

Monthly Theme: Pursing the Power of God
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[Ephesians 5.15-21](#)

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Next week:

REVIEW: You Can Receive His Power

1. Power comes to us in the person of the Holy Spirit. Acts 1.8

- We first come in contact with the Holy Spirit as sinners [Jn.16.8](#)
- He dwells in us when we give our hearts to Jesus [Ro.8.9](#)

The world cannot receive the Holy Spirit - [John 14:17](#)

7 that is the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it does not see Him or know Him. NASU

2. The Holy Spirit abides and guides when we ask [Lk. 11.13](#)

- Receiving – He gives power to those who believe
- Obeying – He gives power when we're committed to obey

[Acts 5:32](#)

32 "And we are witnesses of these things; and so is the Holy Spirit, whom God has given to those who obey Him." NASU

- Asking – He gives power when we ask for it

3. The power that resides in us gives us authority and ability.

AUTHORITY + ABILITY = POWER

- The first Christians received this power [Acts 2](#)
- The first Christians were renewed in power [Acts 4.31](#)
- The first Gentiles received this wonderful power [Acts 10.44](#)

[John 1:12-13](#)

12 But as many as received Him, to them He gave the right to become children of God, even to those who believe in His name, 13 who were born, not of blood nor of the will of the flesh nor of the will of man, but of God. NASU

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Intro – Last week we began our discussion of the power of God and its availability to every human being on the planet. He comes to us in our sins as well as in our new born again life. His aim is to make power available to us on a moment by moment basis. Once we have this power in our lives, how do we appropriate the power daily? What do we do to stir up the power of the holy Spirit in our lives?

1. Walk with a heart of wisdom

- Carefully doesn't mean fear but reverence [2 Ti. 1.7](#)
- Wisdom requires the careful use of time

H.S. helps us with the management of time, knowing what to do and when. Planning our week is an act of the Spirit.

Prov 19:20-21 Get all the advice and instruction you can, and be wise the rest of your life. You can make many plans, but the LORD's purpose will prevail. NLT

- The evil of the day begs us to walk wisely

Poneeros - full of labors, annoyances, hardships bad, of a bad nature or condition

2. Walk with a heart of purpose

- It is foolish not to be aware of the purpose of God

When you're not aware you can't appropriate His power! [Eph 5:17](#)
So then do not be foolish, but understand what the will of the Lord is.

- It is foolish to let your faculties to be dimmed by intoxicants!

Prov 20:1 Wine is a mocker, strong drink is a brawler, and whoever is led astray by it is not wise. NKJV

Pride is also a very powerful drug! Pr.16.18/29.23

- It is foolish to forget the power of the Spirit!

Sootia - an abandoned, dissolute, life; profligacy, prodigality

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3. Walk with a heart of worship

We need the power of the Holy Spirit here to transcend the day to day issues and lift us to another plane where we can do what He commands for our good and not His!

- Sing to yourself psalms, songs of worship and life
- Fill your heart with songs of worship and praise
- Walk in thanksgiving

Ezra 3:11 And they sang together by course in praising and giving thanks unto the LORD; because he is good, for his mercy endureth for ever toward Israel. And all the people shouted with a great shout, when they praised the LORD, because the foundation of the house of the LORD was laid.

Eph 5:20 Giving thanks always for all things unto God and the Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ;

Col 1:12 Giving thanks unto the Father, which hath made us meet to be partakers of the inheritance of the saints in light:

Col 3:17 Whatever you do in word or deed, do all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks through Him to God the Father.

Heb 13:15 Through Him then, let us continually offer up a sacrifice of praise to God, that is, the fruit of lips that give thanks to His name. NASU