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The Importance of Being Empowered
Luke 10:1-20/ACTS 1:8
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A. Worship
   • Our Expressions of the Heart
   • Worship Requires Our Hearts to be:
     • Genuine
     • Reborn of the Spirit
     • Transparent (truth)
     • Circumcised (in order to be pliable)

A. Prayer
   • Communicating to God from the Heart
   • Prayer Requires:
     • Persistence
     • Communion
     • Transparency (truth)
     • Fervency (passion)
I. EMPOWERMENT

A. WHAT IS EMPOWERMENT?
   1. To give Power or Authority to
   2. Authorize; especially by legal or official means
   3. To engage
A. HOW ARE WE EMPOWERED?

• We are empowered by Christ through the filling and indwelling of the Holy Spirit

• Acts 1:8 (TEV)

  But when the Holy Spirit comes upon you, you will be filled with power, and you will be witnesses for me in Jerusalem, in all of Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth."
A. WHO IS ELIGIBLE TO BE EMPOWERED?

- All believers

- Acts 2:38-39 (TEV)

  Peter said to them, "Each one of you must turn away from your sins and be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ, so that your sins will be forgiven; and you will receive God's gift, the Holy Spirit. 39 For God's promise was made to you and your children, and to all who are far away—all whom the Lord our God calls to himself."
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• Then the seventy returned with joy, saying, "Lord, even the demons are subject to us in Your name." And He said to them, "I saw Satan fall like lightning from heaven. 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. Nevertheless do not rejoice in this, that the spirits are subject to you, but rather rejoice because your names are written in heaven."
I. THE PURPOSE OF BEING EMPOWERED

• We are empowered:

To Know & Carry out the Will of God

• 1 Cor. 2:16 (NKJV)
  • For "who has known the mind of the LORD that he may instruct Him?" But we have the mind of Christ.

To Transform into the image of the Son

• 2 Cor 3:18 (NLT)
  • So all of us who have had that veil removed can see and reflect the glory of the Lord. And the Lord—who is the Spirit—makes us more and more like him as we are changed into his glorious image.
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• We are empowered:
  
To Overcome the flesh

• Gal. 5:16
  
*I say then: Walk in the Spirit, and you shall not fulfill the lust of the flesh.*

To Live a Victorious Life

• 1 John 4:4 (NKJV)
  
*You are of God, little children, and have overcome them because He who is in you is greater than he who is in the world.*
I. THE PURPOSE OF BEING EMPOWERED

- We are empowered:

To Bring Glory to God

- 1 Pet 4:11 (NLT)
- Do you have the gift of speaking? Then speak as though God himself were speaking through you. Do you have the gift of helping others? Do it with all the strength and energy that God supplies. Then everything you do will bring glory to God through Jesus Christ. All glory and power to him forever and ever! Amen.
I. THE PURPOSE OF BEING EMPOWERED

• We are empowered:

  To benefit the lives of others with the gifts of the Spirit
  • 1 Cor 12:7-11 (NLT)
  • A spiritual gift is given to each of us so we can help each other.

To produce the Fruit of the Spirit

• Gal 5:22-23 (NLT)
• But the Holy Spirit produces this kind of fruit in our lives: love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control. There is no law against these things!
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• Love should be the goal of your life, but you should also want to have the gifts that come from the Spirit 1 Cor 14:1 (ETRV)