

The Holy Spirit is the third person of the trinity. His role is to exercise His power on earth to fulfill the plans of the Godhead.

While all believers are indwelt by the Spirit of God (Romans 8), there are definite endowments of power for service that are separate from conversion.

The Holy Spirit empowers men and women, both young and old, to perform works that they could not perform in their own strength...

Joel 2:28

28 And it shall come to pass afterward, that **I will pour out my spirit upon all flesh;** and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, your old men shall dream dreams, your young men shall see visions:

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Luke 1:35

35 And the angel answered and said unto her, **The Holy Ghost shall come upon thee, and the power of the Highest shall overshadow thee:** therefore also that holy thing which shall be born of thee shall be called the Son of God.

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Luke 4:14

14 **And Jesus returned in the power of the Spirit** into Galilee: and there went out a fame of him through all the region round about.

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Luke 4:18-19

18 **The Spirit of the Lord is upon me,** because he hath anointed me to preach the gospel to the poor; he hath sent me to

heal the brokenhearted, to preach deliverance to the captives, and recovering of sight to the blind, to set at liberty them that are bruised,¹⁹ To preach the acceptable year of the Lord.

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Acts 1:8

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.

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Acts 2:1-4

2:1 And when the day of Pentecost was fully come, they were all with one accord in one place.

2 And suddenly there came a sound from heaven as of a rushing mighty wind, and it filled all the house where they were sitting.

3 And there appeared unto them cloven tongues like as of fire, and it sat upon each of them.

4 **And they were all filled with the Holy Ghost,** and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance.

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Acts 4:8

8 Then Peter, filled with the Holy Ghost, said unto them, Ye rulers of the people, and elders of Israel,

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Acts 4:31

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

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Acts 9:17

17 And Ananias went his way, and entered into the house; and putting his hands on him said, Brother Saul, the Lord, even Jesus, that appeared unto thee in the way as thou camest, hath sent me, that thou mightest receive thy sight, and **be filled with the Holy Ghost.**

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Acts 13:52-14:1

52 And the disciples were filled with joy, **and with the Holy Ghost.**

Acts 14

14:1 And it came to pass in Iconium, that they went both together into the synagogue of the Jews, and so spake, that a great multitude both of the Jews and also of the Greeks believed.

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Eph 5:18

18 And be not drunk with wine, wherein is excess; but **be filled with the Spirit;**

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It is interesting that this command to be filled preceded the command to submit to one another, the command for wives to submit to their husbands, and the command for husbands to love their wives as Christ loves the church.

There are some commands that cannot be fulfilled with your own natural power.

This explains why some Christian couples have marriages that fall far short of what God has planned for them!

Jesus will give each believer special endowments of power to perform extraordinary works

These endowments of powers are also called gifts.

1 Tim 4:14

14 Neglect not the gift that is in thee, which was given thee by prophecy, with the laying on of the hands of the presbytery.
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There are lists of these gifts in 1 Cor 12:7-11, 1 Cor 12:28-31, and Rom 12:6-8.

Some of these powers or gifts are ordinary expressions of natural human abilities magnified and enhanced by the power of the Holy Spirit.

When do you need power?

These are special endowments of power for service to God. If you are not committed to serving God, you do not need a special endowment of power.

You do not need the power to be bold if you are not trying to reach others with the gospel. You do not need the power to obey Christ's commands if you are not committed to obey His commands.

To receive power we must be committed to serve the Lord and obey His commands. To receive power, we must be abandoned to God's will even if it means our own death.

Judg 16:28

28 And Samson called unto the LORD, and said, O Lord GOD, remember me, I pray thee, and strengthen me, I pray thee, only this once, O God, that I may be at once avenged of the Philistines for my two eyes.

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To receive power we must also have faith.

1 Sam 17:45-46

45 Then said David to the Philistine, Thou comest to me with a sword, and with a spear, and with a shield: but I come to thee in the name of the LORD of hosts, the God of the armies of Israel, whom thou hast defied.

46 This day will the LORD deliver thee into mine hand; and I will smite thee, and take thine head from thee; and I will give the carcasses of the host of the Philistines this day unto the fowls of the air, and to the wild beasts of the earth; that all the earth may know that there is a God in Israel.

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The Holy Spirit blesses men with these endowments of power as He wills and not just as we want. He speaks to your heart and reveals to you what He wills to do!

Ex 4:12

12 Now therefore go, and I will be with thy mouth, and teach thee what thou shalt say.

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What special endowments of power does God want to give you?

Faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the Word of God.

Rom 10:17

17 So then faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the word of God.

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We can confidently say that it is the Lord's will that we receive power to keep His commands!

Eph 5:18

18 And be not drunk with wine, wherein is excess; but **be filled with the Spirit;**

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What other special endowments of power does the Lord want to give you?

Are you limiting what God wants to do through you because of your unbelief? Have you turned down opportunities to serve because you were relying on your own natural abilities?

