

“If the Holy Spirit was withdrawn from the church today, 95 percent of what (it does) would go on and no one would know the difference. If the Holy Spirit had been withdrawn from the New Testament church, 95 percent of what they did would stop, and everybody would know the difference.”

Powerless Christianity?

***Ephesians 1:15-19** Wherefore I also, after I heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus, and love unto all the saints, Cease not to give thanks for you, making mention of you in my prayers... that ye may know what is the hope of his calling... And what is the exceeding greatness of **his power to us-ward** who believe, according to the working of his mighty power,*

***Ephesians 3:20** “Now unto him that is able to do exceeding abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to **the power that worketh in us,**”*

***2 Thessalonians 1:11** “Wherefore also we pray always for you, that our God would count you worthy of this calling, and fulfil all the good pleasure of his goodness, and **the work of faith with power:**”*

***1 Corinthians 2:5** “That your faith should not stand in the wisdom of men, **but in the power of God.**”*

***1 Corinthians 4:20** “For the kingdom of God is not in word, **but in power.**”*

***2 Corinthians 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.**”*

***Ephesians 6:10** “Finally, my brethren, **be strong in the Lord, and in the power of his might.**”*

***Philippians 3:10** “That I may know him, and **the power of his resurrection,** and the fellowship of his sufferings, being made conformable unto his death;”*

***Colossians 1:9-11** “For this cause we also, since the day we heard it, do not cease to pray for you... That ye might walk worthy of the Lord unto all pleasing, being fruitful in every good work, and increasing in the knowledge of God; **Strengthened with all might, according to his glorious power...**”*

- **Definition: What is the power of God in my life?** The power of God is _____ of God's working supernaturally in our lives for our good the good of others, and His glory and purposes.
- **Question:** Is there evidence of the power of God working in my life today?

1. We find power in the _____

Hebrews 4:12 For the word of God is quick, and powerful, and sharper than any twoedged sword, piercing even to the dividing asunder of soul and spirit, and of the joints and marrow, and is a discernor of the thoughts and intents of the heart.

James 1:23 For if any be a hearer of the word, and not a doer, he is like unto a man beholding his natural face in a glass:

2. We find power through _____

James 4:2 Ye lust, and have not: ye kill, and desire to have, and cannot obtain: ye fight and war, yet ye have not, because ye ask not.

Luke 11:9 And I say unto you, Ask, and it shall be given you; seek, and ye shall find; knock, and it shall be opened unto you.

3. We find power in the _____

Acts 1:8 But ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you: and ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judaea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth.

Romans 15:13 Now the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, that ye may abound in hope, through the power of the Holy Ghost.

1 Thessalonians 5:19 Quench not the Spirit.

Ephesians 4:30 And grieve not the holy Spirit of God, whereby ye are sealed unto the day of redemption.

4. We find power in the _____

Romans 1:16 For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ: for it is the power of God unto salvation to every one that believeth; to the Jew first, and also to the Greek.

1 Thessalonians 1:5 For our gospel came not unto you in word only, but also in power, and in the Holy Ghost, and in much assurance; as ye know what manner of men we were among you for your sake.

1 Corinthians 1:18 For the preaching of the cross is to them that perish foolishness; but unto us which are saved it is the power of God.

5. We find power by not living with unconfessed _____

Isaiah 59:2 But your iniquities have separated between you and your God, and your sins have hid his face from you, that he will not hear.

Jeremiah 5:25 Your iniquities have turned away these things, and your sins have withholden good things from you.

Psalms 78:41 Yea, they turned back and tempted God, and limited the Holy One of Israel.