

THE POWER OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

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1. ENERGIZINGS OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

God has tremendous energy flowing all the time and unless He works and energizes in our life we can not bring it out. Eph. 1:19-20 And what is the exceeding greatness of His dunamis toward us who believe, according to the His mighty power which He worked (energes) in Christ.

The Greek word energeis is the outworking of all these energy forces of ischus, kratos, dunamis and exousia flowing out. Eph. 3:20 Now to Him who is able to do exceedingly abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power (dunamis) that energizes (energes) in us.

See God is able to do above all that we ask or think but many people stopped there. They say, "Oh God is able to do above all that we ask or think" and they put a full stop. The Bible doesn't put a full stop. The Bible says God is able to do above all that we are able to ask or think according to the dunamis that is energizing in our life. In other words, the measure of His ability to work in our life is according to the force that flows from our spirit. That energy can be at different levels flowing at different times. The more energy God imparts, the more the energy will flow forth.

We know there are many forms of energy today and each form of energy can do different specific works. There is a certain degree of energy that remains in our life because of our born again experience. It's the first step - the seed but then it can grow stronger in our life. We need to be sensitive to the energy level that the Holy Spirit is releasing.

Escaping the Energy of Sin

The devil too has his energy force and he activates it together with the law of sin and death, which Rom. 7 speaks about it being in our body and our flesh. Which is why Paul said, 'that what I will to do, I can't.' See he needs the energy force of God to overcome the energy force of the devil. Perhaps before we go to Romans, we need to read Eph. 2:2 In which you once walked according to the course of this world, according to the prince of the power of the air, the spirit who now works (or energizes) in the sons of disobedience.

In Book of Romans 7:5, For when we were in the flesh, the sinful passions which were aroused by the law were at work in our members (the word members here in the whole context of Romans 7 points very clearly to our physical bodies) to bear fruit to death.' That's not the energy we want, that's the wrong kind of energy. It's the energy of the law of sin and death. It's like the law of gravity that pulls us down to this earth and this wrong kind of energy is always there because we were born in sin and the law of sin and death is working. It's the energy that pulls people downwards into sin and death.

So Paul wrestled with it in Romans 7:15-16, 'For what I as doing, I do not understand. For what I will to do (now that's something in him that makes him wants to do. For the spirit is willing but the flesh is weak.) I do not practice; but what I hate, that I do.' This is because the other energy consumes him. 'If, then, I do what I will not to do, I agree with the law that it is good.'

See there is energy of sin and if the devil tempts you, the energy of sin is so strong that you are drawn like a piece of iron to a magnet. Let's say, it's lust and oh, it's so overpowering in your life and then you yield to it! What happens? You feel so empty after it! When all the wrong energy force is exhausted, you feel the emptiness, you feel the pain, you feel the condemnation. That means that some energy was there and then suddenly it was gone. You feel the sudden 'gone'. That was not the energy of the Holy Spirit. It was the energy of sin, the law of sin and death working in your life. We need to understand that the battle in our lives as Christians is to know how to harness the energy of our mortal bodies and to crucify the old man! Why crucify the old man? That's where the wrong energy force needs to be mortified.

Rom. 8:1-3, 'There is therefore now no condemnation to those who are in Christ Jesus, who do not walk according to the flesh, but according to the Spirit. For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus (that's a higher law) has made me free from the law of sin and death (to make you free means to pull you out of the clutches of the gravitational pull of sin and death.) For what the law could not do in that it was weak through the flesh (the spirit is willing but the flesh is weak, which is why in Romans 8, the solution is given to in verse 11) if the Spirit of Him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, He who raised Christ from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies through His Spirit who dwells in you. There is a different energy that flows in our spirit. As we yield to the Spirit of God, our spirit, soul and body come under the energy of God.

Which is why when the Spirit of God comes upon you, it is easy to resist the energy of sin because there is more godly energy than the enemy's energy. There is a greater strength. There is a certain amount of propulsion for any projectile or spaceship to leave the gravitational pull of the earth. Isaac Newton was the first person to calculate that and to find out how much propulsion is needed to escape the gravitational pull. That is how the spaceships are built big because they need a certain amount of propulsion to escape the gravitational pull. In the same way we need a certain amount of energy force to flow in our lives.

Flowing With the Energy of the Holy Spirit

When the Holy Spirit is moving at different levels of energy, there is a point of energy level that can not stay long. And that is the level that we must quickly obey and flow with the Spirit of God, especially what I call, the notable miracles or powerful miracles. It takes a lot of energy to make the blind see, or to see creative miracles. It is a different level of energy from healing a flu or a simple headache. The energy level to make creative miracles is so strong that it can not remain long, that when it comes we must tap into that. Cause when it comes strong and we don't tap into that, we doubt it away and do other things, it then goes away. Why doesn't it remain long? It is because our physical bodies can not stand it for long. Our physical bodies are still in its mortality. It is still being preserved. It can not stand it for long. There is a certain amount of time that it can stand within our physical body. And even our physical bodies need to be trained to withstand the amount of energy force.

Electrical wires are designed to conduct electricity. But if you put one thousand volts of electricity through the wires, they will burn. It is not designed to carry one thousand volts. There will be a short circuit. There will be a fire that catches on. Our physical bodies are not designed to carry these high energy levels. Some of us, our

bodies can carry more energy levels than others. What is the thermometer for measuring that? If you can not fast, your body will carry less energy. If you can not contain your passions, or your body's sexual drives, you will not be able to carry the higher energy levels. The body's desire for food is the other energy force that should be harnessed.

The more you can take the desires of your bodies, the passion of your lust, the desire for food, the more your body is adapted to take in the higher energy levels. You go from one phase wiring to three-phase wiring. In electricity you put in more wires to carry more load. But in our bodies we take away the energy that comes from sin and lust so that it is cleaned up. That is why the more you spend time with God, the more you lead a fasted life, the more you pray in the spirit, and in your mind and in your heart and in your being you are absorbed in God's presence every half an hour, the more you train yourself in that the more energy level you can contain comfortably. Otherwise you can not withstand the energy level. For most people, there is a general level depending on the maturity of the group and how close they walk with God. The more they walk with God, the more God can release the energy levels that is comfortable for the group. The day will come when the group will live close to God, and God will release notable miracles. There is a certain awe, a certain presence that when we walk in, that we know that it is the presence of God.

You see, we operate according to the energy level that God releases. And according to that level, we flow along. And when you walk into a place, you would know the energy level that is going on. In Kathryn Khulman's meetings, when there is a great expectancy for healings and miracles, there is a greater level of energy that is being released. And God can work many miracles. When the day comes when our faith has increased, as we understand the energy levels, we will constantly see notable miracles and the energy levels can remain longer on us.

But generally when you have a mixture of people who walk with God and people who do not walk with God, there is a energy level that reaches to a highest level, and at that level it stays, it is at that level that you have to quickly launch into it. Remember it is not the same as when you are praying over a sick person in an ordinary setting. I mean, when you have a normal prayer for the sick, you give him ten volts everyday so that he recovers gradually. But when the anointing of God is flowing, you can not afford to doubt, you can not afford to question. You can only be receptive.

You can test it by the anointing within, and by the Word of God, and by many tests whether it is false or true. Whether it glorifies Jesus. When it glorifies Jesus, when it is in line with the Word of God, you can not afford to doubt it or it will rob you. You will be like Peter walking on the water; one doubt and it will cause you to sink. One doubt is all it takes to prevent a notable miracle from happening. If you will not doubt you will receive your notable miracle. It is the doubt that assails people, and it is one of the things that prevents God from working miracles.

Energizing Through the 2-5-2 Gifts of the Spirit

The energy flows in the different gifts of the Holy Spirit. In I Cor 12, the gifts of the Spirit can be divided into 3-3-3 or 2-5-2. In I Cor 12, the gist of what Paul is saying is found in verses 6 and 11, there is a diversity of workings (energema), which means the substantiating of the energy. That means the energy is producing something, or

operating something. But it is the same God who energizes all in all. Verse 11, but the same Spirit energizes all these gifts.

Now there are nine gifts of the Spirit. When we want to study them according to definition, we put them as 3-3-3; when we want to study them according to operation, we put them as 2-5-2. The first two as word of wisdom, word of knowledge and the last two as gift of tongues and gift of interpretation of tongues. All these gifts are so different but the Bible says that they are from one energy source, from the same Holy Spirit. It is like different appliances having different functions but they are run by one energy source, electricity. When they construct the rice cooker, they will choose elements that will produce maximum heat. But when they construct fluorescent bulbs, they will choose elements that produce maximum light and minimum heat. Each instrument is designed for different uses. Likewise each gift of the Spirit is designed to produce different manifestations of the Spirit. But they are from the same energy source.

There are different energy levels that are being released. In I Cor 12, there are the 2 gifts, then the 5 gifts and then the 2 gifts. Look at the energy levels and you will realize that they fall under three separate groups. Each description of the gifts are separated by the Greek word 'heteros' and the word 'allos' -the words for 'another' which we are looking at.

(Vines' Expository Dictionary says, "Allos and heteros have a difference in meaning, which despite a tendency to be lost, is to be observed in numerous passages. Allos expresses a numerical difference and denotes "another of the same sort"; heteros expresses a qualitative difference and denotes "another of a different sort." Christ promised to send "another Comforter" [allos, "another like Himself," not heteros], John 14:16. Paul says "I see a different [KJV, "another"] law," heteros, a law different from that of the spirit of life [not allos, "a law of the same sort"], Rom. 7:23.)

