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HOW TO RECEIVE THE POWER OF GOD

*Practical steps that will help you experience
the power of God*

“And, behold, I send the promise of my Father upon you: but tarry ye in the city of Jerusalem, **until ye be endued with power from on high.** (Luke 24:49)

*And, being assembled together with them, commanded them that they should not depart from Jerusalem, **but wait for the promise** of the Father, which, saith he, ye have heard of me. (Acts 1:4)*

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. (Acts 1:8)

Hast thou not known? hast thou not heard, that the everlasting God, the LORD, the Creator of the ends of the earth, fainteth not, neither is weary? there is no searching of his understanding.

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He giveth power to the faint; and to them that have no might be increaseth strength.

Even the youths shall faint and be weary, and the young men shall utterly fall:

But they that wait upon the LORD shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings as eagles; they shall run, and not be weary; and they shall walk, and not faint. (Is 40:28-31)

Come unto me, all ye that labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest.

Take my yoke upon you, and learn of me; for I am meek and lowly in heart: and ye shall find rest unto your souls.

For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light. (Matt 11:28-30)

Here are some steps to receiving the power of God.

Realise that the power of God is available to you, the power that helps you to overcome sin and live a supernatural life. Without this power, you will have a hard time trying to live the Christian life.

Remember the promise that He has given you, the promise of the Holy Spirit, and give thanks to the Lord. Remind Him that you are waiting upon Him for the promise of being continually filled with power from on high.

Begin to lay hold of His promises and, like the early church, obey the Master by making time and spending time **to wait until you receive the power of God** from on high.

Pursue and experience the presence of God. It may be difficult at first but press on, and your breakthrough will come.

If you are alone, just act by faith. Go to a quiet place to worship Him. You can even play a worship tape or CD to help you enter into the presence of God. Lift up your hands to the Lord and begin to worship Him. Tell Him how much you love Him and how desperate you are to experience His power in your life.

Be with people who are already moving in the power of God. It will encourage and enable you to experience His life-transforming power yourself.

God showed me that one of the most effective ways to help people receive His power is through having extended times of praise and worship and allowing the presence of God to come down. As they experience the tangible presence and power of God, they are healed and set free from sins, rejection and hurts, anger, fears, insecurities, unforgiveness, bitterness, resentment, hatred, bad habits and attitudes and all manner of bondage.

Those who have been struggling to live for God and have repeatedly faced defeat have discovered the liberating power of God. It is not how hard they try but it is the power of God empowering them to overcome temptation and sin, and to live in victory over self and the enemy.

People need to see evidence of the power of God. They want to touch, experience and be stirred to want more and more of God. They want to receive so that they will be able to give to others. As Jesus said, we are to freely receive and freely give (Matt 10:8).

We have seen countless numbers touched by the reality of God, healed of terminal diseases, set free and delivered from demon possession and other situations. Many are saved when they see the power of God at work. Many are permanently transformed. They begin to have a passion for God because of the reality of the presence and power of God. They become so hungry for God that they come week after week to the services for more of His presence and power.

These amazing results from waiting upon God for His presence and power have been repeated many times over wherever God has led us to go, preaching the full gospel of salvation and healing of the total man. Even entire churches

have been charged up.

A major thing you need to do is to read the Bible. Spend more time reading the word of God and being in the presence of God. Begin to read the word of God loudly to yourself and believe every word that you read.

So then faith cometh by hearing, and bearing by the word of God. (Rom 10:17)

Read believing every word, that what God says is true. For e.g., where the word of God says that Jesus bore our sins in His own body (1 Pet 2:24), then He has done it. If the word of God says that “He sent His word, and healed them” (Ps 107:20), then receive the healing.

The key thing is to believe.

For all the promises of God in him are yea, and in him Amen, unto the glory of God by us. (2 Cor 1:20)

If you have doubts, confess them before God and repent. Reject and renounce the doubts and set yourself free. Invite the Holy Spirit to fill you and empower you.

Let the word of God sanctify you, set you free and cleanse you from all the lies and deceptions of the enemy.

Sanctify them through thy truth: thy word is truth. (John 17:17)

And ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free. (John 8:32)

Set aside specific times to be with God. Spend more time with Him in prayer. If you are really serious about God, God will be serious with you. **Determine to seek Him until** you experience Him. **You must be desperate for God.** Desire to have more and more of Him. Begin by worshipping Him and thanking Him for all the good things that He has done. Keep on yielding yourself to Him. As you diligently seek the Lord, He

will reward you.

