

## Living by the Power of God

The Christian can live either by the **power of God** or by the **power of the flesh**. You must continually make that choice. If you choose to live by the power of the flesh, failure awaits.

- God will not fight the battles of those who trust in the arm of the flesh (II Chronicles 32:8).
- God says, “*Cursed be the man that trusteth in man, and maketh flesh his arm, and whose heart departeth from the Lord*” (Jeremiah 17:5).
- Jesus said, “*The flesh profiteth nothing*” (John 6:63).

On the other hand, you can live by the power of God, which is what God wants you to do. God never intended that you should live by the power of the flesh. “*For if ye live after the flesh, ye shall die; but if ye through the Spirit do mortify the deeds of the body, ye shall live*” (Romans 8:13).

- God wants us only to **witness** in His power. “*But ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you: and ye shall be witnesses unto me...*” (Acts 1:8). “*But tarry ye in... Jerusalem, until ye be endued with power from on high*” (Luke 24:49).
- God wants us to only to **preach** in His power. “*My preaching was not with enticing words of man’s wisdom, but in demonstration of the Spirit and of power*” (I Corinthians 2:4 – 5).
- God wants us to **give** by His power. “*For [they gave] to their power, I bear record, yea, and beyond their power...*” (II Corinthians 8:3).
- God wants us to **bear infirmities** by His power. “*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*” (II Corinthians 12:9).
- In fact, God wants us to **do all things** by His power. “*I can do all things through Christ which strengtheneth me.*” (Philippians 4:13).

It is not required that you be a “spiritual giant” in order to obtain God’s power. In reality, spiritual giants are only weak, frail people who have trusted God for his power. “*He giveth power to the faint; and to them that have no might he increaseth strength*” (Isaiah 40:29). Just how do you obtain this power? **Humble** yourself and **ask** for it, and then **obey in faith** whatever God wants you to do.

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