In verses 7 to 10 of 1 Corinthians, it reads, 'to another is given this, to another is given that' - in the Greek, sometimes it is the word 'allos', sometimes it is the word 'heteros'. Every time there is a 'heteros' preceding a description of the gifts everything else changes and follows the group. The first 'heteros' occurs in verse 9 to gift of faith and the second is in verse 10 to different kinds of tongues.

Putting in the allos and the heteros into 1 Corinthians 12:7-10, we will see clearly where the difference lies.

7. But the manifestation of the Spirit is given to each one for the profit of all
8. For to one is given the word of wisdom through the Spirit, to another (allos) the word of knowledge through the same Spirit
9. To another (heteros) faith by the same Spirit, to another (allos) gifts of healings by the same Spirit,
10. To another (allos) the working of miracles, to another (allos) prophecy, to another (allos) discerning of spirits, to another (heteros) different kinds of tongues, to another (allos) the interpretation of tongues.

We separate the gifts to 2-5-2. The first grouping of two gifts is the word of wisdom and word of knowledge. The second grouping of five gifts are indicated in verses 9-10 to heteros faith by the same Spirit, to allos gifts of healings to allos working of miracles, to allos prophecy, to allos the discerning of spirits. The third grouping of two gifts is indicated in verse 10: to heteros different kinds of tongues, to allos interpretation of tongues. Tongues and interpretation of tongues are closely linked together.

In the Old Testament tabernacle, God reveals Himself from inside out. He speaks from the Most Holy Place. He talks about the Ark of the Covenant, the altar of incense, the candlesticks, the table of showbread. Then He comes out to the laver and the brazen altar. There are three veils in the tabernacle. The two veils and the gate are all made of the same colored materials. But for man, we always approach God from the other way - we always approach from the brazen altar, then we see the two candlesticks and the table of showbread and the Ark. It is the other way round.

Doesn't mean that all of us have the nine gifts at the same time, but the gifts are given as the Spirit wills. Some of us will operate in some of the gifts constantly. Because all the gifts are from the same energy source, sometimes because of the need present even though you do not operate the gift and you are the only vessel operating, the gifts will operate in your life. He makes some of us rice cooker, some of us CD players, some of us light bulbs - the same energy flowing in us producing different things. But once in a while, in desperate conditions when there is nothing else, even a light bulb will fry your egg.

The gifts are given for specific purposes, but because they are from the same energy source, from time to time any of the nine gifts may operate according to the nine gifts present around. But they will be some gifts that function regularly that make it a particular ministry that God has designed for your life.

The First Entrance : Two

We will look at these three entrances in the Book of Exodus. The first entrance is the gate as we approach from man's side is found in Exodus 27:16 For the gate of the court there shall be a screen twenty cubits long, woven of blue, purple, and scarlet thread and a fine woven linen, made by a weaver. It shall have four pillars and four sockets. The four different colors represent the four aspects of Jesus Christ. Blue represent Jesus Christ as the Son of God, divinity and heavenly nature. Purple represents royalty, Jesus Christ as the King of Kings. Red or scarlet represents Jesus as Savior. White or linen represents Jesus as the Son of Man. All the four gospels are represented here. Before you could go to the brazen altar or do anything, you must enter the gate. Jesus says of Himself, "I am the door." (John10:9)

The Second Entrance : Five

After you enter the gate, the next part is the screen for the second place, the Holy Place, which is in Exodus 26:36, You shall make a screen for the door of the tabernacle, woven of blue, purple, and scarlet thread, and fine woven linen, made by a weaver. And you shall make for the screen five pillars of acacia wood, and overlay them with gold. Notice that the word five is now in place.

The Third Entrance : Two

It is 2-5-2, the next one. So you enter the second place, where you see the candlestick on your left, and the table of showbread on your right and the altar of incense in front of you.

Just before the altar of incense is the second veil which is the veil to the Most Holy Place, and which is the veil that was torn in two when Jesus died on the cross. That is found in verse 31 and 32, You shall make a veil woven of blue, purple, and scarlet thread, and fine woven linen. It shall be woven with an artistic design with cherubim, upon four sockets of silver. And you shall hang it upon four pillars of acacia wood overlaid with gold. Their hooks shall be gold, upon four sockets of silver. Four is the multiple of two, and the addition of two and the number two at play.

Two - five- two (the third entrance) and that represents the energy levels of God. You enter the first level, then you enter at the second level and then at the third level. Now these three are laws of the supernatural, and they operate together. But one is more prominent than the other, and we find that in the Book of Romans, in the Book of Corinthians and all over the New Testament once we recognize the law, that operates the supernatural.

Here we have the outer court and based on I Cor 12, if you go by the gifts of the Spirit, the gift of tongues and the interpretation of tongues. Consider the book of Acts, where the first manifested presence was tongues with interpretation of tongues, although at that time there was tongues in languages that was understood. So there was no need for interpretation, it was supernatural, it was an interpretation given to the ears and not spoken. Tongues manifested in Acts chap 2.

Then from tongues, you find them moving into the power gifts. Acts 2 God began to do many things after the outpouring of the Spirit and they began to gather in the houses and in the temple, and in the porch of the temple. They began to sing and share together, look at Acts 2:42 fear came upon many souls and many signs and wonders were done through the apostles.

Acts 3 there were more healings done through faith in the name of Jesus.

Acts 4 God continue to work in their lives, and the other believers began to grow in their ministry of giving to and sharing with one another.

Acts 5 the word of knowledge began to operate. That is the higher level. As the word of knowledge and the revelation gifts began to operate, you find a greater presence operating. It was when they reach the third level where the word of knowledge starts operating together with the gift of faith, speaking the Word and people being raised free the dead are the same gifts, The gift of faith is defined as the power of the spoken word. When Paul said to Elymas that he will not see the sun for a season, there was a pronouncement of judgment and he could not see the sun for two days and three nights. It is the power of the spoken word.

And when these began to operate, the church began to move in the powerful energizing of God, so powerful that even the shadow of Peter could heal them (Acts 5:12). You could say that there was a tremendous energy force that was being

released. Apparently that was not all the time, not everyday because later on, you don't find them trying to heal by their shadows anymore. It was for a specific time, the manifested energy force of God for us to understand and flow with.

The First Law: the Law of Faith

Now these entrances are actually three different laws of the Spirit that operate together but it is progressive into one other. These three laws are mentioned in Romans. Paul calls them by very simple names, so simple that they can be misunderstood. In Romans 4, he describes it. The introduction for that actually begins in 3:27 Where is boasting then? It is excluded. By what law? By works? No, but by the law of faith. It is called the law of faith. This doesn't mean that the other two laws do not need faith. It does. Let's call it the law of faith. Now Paul describes its operation in Abraham's life.

The Second Law: the Law of the Spirit of Life in Christ Jesus

The second law which is the second screen door into the holy place, we find in Romans 8:2 For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus has set me free from the law of sin and death. It is called the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus. It is a different law entirely. Now if you do not understand these laws, you will never be able to enter into the realm of the supernatural. If you do not grasp the laws of the natural, you can not produce what it can.

When people understand the laws of electricity, there are thousands of things you could do. These applications were just based on one simple law. When mankind began to build airplanes, do you know that airplanes are built progressively? Before the airplane came, they had to make a car first. The engine to make an airplane came from the car. Have you ever thought of that? They have to get used to petrol engines until they became established. Cars were an in-thing. And even today, especially the smaller planes, the engines are basically the design of the higher capacity ones used in cars. From car engines, they modified it for the planes. The Wright Brothers were producing engines, but they slowly designed the engines for the planes. From that, jet engines and huge turbines were developed. So from one progression you go to the other. Man went further and further and designed rockets. A rocket is very clumsy in its takeoff and is not as graceful as a plane. But then it can go further. But then they want a hybrid. The difference is that a plane needs oxygen, but a rocket doesn't need oxygen; it carries its own. So that is why they are so huge and bulky. So they are designing a hybrid that takes off in normal air until a certain stage above the atmosphere, the rocket takes its own oxygen and goes off into outer space. There is a progression. From car engines, they design plane engines before producing engines for outer space.

The Third Law: the Law of Righteousness

The law of faith, the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus, and the third law is so simple that we could have missed it but it contains tremendous things inside. Romans 9:31 but Israel, pursuing the law of righteousness, has not attained to the law of righteousness. Isn't that funny? They were trying to hit the law of righteousness but they couldn't attain the law of righteousness. They tried to hit that level but couldn't

because they didn't hit by faith. The third one that leads to the Holy of Holies is a simple one. Don't let the simple title fool you. There is a lot inside here.

There are three laws: the law of faith, the law of Spirit of life in Christ Jesus, and the law of righteousness. The Israelites tried to get in thousands of years but couldn't get in, but those who got in first got in by the law of faith.

It is important to see that these are the progression to enter the depths of God. Each of these laws produces something special, or has its manifestation. Romans 4:1 just take one verse to define the workings of each law. We know that Abraham was walking by the law of faith, and he exemplified the law of faith.

Romans 4:19,20 And being not weak in faith, he did not consider his body, already dead (since he was a hundred years old) and the deadness of Sarah's womb. He did not waver at God's promise through unbelief but was strengthened in faith giving glory to God.

Each Law has one key Greek word. The key word in the law of faith is endunamoo. It means a strengthening, a reception into us. That is the beginning of the walk, the energizing of God beginning in our life, endunamoo.

Now faith is required for all three steps, but it is a different level altogether. There is a time when you are conscious of faith, and what faith is doing in your life. But in time you will be walking in faith, and you do not realize that you are walking in faith because you are so used to it. Remember when some of you are believing God for \$500, it was so hard. Now it is so comfortable and you now believe God for \$1000 a month. Some of you who have business or say, projects under your ministry and you are believing God for \$100,000 a month and it was so hard - but after so long believing in it, you are walking in it. You are not struggling anymore - you have passed a different stage at that level.

