dear Heavenly Father I come to you in the mighty name of Your Son Jesus Christ. I believe He died on the Cross to pay the penalty for all my sins, to forgive me, to heal me and to reconcile me to You. I confess Jesus Christ as my Lord and Saviour and I repent of these sins (name them). Thank you Heavenly Father for your forgiveness, love and healing in the name of Jesus Christ. Amen.”

11. HEALING

Believe that God will bring about the anointing for healing. Seek after God not man. God is the Healer yesterday, today and forever. The healing power comes through the Holy Spirit. This is a power experience.

We must:

1. Seek the anointing power of the Holy Spirit.
2. The power of God is over the power of Satan.
3. Victory belongs to God.
4. You are healed – not you are going to be healed.
5. Build faith, remove any doubt and unbelief.

12. BLOCKAGES TO HEALING

Blockages to healing can be unbelief, unforgiveness and wrong teaching.

We must renounce unconfessed sin and hidden anger:

“Let all bitterness, wrath, anger, clamor, and evil speaking be put away from you, with all malice. And be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, even as God in Christ forgave you.” (Ephesians 4:31-32)

We suggest you say a prayer such as a following:

“Heavenly Father, I confess all bitterness, wrath, anger and clamor and evil speaking, together with malice. I thank you Lord that as I confess this sin from my heart that I am forgiven because Your Word promises this. Thank You Heavenly Father for forgiveness in the Name of Jesus Christ, Amen.”

13. MIRACLES

Always remember the greatest miracle of all is salvation. The purpose of miracles is to bring the recipients to the knowledge of Jesus Christ as Saviour.

A miracle is the power of God evidenced when everything else has failed or in impossible situations.

Expect a miracle and know that God can bring it about.

14. IMPARTATION OF GOD'S POWER

It is possible to transfer this gift of power if the person is ready to receive.

To impart this gift from the person who is already ministering in it to the person receiving, extend a hand towards them and pray for the transfer.

The person receiving should immediately be able to pray with the anointing power.

It is possible to see the power working through the person who is ministering.

15. GROWING IN THE SPIRIT

Follow a pattern of seeking God daily through His Word, allowing Him to speak to you. Seek the Lord through regular daily prayer.

Weaknesses in your Christian walk will prevent your full participating in the Lord's ministry.

Go through the following list and mark any areas where attention is needed and take time to meditate on these points.

Unbelief – doubt in some circumstances

Bible reading – daily

Pray regularly

Living righteously before man and God.

Church attendance

Gathering together

In home life being aware of God's presence

Commitment must be total in service to God

Priorities – Seek God fully in everything at all times.

Pray for release and forgiveness in these areas.

We suggest you say a prayer such as a following:

“Dear Heavenly Father, as I now confess my sins, I receive the forgiveness you gave me through Jesus Christ at the Cross. I renounce the areas I have fallen short in.... Thank You Heavenly Father for forgiving me in the name of Your Son Jesus Christ”.

16. CONCLUSION

1. Believe that it is God's power working through you.
2. Do not be diverted by your own thoughts.
3. Focus on what God is accomplishing.
4. Wait for the person to receive.
5. Hear the voice of God directing you in discernment.
6. Realise that it is the pure power of God working through you to heal and set people free.
7. Remember we have no power of our own.
8. Unless God does it, nothing will happen.

"Now to Him who is able to do exceedingly abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power that works in us."

(Ephesians 3:20)

17. EQUIPPING

Do you desire to be used in God's service with His power?
God knows what He is calling you to do and will equip you as you totally trust Him.

*Invite those out for prayer who desire to move in the power of God.
Counsellors pray for the transfer of God's power.*

18. PRACTICAL DEMONSTRATION

Those who have received the transfer of God's power, remain in the front.

Invite one person from the audience who needs prayer to come forward. One of those out the front will demonstrate the power of God. The person requesting prayer must believe that God's power is present to meet their needs. To minister to this person, seek God's power moving through you. Stretch out your hand or be directed as the Holy Spirit leads.

The person leading the session should stand by with directions and encouragement when necessary.

Finally, invite those needing prayer to come forward. Those who have received the power are to minister.

When everyone is back at their seats sing a song of thanks.

Close the meeting in prayer.

No further ministry.