But without faith it is impossible to please him: for he that cometh to God must believe that he is, and that he is a rewarder of them that diligently seek him. (Heb 11:6)

As they ministered to the Lord, and fasted, the Holy Ghost said, Separate me Barnabas and Saul for the work whereunto I have called them. (Acts 13:2)

Acknowledge before God all the sins, bondage and things in your life that are not pleasing to God. Be honest before Him. **Confess all your sins and weaknesses.** Ask the Lord to cleanse you with His precious blood.

If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. (1 John 1:9)

Repent of and renounce all your past involvements with the occult and powers of darkness. Break their power over your life and cast them out. Ask the Lord to cleanse you of all your past.

But have renounced the hidden things of dishonesty, not walking in craftiness, nor handling the word of God deceitfully; but by manifestation of the truth commanding ourselves to every man's conscience in the sight of God. (2 Cor 4:2)

Know that your body is the temple of the Holy Spirit where the Spirit of God dwells. **Your body, the temple, is the dwelling place of God.** Thank the Lord that He has chosen you to be His temple so that He can fill you with Himself. Thank Him that you are so privileged to be His temple.

Know ye not that ye are the temple of God, and that the Spirit of God dwelleth in you?

If any man defile the temple of God, him shall God destroy; for the temple of God is holy, which temple ye are. (1 Cor 3:16-17)

What? know ye not that your body is the temple of the

Holy Ghost which is in you, which ye have of God, and ye are not your own?

For ye are bought with a price: therefore glorify God in your body, and in your spirit, which are God's. (1 Cor 6:19-20)

As your body, the temple of God, is cleansed, the Spirit of God will be attracted to you. As you yield your body to the Lord and begin to worship Him in spirit and in truth, welcome the presence of God into your life.

"God is Spirit, and those who worship Him must worship in spirit and truth." (John 4:24, NKJV)

Make sure you **forgive** all those who have hurt you.

And when ye stand praying, forgive, if ye have ought against any: that your Father also which is in heaven may forgive you your trespasses.

But if ye do not forgive, neither will your Father which is in heaven forgive your trespasses. (Mark 11:25-26)

For if ye forgive men their trespasses, your heavenly Father will also forgive you:

But if ye forgive not men their trespasses, neither will your Father forgive your trespasses. (Matt 6:14-15)

Present your body as a living sacrifice.

I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service.

And be not conformed to this world: but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of God. (Rom 12:1-2)

Reject and renounce unbelief. Unbelief is one of the greatest sins in the church today. It is the greatest hindrance to experiencing the miracles of God. It was because of unbelief that the whole nation of Israel (except for Joshua and Caleb and the new generation aged 20 years and below) failed to enter into the Promised Land that God had given them.

In the Old Testament, the Promised Land was a physical land. In the New Testament, **the promise to us is the promise of the fullness of the Holy Spirit.** This fullness enables us to experience the fullness of the blessing of God and to live the life of the Kingdom as sons of God. As the sons of God, we are here to destroy the works of darkness and to advance the Kingdom of light.

Praise the Lord! How exciting to know that the same Spirit that raised Jesus from dead is with us, the same anointing that was with Jesus is with us. The miracles He did, we too can do. **The only key is to believe.** When we believe, all things are possible.

Live a crucified life if you really want to experience the power of God. **Fully identify with the crucifixion of our Lord Jesus:** that when He died, you died; when He was resurrected, you were resurrected (Rom 6:4-11; Gal 2:20).

Cut off all the unnecessary things you are doing that are taking you away from God e.g., watching television, playing computer games, indulging in any hobby that means less time for God. **Begin to make time for God and make sacrifices.** God will honour you for this. Listen to King David's heart:

And the king said unto Araunah, Nay; but I will surely buy it of thee at a price: neither will I offer burnt offerings unto the LORD my God of that which doth cost me nothing. So David bought the threshingfloor and the oxen for fifty shekels of silver. (2 Sam 24:24)

Be firm and determined. Put all excuses aside and begin to seek the face of God. If you have difficulty, get a prayer partner. Get help from leaders who are moving in prayer.