Operating in the gifts of healing, operating in the word of knowledge and in the word of prophecy will become second nature to you. When you are used to operating in it, you move into the second nature of operation. When you operate it for some time, it becomes second nature to you. It is like playing the piano. First you learn to play with one hand, and then you play with the other hand, and they just refuse to synchronize together. Until one day you click and it becomes second nature to you. It just drops into you.

Romans 8:1-2 The law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus has made me free from the law of sin and death. The key word is "set me free" and the Greek word is eleutheroo and that key word has been translated 'deliverance' in Romans 8:21 has delivered (eleutheroo) us from the bondage of corruption into glorious liberty (eletheria). Eletheria is a special word for liberation.

There is another realm which is the law of righteousness which is very hard. The third law of righteousness, which Paul introduces in chap 9, and then continues in chap 10 and 11 and chap 12:2 he concludes, Therefore be transformed by the renewing of your mind.

The key word is transformed, metamorphoomai. Transformation that takes place at the third level.

The law of faith has to do with hope actualized.

The law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus has got to do with faith that is naturalized.

The law of righteousness has to do with love, the essence of God.

You have hope, faith and love which Paul speaks in I Cor 13. All these things tie together. Romans 4:4 And Abraham hoped against hope (and you will find that hope is necessary for faith), for faith is the substance of things hoped for, Hebrews 11:1. You bring all the hope working and actualizing it and it brings you into the first realm, the outer court.

When you grow into that realm, faith becomes second nature to you. Walking in faith, guarding your confessions and then you enter into the second realm which is faith actualized. Hope, faith becomes so natural in you that you live above the law because you fulfill the law and you enter into the divine presence of His love.

There is another way of arranging it. The first is enduement, empowerment from on high. It is endunamoo; it is faith conceived and received from God.

The second level is resurrection- resurrection power.

The third level is ascension -you are in the heavenly realm.

So you have conception, resurrection and ascension, sitting with Christ in the heavenly places. There is an energy level that is so powerful that you have ascended in heavenly places in experience.

Another way of looking at it is conception, liberation, resurrection and transformation. All three flow from one energy level to another until the highest realm. All these tie up with Ephesians 2 when we are set free into the highest realm in God, and you look why are we seated in the heavenly places, you look at it carefully. In Eph 2 we are seated in the heavenly place, what's the purpose? You see, when you reach the highest realm, the heavenly realm, in verse 7, that in the ages to come He may show forth the exceeding riches of His grace and kindness towards us in Christ Jesus. You tie the riches of His grace to other things he was talking about in Eph 3:8-9 To me, who am less than the least of all the saints, this grace was given, that I should preach among the Gentiles the unsearchable riches of Christ and to make all see what is the fellowship of the mystery, which from the beginning of the ages has been hidden in God who created all things through Jesus Christ. This is the wisdom of God, the knowledge.

When you study the nine gifts of the Spirit, and you divide 2-5-2, you will find that tongues and the interpretation have to do with the divine energizing from within and it flows out. The next five has to do with the resurrection power of God. The last two is where you are in the position of God, where the wisdom and knowledge of God can flow through. And there is why there is a divine harmony in the three realm of the supernatural.

2. HOW THE HOLY SPIRIT COMES UPON US

Acts 1:8 You shall receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you. And you shall be witnesses to me in Jerusalem and in all Judea and in all Samaria and to the ends of the earth.

We are going to touch on the person of the Holy Spirit. Sometimes the Holy Spirit works with great noise. Sometimes He works very quietly. Notice that Jesus was talking about the Holy Spirit coming upon people who were already born again. John 20:22 Receive the Holy Spirit. It was then that the apostles received the Holy Spirit in them. But many weeks later the Lord promised them in Acts 1 that the Holy Spirit will come upon them. There is a difference between the Holy Spirit coming within and the Holy Spirit coming upon.

Ephesians 1:17 Paul prays that God may grant the Ephesians the spirit of wisdom and knowledge of revelation even though the Holy Spirit is already within them. Even though you may already have the Holy Spirit, there is still more of the Holy Spirit which God can give you. He is a person but just like any other person He has and can give a greater measure of Himself to us.

Acts 1:8 is talking about the Holy Spirit being upon you. He may be within you but He is not always upon you all the time. He can not be upon you all the time because when He is upon you He manifests Himself to make us perform a work or a task. The Spirit within is building us and conforming us into the image of Christ. Acts 1:8 tells us that the apostles receive power at the precise moment when the Holy Spirit came UPON them. That is when the power of God is released into us when the Spirit of God rests upon us.

When we talk about the Holy Spirit coming upon you, I am not saying that the Holy Spirit is not in you yet. He is already within you when you accept Christ in faith and are born again. When I talk about the Holy Spirit coming down upon you, what I am saying is that the Holy Spirit manifests Himself. Luke 24:49 Jesus tells His apostles to remain in the city until the Holy Spirit comes upon them. Obviously Jesus is talking about a specific work of the Holy Spirit.

How does the Holy Spirit come upon you? There is a way the Holy Spirit comes upon you and there is a manifestation when He comes upon you. There are many symbols of the Holy Spirit in the Bible. But the most precious symbol of the Holy Spirit was when He came upon Jesus like a dove at His baptism. We shall use that symbol of the Holy Spirit as a dove to understand how He comes upon us.

The Holy Spirit is so gentle that even though He is within you, if you are not at rest in the Spirit, in the inner man, He can not come upon us. There must come a stillness in the inner man before the Holy Spirit comes upon you. If your inner man is not at rest, if you harass yourself with worry, doubt, anxiety, fear, sadness, the Holy Spirit can not, will not come upon you. I am not talking about physical rest. In fact, physical relaxation is only the result, it only comes about when your mind is at rest, when your soul is at peace. Physical rest does not come from the outside but from the inside.

And so, when there is a genuine resting in the spirit, a freedom from all worrying and doubt and anxiety and an openness, a readiness to respond to the movements of God's

Spirit within us; then the Holy Spirit will come upon us and when He comes He will fill us with His power.

When we are not at rest we are doing our own work. We are not working in the Spirit. We are not working in the strength and grace and light of the Holy Spirit. We are working in our own strength and abilities and understanding and wisdom and talents and delights. But on the day of judgment when God comes to reward His people all this will be of no account. Our merits and punishment will be measured according to the cooperation we have given to the promptings of the Spirit deep within.

The important thing therefore is to work with God. To work with God is to be at rest in Him when we do not do one thing of ourselves. We must enter into His rest and we will see ourselves doing the works of God in our lives. It is very easy for the power of God to flow. All we have to do is to be at rest in God. It doesn't take long. It doesn't mean that when the Holy Spirit comes upon you it takes another two or three hours or days for the power to start working. Once when the Holy Spirit comes upon you the power is upon you. There will be power flowing.

Many times we have entered into that quietness but there is no manifestation because He hasn't come upon you. But the moment He comes upon you there is a manifestation. It is not every time we are at rest that He comes upon us and manifests Himself. But we must be ever ready and be in a position of rest all the time. It is important to remember that it is the Holy Spirit who leads us. All that we have to do is to follow. It is not they who lead the Holy Spirit but are led by the Spirit who are the sons of God.

But when the Holy Spirit comes upon us and manifest Himself He does something. He does not waste time. Every time God's Holy Spirit comes upon us He wants us to do something. He is anointing and manifesting Himself for a work. The Spirit comes upon us for a purpose. The power is available only for a purpose. When the Holy Spirit comes upon us manifestations take place. But remember that He is the one who tells us what to do not we who tell him what we want Him to do. But whatever the circumstances, whatever the situation, whatever may or may not happen, one thing we must do, one thing is needful - we must be in a position of rest all the time so that when the Holy Spirit want to come upon you He is free to come.

We are all like trees before the Lord and we lift up our branches to the wind of the Lord.

But our branches are moving when they are blown by the wind of the circumstances of this life. The Spirit of the Lord looks upon all these trees in the garden of the Lord and see some of their branches moving because the wind of the circumstances of this life are blowing them to and fro. And the Spirit of the Lord does not reach them. He will look only for those trees which are still and ready to welcome Him. And then He blows His own gentle breeze, stirring them to action.

When He does this, then there is power moving and flowing upon us, into us. Philippians 4:7ff And the peace of God which surpasses all understanding will keep your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus. This scripture shows us how we must get into that position of resting in the Lord. Peace is the stillness and the love of your heart and your mind. And when the peace of God comes into you it is like the voice of God

coming inside us and saying to us - peace be with you. And it is then that the Holy Spirit comes and moves in you. I have seen many who have committed everything to God and cast all their cares and burdens on Him, coming to God with all their hearts, pouring out their very lives before God until there is no more to pour. And it is then that the peace of God descends upon them and the power of God electrifies them.

It is only when there is this stillness in you that the Holy Spirit can make His power flow. If you really want God to use you for His work, if you have committed yourself to do what He has planned for you to do, this is what you must do in order to discover His plans for you, in order to have the strength you need to do what He has planned and wants you to do. Your spirit and your soul and your body must be at rest in the Lord. There must be this stillness and restfulness and peacefulness in your soul. And when that happens you avail yourself to Him.

3. FOUR REALMS OF POWER

We will touch on the areas of power and ministry and the power of the Holy Spirit. We want to also look at the voice of the Holy Spirit so that we would be balanced as we minister in the Holy Spirit.. As we look at the voice of the Holy Spirit and how He directs us we have to understand the person of the Holy Spirit, His character and how He flows and how He moves. We need a little bit of background. I just like to flow along with some background here in the book of Revelation chapter one to consider the Holy Spirit.

