



The Balance Series 10

Will Power vs. God's Power

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Will Power

• **Because we were born into sin, we are totally subject to the sin around us. Psa. 51:5 Behold, I was shapen in iniquity; and in sin did my mother conceive me.** When we grow up in certain environments, we tend to be subjective to certain behaviors because of it.

• **Our will power is only as strong as the examples we have. What we witness and experience growing up is what shapes our ability to say no, hold our ground, and have fortitude.**

• **Proverbs 22:6 ¶ Train up a child in the way he should go: and when he is old, he will not depart from it.** Without strong fathers, many times our will power is low. Without positive role models, many times we lack the power to be diligent until we reach certain goals. Without stability, we many times lack the power to stabilize our homes, relationships, and finances. Without positive words spoken around us, we many times lack the ability to speak positively about ourselves and others.

God's Power



• **God is our manufacturer and because he made us, he is the best source of power for us.**

• **Imagine buying a cell phone. Without the power supply, it will not continue working. It may work for a while, on the charge in the battery, but it will eventually begin warning you, telling you to please plug in a power source. Then if you neglect to do so, it will die.**

• **This is how God's power works. In the garden, man was connected directly to God. He walked among them in the cool of day, meaning they were striving with him. After man fell because of disobedience, man was disconnected from its power source. Sure man can make it on his own power for a while, but if he doesn't reconnect with God through Christ, he will eventually die. **Rom. 5:12 Wherefore, as by one man sin entered into the world, and death by sin; and so death passed upon all men, for that all have sinned:****

• **God is constantly giving warnings to those that are disconnected from him. The bible is full of these warnings, where God is beckoning man back to himself. Joel 2:12 Therefore also now, saith the LORD, turn ye even to me with all your heart, and with fasting, and with weeping, and with mourning:** But if we ignore him, we will not only be spiritually dead, but we will die eternally.

• **God's power is available to all. It's not just a power that makes us buck and shout at church. It's not just a feeling of electricity that makes us feel we have something in us. It's not for show, it's not for validation, but it comes to live within us. God's power comes with his Spirit! 1 Cor. 2:4 And my speech and my preaching was not with enticing words of man's wisdom, but in demonstration of the Spirit and of power:** That means it saves us from dying. It powers us up so we can have life. **2 Cor. 13:4 For though he was crucified through weakness, yet he liveth by the power of God. For we also are weak in him, but we shall live with him by the power of God toward you.**

God's Powerful Spirit



The power of God's Spirit gives us:

- **The power to change. Rom. 8:11 Moreover if the Spirit of the one who raised Jesus from the dead lives in you, the one who raised Christ from the dead will also make your mortal bodies alive through his Spirit who lives in you.**
- **The power to be led by God. John 14:26 But the Comforter, which is the Holy Ghost, whom the Father will send in my name, he shall teach you all things, and bring all things to your remembrance, whatsoever I have said unto you.**
- **The power to lead others to God. Acts 4:33 And with great power gave the apostles witness of the resurrection of the Lord Jesus: and great grace was upon them all.**
- **The power over sin. Gal. 5:16 This I say then, Walk in the Spirit, and ye shall not fulfil the lust of the flesh.**
- **The power to do the works of Jesus Christ himself. John 14:12 Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that believeth on me, the works that I do shall he do also; and greater works than these shall he do; because I go unto my Father.**

Summary

When we connect with God, we become powerful because of it. But it's not power just to reminisce over or power to reference when we are telling our testimony. It's actual power that empowers us to operate like Kingdom Citizens in a darkened world. God's Spirit is power.

What is the point of serving a powerful God powerless? God wants us to use his power to make us better in this life and to make our world a better place. The world is suffering because of the lack of God's power being exhibited. It's time for the Adamant Believers to stand up and show how God's power keeps us in perilous times.

Eph. 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,