Be led by the Holy Spirit in all that you do.

For as many as are led by the Spirit of God, they are the sons of God. (Rom 8:14)

Keep being filled with the power of God. Jesus Christ,

the Son of God, Himself received the full power of God (Matt 3:16-17) and had to keep on spending time with the Father. In the midst of a great revival, He sent the multitudes away just to spend time with the Father. He withdrew to pray until He was transfigured by the power and presence of God.

And straightway he constrained his disciples to get into the ship, and to go to the other side before unto Bethsaida, while he sent away the people.

And when he had sent them away, he departed into a mountain to pray. (Mark 6:45-46)

But Jesus withdrew himself with his disciples to the sea: and a great multitude from Galilee followed him, and from Judaea,

And from Jerusalem, and from Idumaea, and from beyond Jordan; and they about Tyre and Sidon, a great multitude, when they had heard what great things he did, came unto him. (Mark 3:7-8)

And after six days Jesus taketh Peter, James, and John his brother, and bringeth them up into an high mountain apart,

And was transfigured before them: and his face did shine as the sun, and his raiment was white as the light. (Matt 17:1-2)

Jesus was able to go through the agony of Calvary because He had spent time with the Father and prayed through to victory in the power of God. He prayed so earnestly that even angels appeared from heaven to strengthen Him.

And there appeared an angel unto him from heaven, strengthening him.

And being in an agony he prayed more earnestly: and his sweat was as it were great drops of blood falling down to the ground. (Luke 22:43-44)

The power of God was so great that even death could not hold Jesus down after the third day. The same power lifted Him to the heavens to be seated at the right hand of the Father.

And what is the exceeding greatness of his power to us-ward who believe, according to the working of his mighty power;

Which he wrought in Christ, when he raised him from the dead, and set him at his own right hand in the heavenly places,

Far above all principality, and power, and might, and dominion, and every name that is named, not only in this world, but also in that which is to come: (Eph 1:19-21)

Praise God that today, **we have access to the power of God.** Let us not wait any longer but let us arise to receive the power of God. Once you receive the power, you will receive the boldness and the confidence to begin to touch the supernatural. You will begin to live in the glory of His presence, in the reality of God even as the power of God, the life of God, flows through your very body. Wherever this river of life flows, healing and deliverance will occur.

And it shall come to pass, that every thing that liveth, which moveth, whithersoever the rivers shall come, shall live: and there shall be a very great multitude of fish, because these waters shall come thither: for they shall be healed; and every thing shall live whither the river cometh. (Ezek 47:9)

This power that the world is looking for will enable multitudes to receive their healing. How? By the power of God that flows through our lives. The Jesus Who healed multitudes 2,000 years ago is with us today.

You may be feeling defeated, fearful of sickness or needing healing in your spirit, soul, body or mind. No matter what sickness you have, however advanced it may be, even if it is terminal, I have good news for you. The same power of God that was in the life of the Lord Jesus Christ is now available for you.

All you need to do is to **reach out and receive by faith.** As you do, you will experience the power of the Lord Jesus Christ. Right now where you are, **reach out and receive.** As

you pray, you will experience the power of God flowing through you and you will not be the same.

Satan is a deceiver and he wants you to think there is no hope. Do not be deceived anymore. Rise up and renounce all the lies and deception of the enemy. Believe the promise of God that His power is here to heal you.

If we choose to believe what God says more than what has been spoken over our lives, we will receive the power. **Only believe and you will receive healing. You will then be able to give** the same power of healing to others. The power of God in our lives will make the difference. It will open blinded eyes and draw others to know that Jesus is here to help us. **He is the “I AM” God, a present help in times of trouble.**

Thank God that the very same power that was in the life of Jesus is with us today. **We can see miracles every day.** As we believe, we will see the miracles and multitudes will come to God. **Our teaching and preaching will not only be in words, but will also be in demonstration of the power of God.**

Let us not wait anymore but rise up to do the work. Let us lay hold of the promises of God to bring in the multitudes. We will see the multitudes come in, drawn not by might or power but by the Spirit of God.

If you are not a Christian but would like to experience the power of God, believe in the Lord Jesus Christ today. Confess your sins and receive forgiveness, salvation and the power of God in your life. Turn defeat into victory. Praise God. (Please see page 58).