We need some of these backgrounds in order to go into what we want to teach on the various aspects of ministry. For example when you have learned to hear God's voice and flow with the Holy Spirit, you will come to realize that there is a different principle involved in ministering in deliverance and then ministering in healing and ministering in soul winning. Each of them requires different principles and we want to look at how they function.

In Rev. chapter 1 lets consider the person of the Holy Spirit in verse 4. Grace and peace to you from Him who is, and who was, and who is to come, and from the seven Spirits before His throne. See the Holy Spirit is one person but He manifests Himself in 7 spirits. What are the 7 spirits of God?

In Isa. 61:1-2 The Spirit of the Sovereign Lord is on me, because the Lord has anointed me to preach good news to the poor. He has sent me to bind up the brokenhearted, to proclaim freedom for the captives; and release from darkness for the prisoners, to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor. Now contained within here are the 7 spirits of God which we will outline later.

Turn to Isa. 11:2 The Spirit of the Lord will rest on him – the Spirit of wisdom and of understanding, the Spirit of counsel and of power, the Spirit of knowledge and of the fear of the Lord. Now there are the 7 spirits of God broken down into various aspects and attributes. No. 1 the Spirit of the Lord. No. 2 the Spirit of wisdom. No. 3 the Spirit of understanding. No. 4 the Spirit of counsel. No. 5 the Spirit of might. No. 6 the Spirit of knowledge. No. 7 the Spirit of the fear of the Lord.

What we want to see this morning is that the 7 Spirits of God flow into 4 different rivers. Notice that we mentioned that the Spirit of the Lord shall rest upon him. Then there is a short pause there. It starts again the Spirit of wisdom and understanding; wisdom and understanding are combined together. There are 4 times that the Hebrew word Spirit is mentioned. Although there are 7 fold Spirits there are 4 rivers. So the Spirit of might and counsel goes together and the Spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord go together.

We have some detailed teaching of the 7 Spirits of God where we show forth that these 7 Spirits of God flow in 4 rivers and they are equivalent to what we call the 4 winds of God. The word 4 winds are mentioned in the book of Ezekiel and the prophecy both of Israel and the church.

In Eze. 37 in regard to the dry bones. When the Lord was facing Ezekiel and speaking to him about the bones. The Lord says in Eze. 37:9 Then he said to me, "Prophesy to the breath; prophesy, son of man, and say to it, This is what the Sovereign Lord says;

Come from the four winds, O breath, and breathe into these slain, that they may live,” Now we could refer and look at that as a natural wind. Of course it is more than natural for it was a supernatural wind. When we talk about 4 winds the first thing that comes to your mind is north, south, east and west. These are 4 physical directions on the earth. But we realize that when we talk about natural wind its not just north, south, east and west.

As I examine the north wind, the south wind, the east wind and the west wind I found that they were also a type of the work of the Holy Spirit. Every time the Lord mentioned about the east wind it speaks about judgment. About the east wind coming into the land of Israel bringing judgment. Then north wind has a certain significance too. In the Song of Solomon where they are calling for the wind of God, they said, “Blow O north wind, blow O south wind.” See each of the wind represent some things.

In Isa. 11:2 the Spirit of the Lord is represented by what I call the north wind. The Spirit of knowledge and understanding the south wind. The Spirit of counsel and might is represented by the east wind. Notice that when we talk about Jesus’ healing power He talked about how those mighty works are demonstrated by Him. I Jn. 3:8 tells us The reason the Son of God appeared was to destroy the works of the devil. Every time there is deliverance taking place; every time there is a healing taking place; the kingdom of God is announced, proclaimed, Satan is defeated. There is judgment being brought upon him, the east wind being brought upon him.

Then we have No. 4 the Spirit of knowledge and of the fear of the Lord, the west wind. We have also analyzed each wind is a type of the 4 figures; there are 4 creatures around the throne of God and each one of those creatures have 4 faces. The north wind having the face of a man. Then the Spirit of wisdom and understanding is represented by the ox and the Spirit of counsel and might the eagle. When we talk about healing we always talk about the eagle. (Malachi 4:2 The Sun of Righteousness shall arise with healing in His wings). Then the knowledge and of the fear of the Lord is the boldness of a lion.

And these types point to the Joshua generation. You will find that Joshua moves in all these areas. Boldness and wisdom; the Spirit of wisdom came upon him when Moses laid hands upon him in Deut. 34. So all these scriptures are inside.

But for this session what we want to see is how these 4 rivers of God flow in all these 4 manifestations of God. The north wind speaks about God’s presence. When we talk about God we always talk about God’s awesome presence and glory that comes. That is the spiritual significance of the north wind. It doesn’t mean that God lives in the North Pole. The south wind is the provision of God. The east wind is the healing of God whereas the west wind is the deliverance of God. These 4 different manifestations are the flow of the Spirit of God.

The interesting thing is that you would find all of them in Lk. 4:18-19. The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to preach good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim release to the captives and recovering of sight to the blind, to set at liberty those who are oppressed, to proclaim the acceptable year of the Lord.

The north wind is the Spirit of the Lord. In our detailed study on the 7 Spirits of God and the 4 winds of God, we talked about how the Spirit of wisdom and revelation is tied up to the Spirit of prosperity, the provision of God. The bible tells us in the book of Proverbs chapters 1 to 4, the 4 wisdom chapters I call them. It personified wisdom crying in the streets as saying there is long life on one hand and riches and honor on the other. Solomon asked for wisdom from the Lord and when he has wisdom he had the other 2 blessings as well : that on the right hand he had long life, riches and honor and on the left hand, wisdom. Solomon was so richly blessed not because of physical desires of blessings or materialism. A lot of people are running after money but they run after the wrong thing. You can have all the money in the world and if you have no wisdom, you will be destroyed. But if you go for wisdom, wisdom will bring you prosperity. The essence of prosperity is the Spirit of wisdom. Any financial problem you have is not so much due to a financial problem. It is due to an idea problem. If you have the right ideas and you know what to do about those situations you would have no financial problem. An idea problem will lead to a financial problem. It's a lack of wisdom. If any man lacks wisdom James tells us we can ask from God.

So we tie everything together and finally we look at Lk. 4 He has come to preach the gospel to the poor we will find that, that ties up to the Spirit of wisdom and revelation. We are not just to give the poor fish to eat. We are to teach the poor how to fish. Of course it talks both about spiritual poverty and all the other sort of provisions. We don't have to go to the extreme on that. When some people hear a teaching on prosperity, straight away they shut their minds and say this must be one of the prosperity cults. There is a balance involved. The reason why today many churches are going into all kinds of unscriptural ways of fund raising is because they are not teaching the people the Word. Instead they teach the people that it is holy to be poor. Then what about the Christian businessmen who work hard to bring in blessings to the kingdom of God? No doubt there are those on the opposite extreme, where there are those who are covetous. They will take such a thing as a get rich scheme. So here we need to have the Spirit of wisdom and revelation to balance between these two extremes.

He has sent me to heal the broken hearted; to preach deliverance to the captives. Deliverance is judgment over Satan. It is by the Spirit of counsel and might that we bring healing and deliverance to the captives of Satan. We would be setting them free for the Kingdom of God.

Then the Spirit of knowledge and of the fear of the Lord. You will find in Luke 4 verse 9 to preach the acceptable year of the Lord. The acceptable year in the Old Testament means the time the slaves are set free. It's the year of jubilee. When they are totally delivered, a bonus will be restored into their lives. This bonus that will be added to them is the revelation of God coming to them. By this revelation, they will have the Spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord. See bondage comes because of the lack of revelation. Bondage comes because the people lack knowledge and the fear of the Lord.

Now all these 7 Spirits of God and 4 rivers of God all flow in the life of the Lord Jesus Christ.

Jesus flows in the fullness in the 7 Spirits of God. One person but 7 fold flow in the Spirit of God. And these 7 Spirits of God flow forth manifesting to a different degree the ministry that we see Our Lord Jesus Christ function in.

The Four Rivers of God : Dunamis, Exousia, Kratos and Ischus

Lets have a close look to see how these 7 fold flow of the Spirit of God came upon the life of Jesus. Lk. 4:1 And Jesus, full of the Holy Spirit, returned from the Jordan, and was led by the Spirit for forty days in the wilderness, tempted by the devil. Then in verse 14-15 And Jesus returned in the power of the Spirit into Galilee, and a report concerning Him went out through all the surrounding country. And He taught in their synagogues, being glorified all.

There seems to be difference between verse 1 and verse 14. In verse 1 it says He returned from the Jordan River full of the Holy Spirit. But in verse 14 it says He returned from the wilderness in the power of the Holy Spirit. Some thing happened between verse 1 to verse 14. And whatever happened between verse 1 and verse 14 is important to us because a lot of Christians who are baptized in the Holy Spirit are still in verse 1. But then when verse 1 part 2 takes place and they confront demonic powers they give up. They don't have verse 14 in their lives. So between verse 1 and verse 14 some thing happened in the life of Jesus that caused Him to reach into the full power of the Holy Spirit.

Dunamis

What happened between those times is important for us. Again we talk about the 4 rivers of God and these 4 rivers of God will be tied up the 4 Greek words for power. See verse 14 is one of the Greek words used. He returned from the wilderness in the power. The word power is the word dunamis. In the dunamis of the Holy Spirit.

But the word power is used in 4 different Greek words. One of the most common is the word dunamis where we derive the English word dynamic.

Exousia

The other word is the word exousia where we derive the English word executive. That word is found in John 1 verses 12 and 13 To them He gave the power (exousia) to become the sons of God. And in some Bible translations they put the word the right to become the sons of God. The word right is from the Greek word exousia. Exousia means delegated authority. It's a form of power too. For example if we want to use the word dunamis it would mean I have the physical power to stop a truck. It depends on whether you mean dunamis or exousia. If you are talking about dunamis then that means as the truck is moving down the highway at 70 kilometer an hour, you are able to reach your hand out and physically stop the truck. But if you work as a uniformed police because of your badge of authority delegated to you, you represent the government. So you raise up your hand to stop the truck and the driver of the truck would have to stop the truck. That's exousia.

Kratos and Ischus

Now there are 2 other Greek words for power. In the book of Ephesians 3:16-19 That according to the riches of His glory He may grant you to be strengthened with might through His Spirit in the inner man, and that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith; that you, being rooted and grounded in love, may have power to comprehend with all the saints what is the breadth and length and height and depth, and to know the love of Christ which surpasses knowledge, that you may be filled with all the fullness of Christ.

If you read this in the English translation, you look at the word strength, the word might, in all these Greek words we don't see the strength and the impact of what Paul is saying. Even though in verse 20 he says now to him who by the power at work within us is able to do far more abundantly than all that we ask or think. So there is another word power there. So in the English as you read it just flows along. It doesn't come as richly as it does in the Greek. In the Greek Paul is playing on the Greek words almost like the incidence in the gospel of John 21 when Jesus Christ was talking to Peter and He played with the Greek words phileo and agape. So here Paul is making use of the Greek word.

And he is using the other word that we call kratos. Here he is saying in verse 16 that He will grant you the riches of His glory to be kratos with dunamis through His Spirit in the inner man. Now here is the relationship to be kratos with dunamis.

What does Paul mean? When I started reading the New Testament in Greek I was amazed at the Greek word that Paul used. Though the translators tried to bring it out its quite different when you read it in the Greek. So what Paul was bringing forth was another power called kratos.

Later he mentioned it again in the book of Ephesians chapter 6:10 this time he make it a little more complicated. Finally my brethren be strong (dunamo) in the Lord and in the power (kratos) of His might (ischus). The word be strong is dunamo which is from the Greek word dunamis. So we take it as the same power dunamis. And in the kratos of His ischus. So here he is playing on the Greek word in verse 10. And the English some times don't know how to translate it. It translated kratos as strength and then suddenly as might. In one place kratos is might and another as strength. The translation is confused. It is just like the earlier translation of the Old King James compared to the New King James the words dunamis and authority are mixed up many times. Where it is supposed to be translated power instead authority, the translators didn't put there as power. They put some thing else. Exousia should strictly be translated as authority and dunamis as power.

Kratos as the Power of Invincibility

Now what exactly is kratos and what exactly is ischus? These 4 Greek words are tied up to the 4 rivers of God. They are all manifestations of the Holy Spirit within our life. Let me define kratos here. Kratos is power through invincibility. Now to be invincible is to be immune to all possibilities of being defeated, being hurt, being wounded and being destroyed. When a war is going on it helps if you are invincible. Lets say one a country attacks another with Scud missiles. And the other side has the Patriot missiles that can neutralize all the Scud missiles. That would be what we call

invincibility. They have not done anything yet to attack. But they have a weapon that can neutralize the enemy's weapon. That would mean that the other side is no longer a threat. The power of invincibility renders the opponent's weapon obsolete. It would just be like the immune system in our body. If the immune system in our body breaks down you are easily affected by all kinds of sicknesses. Can you imagine if Jesus sends you out without the armor? If you succeed you succeed but if you got hit you are gone. In Eph. 6 it talks about putting on the whole armor of God and then going forth. What's the purpose of that whole armor of God? It is in order that we be invincible. Kratos power is the power to be invincible.

A lot of ministers and young Christians who start moving in the Spirit and casting out demons tend to say, "Watch out the evil one is going to counter attack." I hear this many times over and over again. And somebody goes out and pray over the sick and some thing happens to their family or themselves. They always come back and say, "Satan attacked me back." They always interpret the attacks that way. It is because their knowledge is only the knowledge of dunamis power and exousia power. We have no knowledge of kratos power that renders us immune to the attack of the enemy. We only know exousia, we only know dunamis but we don't know kratos. So when we go forth armed only with dunamis and exousia but without kratos, the devil does what he wants to attack us and we get hit.

In the early days of my ministry when I first started moving in the Spirit and ministering to the sick and casting out demons, those who were already doing those things would say, "Watch out brother. Every time you go out you must cover every thing with the Blood. You must cover your family and your house. How do you travel? By bus or by car? Bus. Okay, cover the bus with the Blood too. Every thing must be under the Blood." Now we are not undermining the Blood. I believe in the power of the Blood. The Blood is applied on us. The power of the Blood is the cleansing power that we stand and the accuser has no accusation against us.

In the early days of my ministry I saw one guy casting out demons. He would tell the person to drink, drink. I watched very closely and heard him say, "Drink the Blood." When were we ever told to feed the demon with the Blood of Jesus? Every time he did it the demon would scream. It went on for an hour. That is unscriptural. We are talking how there is a fear that is put on people. And he says don't go out and lay hand suddenly. I asked why. He replied, "Because the demon will jump on you." Paul didn't say don't lay hand suddenly because the demon will jump on you. He says so that you don't partake of another man's sin.

There are 4 reasons for laying hand in the New Testament. The first area for laying hand is healing. They shall lay hand on the sick and they shall recover Mk. 16. And then we find that they lay hand in order to impart the Holy Spirit. There are several scriptures on that, like for example, Act 19:5-6 Paul laid hands on the Ephesians and they spoke in tongues. So laying hand is used for imparting the baptism in the Holy Spirit. Third reason for laying on of hand in the bible is for blessing. Jacob laid hand on Joseph's children and blessed them. Laying hand is for blessing and impartation. Deut. 34 Moses laid hands on Joshua and imparted upon him the Spirit of wisdom. So the third reason is for blessing and impartation. The fourth reason is for ordination. With the laying of hand on Timothy we see a prophecy regarding his ministry. So the fourth reason is for ordination or setting apart.

We must look at the context of what Paul was referring when he told Timothy not to lay hands suddenly. Was he talking about reason 1 reason 2, reason 3 or reason 4? Study the context and you will find that he is talking about reason 4. He was talking to Timothy not to suddenly ordain some one to the position of leadership. When Paul wrote to Timothy he was talking about appointing elders, leaders, deacons etc. So naturally he was continuing in the same subject. And he is saying don't put some one fast into leadership role which is a major mistake of people in the ministry. It is easier to put up and harder to put down. So Paul was advising Timothy in the fourth area. It has nothing to do with the first few areas like ministering to healing etc. So there was what I call a misquotation of scriptures.

And the whole basis behind it is because of a lack of understanding of kratos the power inherent in the invincibility that God imparts to the people of God. So we define kratos as the power through invincibility that God imparts. You will notice that the same word kratos is also used in reference to dominion. Like a dominion has been set around you. Jesus Himself said in the gospel of Luke that you shall tread upon serpents and scorpions and they shall by no means hurt you. That means there is no way the serpents and scorpions are going to get back on you. That's kratos at work. It renders the bites of the scorpions and serpents practically useless. In Acts 28 Paul was picking up sticks on the island of Malta and a snake bit him. He just shook the snake and threw it into the fire. That's tremendous power of kratos.

Ischus as the Power of Efficiency

And ischus we define as the power of efficiency. In other words long ago when they invented the cars. The cars were very poor in consumption. It may take you 10 gallons to drive the car a short distance. But today they have increased that and there is even cars that may take you 65 miles per gallon. Why, that is efficiency. Out of the same amount of petrol you can go further. So ischus is the power of efficiency where you could channel all the small, small areas together to bring about a work. Its just like if you order a pile of bricks and the lorry comes into your compound. And then unload them right in your compound. They are all just bricks. No form, no shape yet. But it takes skill to lay those bricks into a house. What do you apply – efficiency. You place them in their right place. So this is where efficiency comes in and it has to do a lot with wisdom. The gift of administration has to do with wisdom.

Summary of Dunamis, Exousia, Kratos and Ischus

Exousia we put it as power through position. There is a position in Christ. A position that God has set you in and its because of that position and responsibility that you hold that you exercise exousia. The position as the Son of God gives you the exousia the right to be Son of God.

Dunamis is the power of content. The power is within itself.

Kratos is the power of invincibility.

Ischus is the power to efficiency. Now we have tied all these to the 4 rivers.

Notice that ischus is power to efficiency. We are talking about the Spirit of wisdom and revelation.

Then kratos which is the power of invincibility. That is talking about the Spirit of knowledge and of the fear of the Lord. When you fear the Lord there is no other fear. No fear of demons; no fear of man. All you desire is to do the will of God. You are bold like the lion.

Then we have dunamis the Spirit of counsel and might. Dunamis always refers to power being exercised. Acts 1:8 says the Holy Spirit will come upon you and you shall receive dunamis.

Exousia is position. He has set you at the right hand of God. The north wind represents the very presence of God. Exousia is authority that is not just functional in an isolated situation. Exousia only function as it relates to the supreme authority of the universe God Almighty. He delegates it to you to come down from the north wind. So all these ties together in working in our lives.

Dunamis is Built Upon Kratos and Ischus

Now here is where having seen the 4 areas of power we need to look carefully what Paul says in Eph. 1 and Eph. 3. Eph. 1:17-19 That the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you a spirit of wisdom and of revelation in the knowledge of Him, having the eyes of your hearts enlightened, that you may know what is the hope to which He has called you, what are the riches of His glorious inheritance in the saints, and what is the immeasurable greatness of His power (dunamis) in us who believes, according to the working of His great might (ischus kratos) which He accomplished in Christ when He raised Him from the dead and made Him sit at His right hand in the heavenly places.

If you read verse 19 and 20 carefully he is telling you that dunamis results through the working of ischus and kratos. Lets look at the bible again verses 19 and 20. What is the immeasurable greatness of His power (dunamis) in us who believes, according to the working of His great might (ischus kratos). In other words according to the greatness of the dunamis that works in your life, but according to something that is working in your life called the ischus and the kratos. That means that ischus and kratos are important and primary to dunamis. So we are going to see that these 4 Greek words or 4 forms of power function in harmony. You have to have ischus and kratos before dunamis and exousia working in your life. They all function together.

Lets look again at Eph. 3 and see some understanding of that. Eph. 3:16 That according to the riches of His glory He may grant you to be strengthened (kratos) with might (dunamis) through His Spirit in the inner man. Now there are more revelations. He links kratos with dunamis together. Then you read in verse 20 by the power (dunamis) at work within us.

Now in Ephesians 3 he is beginning to give us some understanding of what kratos and dunamis and where they relate to. As we study the word and every New Testament where the words ischus, kratos, exousia, dunamis occur and examine it carefully you could draw this conclusion. That dunamis is always tied to the power of the Holy Spirit. Whether the Spirit is mentioned or not it is always tied back to Him. It is very consistently used in the New Testament.

Kratos, the Power of the Word

Then the word kratos is tied back through a specific work of the Holy Spirit. Lets look at Acts 19:20 So the word of the Lord grew and prevailed mightily (kratos and ischus). Now it gives you a function there. Kratos and ischus work together. But kratos seems to be tied up to the power inherent in the Word of God. We talk about the power of the Word. What is that? The power inherent in the Word ties back to kratos. Remember what is kratos; power through invincibility. Now we are tying all the truths together. Power through invincibility, kratos is tied to the Word of God. Do you remember the armor of God in Ephesians 6? Paul talked about the helmet of salvation, the breastplate of righteousness, the girdle of truth, the shoe of the gospel of peace, taking the shield of faith and the sword of the Spirit. If you study the armor very carefully, I just give you the scriptures, every piece of the armor is tied to the Word, which is kratos or invincibility. Why was Jesus immune? Because He was kratos made flesh. The Word made flesh.

About the girdle of truth, the bible says in Jn. 17:17 Thy word is truth.

Then when it talks about the breastplate of righteousness, Heb. 5:13 says For everyone who partakes only of milk is unskilled in the word of righteousness, for he is a babe.

Then when Paul talks about the shoes of the gospel of peace, Rom. 10:15 says And how shall they preach unless they are sent? As it is written: "How beautiful are the feet of those who preach the gospel of peace, who bring glad tidings of good things.

Then the shield of faith, I Tim. 4:16 says Take heed to yourself and to the word of faith. Continue in them, for in doing this you will save both yourself and those who hear you.

Finally the helmet of salvation. Acts 13:26 Men and brethren, sons of the family of Abraham, and those among you who fear God, to you the word of salvation has been sent.

What I am bringing forth to you is this. All the pieces of the armor are tied to different applications of the Word. So when you get up in the morning it doesn't mean you have to take your armor out. Then you can go out. That's your devotional life. People think that putting on the armor is a physical armor. Its not it's a spiritual armor. In the early days of my ministry some people would tell me that I must put on my armor everyday. If I don't put on my armor the devil will get at me. I asked them, "How do you put on the armor?" They say, "By faith you just put on as if the armor is there." So being young in the Lord and young in the ministry, I just followed blindly.

And one day as I was putting on the shoes of the gospel of peace imaginarily, I was wondering whether it has a buckle on it or a shoelace. As I was doing that the Lord asked me, "What are you doing?" I said, "Lord I am just doing what they told me. I am just putting on the armor of God." So the Lord said, "Did you put on the armor yesterday?" I said, "Yes." Then the Lord said, "If you put on yesterday and you put on today when did you take it off?" Then I said, "Maybe when I slept the armor fell off." Then the Lord said, "If the armor fell off don't you think the devil would have come to you the whole night?" Then He began to teach me the armor is His word. If I get up

in the morning and I read the Word meditate on the Word confess the Word have the Word in my life the armor is there. All the different pieces of the armor are tied to the Word of God, which is kratos. The armor is the living Word kratos power.

Ischus, the Power of Prayer

James chapter 5 we see ischus power. Verse 16 Therefore, confess your sins to one another, and pray for one another, that you may be healed. The effective prayer of a righteous man prevails (ischus) much. That word prevails is the word ischus. Ischus is the power of efficiency. Today we are putting it to you that ischus is related to the power that you get when you pray. Some people do more bible reading than they do on prayer. Some people do more prayer than they do on bible reading. When you do bible reading you are tapping on kratos. When you do prayer you are tapping on ischus. Lets have both.

I know some Christians who love the Lord hardly know the Word. All they know is the power of prayer, ischus. Most of them who only know ischus power don't know kratos power. They are the same ones who get some victory and then after that they get a set back. They say, "Pray for me brother I received a counter attack from the devil." Why because they know ischus power they don't know kratos power. So it is important for us to balance in all the aspects of power. Ischus power is related to prayer.

Harmony of Dunamis, Exousia, Kratos and Ischus

Exousia power is related to who we are in Christ. Dunamis as you know is the Holy Spirit.

Now lets relates all the 4 together. If you tie every thing together you notice it is like a cross. For example ischus when you pray you need the Holy Spirit to help you. Ischus power is like the Spirit of God working within you teaching you to pray forth. I would summarize Ischus power in terms of relationship as the work of the Holy Spirit within you.

Dunamis power is the work of the Holy Spirit through you. See He works in you before He works through you. He works in you before He works out from you. That is ischus and dunamis related.

In terms of exousia. Exousia is the authority that we function in because of Christ. It is the out working of Christ in our life. What do you do when you function in exousia? You are functioning as a delegated authority that the Lord Jesus Christ has given to you. You are exercising your right as the sons of God.

So both exousia and dunamis are related because they are both outworking. Dunamis is the outworking of the Holy Spirit. Exousia is your outworking of your position in Christ Jesus.

But kratos is the "inworking" of the position of Christ in your life. You can see the relationship now. There is a truth where you notice in Eph. 3 what Paul was praying about that Christ may be in them. He is talking about the relationship, the knowledge

and working of Christ inside. We know that Christ is in our life. But how much is Christ in our life? He is Lord but He is not Lord over every thing in our life.

So having that understanding lets put this principle here that kratos is the “inworking” of Christ in your life. Exousia is the outworking of Christ in your life. Ischus is the “inworking” of the Spirit in your life. Dunamis is the outworking of the Spirit in your life.

With all this background you read Eph. 3 all these fall together. In Eph. 3 as he prayed about kratos in verse 16 to be strengthened with dunamis through the Spirit in the inner man. Then look at the final part when he talks about kratos in verse 17 that Christ may dwell in your heart. You see it’s the in working of Christ in our life.

So basically when we tie it back to Lk. 4 we will see in the next message how all these things are related. Between Lk.4 verse 1 to14 are these other things taking place. Before you saw Jesus functioning in dunamis He actually had all these things established in His life, kratos, ischus and exousia. Then you find Him functioning fully in dunamis.

4. GROWING IN THE FOUR REALMS OF POWER

Lets go to the gospel of Lk. 4. In the last message we have stated how between verse 1 and 14 that something must have happened in the life of Jesus Christ to cause Him from being filled with the Spirit to be filled with dunamis power. We have examined the 4 different Greek words for power. And how they speak about Jesus Christ being established in our life, through our life and then the Holy Spirit being established in our life and flowing out through our life in dunamis power.

In Lk. 4 in order for the working of the kratos, the ischus and exousia in our life, we need to conquer sin in our own life first before we can help others to conquer sin in their lives. We have to conquer the kingdom within before we conquer the kingdom without. There are too many people who are going forth and who have not broken the bondages in their own lives and they are trying to break the bondages of other people's lives. And they find that they lack the power, they lack the strength. This is because the kratos and the ischus have not been complete in their lives.

So the question is what is the evidence of the completion. How do we know? What do we actually overcome? So in the gospel of Lk. 4 we find that in verse 1 when Jesus Christ went into wilderness. He was tempted for 40 days and 40 nights by the devil. And during those 40 days and 40 nights He was tempted in every way you could imagine. Yet He did not fall. After the 40 days and 40 nights He was tempted another 3 times of which Matt. 4 and Lk. 4 recorded. The reason why those 3 temptations are recorded is because I believe they are the summary of the total temptations that He went through.

And in the gospel of Lk. 4 we see in verse 3 onwards: The devil said to Him, "If you are the Son of God, command this stone to become bread." And Jesus answered him, "It is written, Man shall not live by bread alone. And the devil took Him up, and showed Him all the kingdoms of the world in a moment of time, and said to Him, "To You I will give all this authority and their glory; for it has been delivered to me, and I will give it to whom I will. If You, then, will worship me, it shall all be Yours." And Jesus answered him, "It is written, you shall worship the Lord your God, and Him only shall you serve." And he took Him to Jerusalem, and set Him on the pinnacle of the temple, and said to Him, "If you are the Son Of God, throw yourself down from here; for it is written, He will give His angels charge of you, and on their hands they will bear you up, lest you strike your foot against a stone," and Jesus answered him, "It is said, you shall not tempt the Lord your God." And when the devil had ended every temptation, he departed from Him until an opportune time.

These 3 temptations of Jesus can be summarized by I Jn. 2:16 For all that is in the world, the lust of the flesh and the lust of the eyes and the pride of life, is not of the Father but is of the world. All the sins of the world can be classified into 3 categories: the lust of the flesh, the lust of the eyes and the pride of life. These 3 were the main temptations that were recorded in the gospel of Lk. 4 in Jesus' 3 temptations.

When He was tempted to turn the stone into bread, it was the temptation of the lust of the flesh. To fill and satisfy His physical body. When He was tempted to bow down to worship the devil after seeing all the kingdoms of the world, it was the temptation of the lust of the eyes. When He was tempted to throw Himself down from the pinnacle of the temple so that the angels will catch Him and He will descend down as a

Messiah in a heroic way, it was the temptation of the pride of life. There were 3 temptations recorded. For all those 40 days and nights Jesus was tempted in all those 3 areas.

Incidentally Adam and Eve were also tempted in the same category. In Gen. 3:6 So when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, (the lust of the flesh), and that it was a delight to the eyes, (the lust of the eyes), and that the tree was to be desired to make one wise (the pride of life). She fell on all 3 grounds. So man was tempted in the Garden of Eden.

And Jesus was tempted in the wilderness. The 3 areas of temptation are all that we will face in this life. If you could overcome those 3 you become invincible. Do you know all Satan's tactics are only in those 3 areas? He has no other area that he attacks you in. If you overcome the lust of the flesh, the lust of the eyes and the pride of life literally you are immune to all these attacks. And one of the first things in Jesus life is to overcome all those 3 areas.

And if you overcome them you will have what we call invincible power, *kratos* that God puts upon your life. Apparently it is not something that you taste once. It is something that you have to maintain. If you feed your flesh the old desires will come back. If you feed your spirit and starve your flesh then the old desires will remain conquered. As long as we are in this body there is no such thing as being free from spiritual battles. The difference is whether we feed our spirit or we feed our flesh. If we feed our spirit then those weapons of the devil thrown against us we do not respond to them. Satan literally is powerless if he didn't have help from within us. It is because we desire those things in our life that he is able to throw those temptations at us. Then he finds a negative kind of harmony and he draws us into it. The drawing of temptation is because of the drawing within our life, desires and passions in our life that have not been conquered yet. And therefore Satan uses them against us.

The Solutions to the Three Temptations

In the gospel of Lk. 4 we know that those 3 areas are primary areas that Satan is attacking Jesus. The interesting thing is this. When Jesus replied to the devil, in each one of the replies He gives the answer and the key to overcome those areas.

When He was tempted in the lust of the flesh, He said, "Man shall not live by bread alone but by every word that proceeds from the mouth of God." Within that short powerful answer He gives the eternal solution for the lust of the flesh: meditation on the word of God.

And when He was tempted on the lust of the eyes, Satan showed Him all the kingdoms of the world and tried to make Him covet after them. Jesus replied short and powerfully, that you shall worship the Lord your God and Him only shall you worship. How true that song is, "Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus and all the things of the world will grow strangely dim." When we behold the Master, when we behold the lily of the valley, the Alpha and the Omega, the one who was and is and is to come. When we see the beauty of our Lord Jesus, fairest of ten thousands we will not desire other things. And Jesus gave the eternal solution for the lust of the eyes, worship.

Then He gives the answer to the pride of life. When He was tempted to throw Himself down, He said you shall not tempt the Lord your God. He was saying we shall exercise temperance. In other words we die to self. You don't desire to do what you want to do. You desire only to do it if the Lord tells you to do it. He gives a complete solution in all those areas.

The Word the Key to Overcome the Lust of the Flesh

Lets look very carefully at Lk. 4 and notice some things about the temptations. In all 3 temptations there was a particular approach the devil use. Look at the first one in verse 3, If you are the Son of God. Then in verse 9 If you are the Son of God. What kind temptation was that regarding? Jesus was proclaimed to be the Son of God when He came out of the waters of baptism. The voice of heaven said, "This is my Son in whom I am well pleased." And the devil comes and said if you are the Son of God.

You notice some thing here. We are talking about exousia the right to be Son of God. You find all the 4 areas all between verse 1 to verse 14. If Jesus was not assured of His position He will be shaken. If you are the Son of God he says. Thousands of years before Jesus the devil through the serpent came to Adam and Eve and said if you like to be like God, do this and they did. The difference was Jesus knew His exousia. He knew who He was. He didn't have to prove Himself to be assured of who He was. He knew who He was because God said who He was.

The book of Gen. 1:26 God says Let us make man in our image and in our likeness. When God said some thing is made in His image there is no closer way you can get to be like God. Adam and Eve were like God. The serpent said if you want to be like God. They were already like God and the serpent said if you want to be like God. He was testing them to see whether they really knew who they were. The devil is always checking out whether you know the Word. He said to the woman, "Had God said?" He knew what God said but he wanted to find out whether they knew what God said. Had God said and the woman says, "Yes, God did say." And he twisted and turned the Word. That's what the devil did and they fell.

Incidentally the tree of knowledge of good and evil was not the only tree that was pleasant to the eyes. If you read the book of Genesis very carefully there were many other trees that were pleasant to the eyes. But the serpent some how drew them to that one tree. Gen. 2:9 And out of the ground the Lord God made to grow every tree that is pleasant to the sight and good for food. So there were many other trees that were good for food and pleasant to the eyes. But Satan will bring to them that one tiny little tree that God said not to eat. Out of the thousands upon thousands of trees in the Garden of Eden Satan brought them to the one tiny little forbidden tree. Just like many Christians whom God has given so many blessings and yet they still want the one that is forbidden. "If only I got this."

They were already like God. God already made them in His image. But because they didn't know their exousia, they fell to the devil's arrow of doubt. They did know what God has said. Kratos was not built into them apparently. Gen. 3:1 Did God say, you shall not eat of any tree of the garden? And the woman said to the serpent, "We may eat of the fruit of the trees of the garden; but God said, you shall not eat of the fruit of the tree which is in the midst of garden, neither shall you touch it, lest you die. God

didn't say about the touching part. That was added. God just said, "Don't eat it lest you die." The woman said, "Don't eat and don't touch."

In verse 6 the last sentence there she also gave some to her husband, and he ate. That tells me that while they were looking at the tree of knowledge of good and evil Adam was just standing there looking. Adam heard the whole conversation. He was responsible. See Adam was given authority over every thing that fly, every thing that creeps including the serpent. Adam could have said, "Serpent in the name of God stop all these things and get back to where you are supposed to be." Apparently he was the silent supporter. And that first problem was a problem of communication. So husbands and wives our problems are not new. They began in the Garden of Eden.

Originally God made Adam first. Then God looked around for a helpmate for him. He brought all the animals to him and Eve was not around yet. Gen. 2:19 And whatever the man called every living creatures, that was its name. And Eve didn't come about until verse 22, 23. So God only have man walking about in His image. And God wanted man to have a companion. He brought all the animals to Adam one by one. Whatever Adam called it that was its name. They said that if Adam and Eve were Chinese they may never have fallen because they would have killed and eaten that serpent first. But they would still have fallen because they would have eaten the fruit from the tree of knowledge of good and evil for their desert. In that direction God was looking for a companion. Imagine if Adam had settled for a cow or a dog. Finally there was none suitable for Adam. So God put Adam under the power and took a rib from him and made woman. When Adam woke up God brought this newly created creature to Adam. And when Adam saw her he was so stunned by her beauty that he cried out, "Wooooo man." So she got her name as woman. (No, actually the word woman is derived from the word womb-man or man with a womb. Eve was actually a man with a womb.) So that was the first wedding.

Now in all these things before the woman came about God had given instruction to Adam about the tree of knowledge of good and evil. The incident recorded was before the woman was created. Adam was supposed to communicate it to the wife. And together they were to stand against forces that will cause them to stray away from the instruction of God. And apparently in the first fall they were not working together as a team, which they should have. They should be working together as a team. So the first problem was a communication gap between them. The wife should have said to the serpent, "Let me consult with my husband here with me." And Adam should have spoken out and said, "Don't talk to that dumb snake." And taken authority over that serpent. So they were not working together the way God wants them to. And as a result of that they both fell.

And primarily we see here that the first temptation regards the Word. It regards kratos. How well do you know your Word and your kratos? How well do you hold to it? Then it regards their exousia, their position in God. He was like God and he did not appreciate it nor know it well enough. He must have doubts about himself in order to say, "I still like to try to be like God." Its just like Jesus said you are the righteousness of God through the Blood of Jesus. And here we are, we try to be more, getting more and more. What we need to do is to rest in the redemption of Christ and work that out. There is as whole lot of difference in that.

Incidentally there is a difference between holiness and righteousness which Christians do not realize. Righteousness has to do with the law and the standards of God. Holiness has to do with the person of God. So when you ask an average Christian what is the difference between righteousness and holiness? They say it is the same. Righteousness has to do with the out working of obedience to the law. Holiness has to do with being like God. If you ask an average Christian what it means to be holy. They say don't drink, don't smoke, don't sin. Define holiness. Holiness is not sinning. That's not a definition. That's a non definition. Definition tells you what it is. It doesn't tell you what it is not. Holiness is like God; because I am like God I don't sin, I don't like these other things. The essence of it is being like God. That's holiness. And righteousness is a position that we have in obedience to the Lord.

If you study the word sin in the bible it is another interesting thing. In the Greek there is only one word for sin. In the Hebrew there several understanding of what sin is. They talk about trespasses, iniquities and all the various other things that are mentioned and each one of them are relevant because when you break man's commandments the Hebrew word will classify under this area. When you break God's moral laws it's a different classification. When it is a fault in your nature that is classified under some thing else.

We need to know that Adam was not fully assured of his position. See you have been made the righteousness of God. You have been made the holiness of God. In II Cor. 5:21 tells us that He was made sin that we might be made the righteousness of God. Its just like a student if you aim to pass you may fail. If you aim to get 100 you may get 90. So in the same way the devil deceives us. He makes us think you are not good enough. You are not holy enough. You are not righteous enough. And you agree with the devil and say yes I am not good enough I must work harder. God wants to tell you to look at yourself. See this is what I have made you and as you behold the image of yourself as God sees it, you begin to live out the image.

I Jn. says that the seed of God has been placed in our lives. And if the seed of God is in our lives we do not sin. But that seed is not strong in some Christians' lives because they are not seeing themselves the way God sees them. They are only seeing themselves the way others see them, the way the devil sees them. But not the way God sees them and they will never reach their full stature in Christ Jesus. The bible advises us to look into the mirror of God the Word and see what God says. I am what God says I am. I can do what God says I can do. We must believe that. When we see what God says of us we are assured of the exousia position and we know it. And the devil comes and asks you, "If you are the son of God..." we won't even be bothered about that.

Even for some who have not committed any sin the devil may come and say, "You are not good enough. You didn't do this enough. You are very unrighteous." Instead of agreeing with the devil, you reply, "I know I am on my way to perfection. I know I am not there yet. I know I am not perfect in the eyes of man and in my own eyes but I will keep seeing the image of God in my life. I am the righteousness of Christ. And I will speak the righteousness of Christ. And I will rest in the righteousness of Christ." And when you keep that image in your heart and in your life, it grows out from you.

Christian life is the seed growing out. It is not the inside climbing out. There is a difference between fruit and work. Fruit has its season and time. Work and toil came

after sin and the judgment on Adam. But the bible always talks about the Christian life as a fruit not just as a work. Whenever it talks about works in Eph. 2 it talks about the works that has been seeded into your life. If you were to put your ears next to the tree trunk and hear, you will never hear the tree groaning in pain as it is growing. The tree will just grow every day. There is no struggle. And a lot of Christians' life is a struggle because we don't understand the laws of seeding and growing. It must become a part of us before I can be a part of our work.

When I was praying in regard to helping Christian in the area of sin, God began to speak to me and said sin have 4 steps. When the devil tempts you it comes as a thought. Then you allow it to breed further it becomes an imagination. If it remains longer it becomes a desire. Then you act on it. By the third step its every difficult to overcome. At the first stage its easy. Now this is the struggle in Christian life. They want to be exemplary Christians but their desire doesn't go along. Actually inside them they still desire sin. Why because they allow it to grow strong in them. It is easier to overcome sin at its first degree.

The opposite is true. A principle is true positive and negative. When you hear God's Word you hear it as a teaching and a thought is impressed upon you. Then when you meditate on that it becomes some thing received inside you. It becomes visual. Then it becomes No. 3 a desire. Then No. 4 it becomes an action. The problem with Christians is that they want to jump from 1 to 4. They want to be holy but they don't desire that holiness. They want to be loving but they don't desire to be loving. It is very difficult to do some thing you don't desire. If I ask you do you have a problem to do some thing you love and desire? Not a single one of you will say you have a problem.

So the problem is how to let the kratos and the Word be established in our lives. That is why Jesus teaches us the lust of the flesh is overcome by feeding on the word of God. Man shall not live by bread alone but by every word that proceeds from the mouth of God. And the daily nurture of the Word in your life will cause you to keep seeing the Word as it is.

Like Joshua and Caleb though there were giants in the land they were not shaken because they kept seeing the Word of the Lord. All the rest have a different vision from Joshua and Caleb. All the other 10 spies saw whatever the serpent wants them to see. But Joshua and Caleb saw what God wanted them to see. David when he faced Goliath he saw the way God sees him. The difference was in the vision. It was not in David's strength. I can prove to you that David didn't have much strength himself. Why because when they put Saul's armor on him he couldn't move. He definitely went out because he had a vision of God. And that vision you have of yourself if it is a vision your parents give to you that was wrong, you are going to be in bondage for the rest of your life. A lot of people are in bondage because of what they have in their vision. They see themselves as no good, dumb, and the rest of their lives they agree with that. They are trying to overcome that very image in them. And they're always there until Jesus takes it away and you see yourself the way God sees you. There are 3 ways you can see yourself. The way God sees you, the way others see you, the way the devil sees you. Choose God's sight of yourself.

Worship the Key to Overcome the Lust of the Eyes

In Lk. 4:7 Jesus talks about the lust of the eyes. Here is a very important area – worship. Some times you see a man of God falling into sin and his ministry is destroyed. All the fall that people have goes back to the 3 areas. The question in Christians' mind is why did they fall. Some times in the ministry they get so busy they got no more time for the Word. Secondly they don't spend time worshipping the Lord any more. I find many of them don't have a strong prayer life. If they ever fall its because they fall internally before they fall externally. The only way we can keep ourselves pure and holy in God is to maintain a high degree of the Word in our life and a high degree of worship.

I consider worship to be my No. 1 call. Above a minister, above being faithful in the ministry and office God called me into, my first call is to worship Him. Ministry is what we get from God. Worship is what we give to God. Worship is some thing special and unique and it is the ability to give God our love out of our own free will. As long as worship is centered in our life you will find a high degree of strength. When you worship the Lord and praise Him in your private life there will be many areas that you will move into.

It is amazing to realize that when we all get into heaven in the spirit world they travel at a speed faster than light. According to theory you can not surpass the speed of light. But in the spirit world the speed of light is too slow. Imagine calling on God and God sends his angel Gabriel at the speed of light it is too slow. At the speed of light it takes many long years for the light of the stars to reach us. Think about heaven being, say, a hundred light-years away, by the time Gabriel arrives you will be dead, gone, buried.

So the spiritual realm they travel at the speed of thought. The moment you think you are there. In heaven when another person think some thing you could recognize it. Like in Matt. 17 when He was in the Mount of Transfiguration Moses and Elijah was there. The disciples had no physical contact with the physical Moses or the physical Elijah yet they knew it was Moses and Elijah. In the spirit world when you see somebody you would know who he was when he was on earth. Even though none of us have seen what Moses looks like in heaven when you go to heaven you say, "Hi Moses, how are you doing?" even though you haven't met him. Imagine how confusing heaven will be if it were not so.

Paul says in I Cor. 13 when all things are perfect you will know as you are known. Spiritual recognition is when you see, you know. And you don't need to tell anything. When you think of something another person knows what you are thinking. It's a different world out there. But here the mouth was not made just for eating. It was made to worship God. But after the Fall man lost all these things. Now our mouth is used for communication as well as for food. But in the original plan of God we are made to worship God, our bodies are the music for God. God has designed us for worship. Think about all these man in the bible. Before David was a warrior he was a worshipper. Paul was a worshipper. Every letter he wrote the first thing he says I give thanks to God. And Jesus said the Father seek such to worship Him. We need more worshippers of God today. God is calling for that. Spend time with God just worship Him. Because of the lack of that the lust of the eyes seems strong to people.

The Will of God the Key to Overcome the Pride of Life

Last temptation of Jesus in chapter 4. Jesus answered and replied with the Word. Every time the devil said in the temptation. Jesus said it is written. In verse 10 the devil said it is written. He actually misquoted the Word. The Word never said to throw yourself down. He added to the scripture. Remember all the devil do is addition and subtraction. But we do multiplication. We multiply; the Word grew and multiplied. Why because when it multiplied it produced after the same kind. The Word grew but it remains a clone of what God said. And here it was a temptation for Jesus to prove himself to be the Messiah by jumping down. And Jesus said you shall not tempt the Lord your God. In other words Jesus has died to self. He has submitted Himself to the will of God.

See presumption is when you move into a area God did not ask you to. It's the most dangerous thing to do in the bible. When God tells you to do something you do, we have to be faithful to do what God tells us. We also have to be faithful to what God tells us not to do.

Only when Jesus had completed those tests and He passed it did He move into the dunamis mightily. For most of us we complete it partially here and there. And what God wants to do is to establish the Word, the Worship and His Will in our lives. We can not run away from the fact. Unless we overcome our personal sin and personal areas in our life, when you launch forth into the ministry that God anoints you for you will find unnecessary hindrances that will come. The devil will bring against you. Why because there is some thing in your inner man that he could make use of. That doesn't mean that a young believer can not do whatever within his boundaries to do. But the main thing that we have to realize here is that God is interested to form us into His image. That's is His supreme goal.

Paul says the object of his ministry is to bring all men to Jesus and to pray that Christ be formed in their lives. He prayed to the Galatians in that way. He wants Christ to be formed in them and they to be formed in Christ. And he says his own supreme goal is to know Him and the power of His resurrection and the fellowship of His suffering. His supreme goal is to be conformed to the image of Jesus. And all ministries must be subject to the fact that Jesus is Lord. He is come and He is to be glorified in our midst. And we have to pray in the area of God's will. You see knowing the word is one thing. Being led by the Spirit is the second thing that combines together. Deut. 28 says to be faithful to His commandments and to hearken to His voice. Both must go together in the ministry of God.

The Four Realms of Power in the Ministry of the Church

We now look at the ministry that God has for us. Two of the most important aspects of ministry that Christian Charismatics move into are deliverance and healing.

Lets look at demonology for a moment. In Mk. 9 be aware of these principles. It tells us here that the disciples of Jesus could not cast out the demon in verse 17 and 18. Verse 18 I asked your disciples to cast it out, but they were not able. Amazingly Jesus had already given them authority and power. As Jesus sent them out two by two Jesus said I give you all power and authority over all demons and over all sicknesses and

diseases. So these disciples had the potential authority but they had no experiential authority. It was not working out in their lives.

What are the reasons for that? Again you see there that Jesus rebuked them for their unbelief because inside them their effectiveness was proportional to their in working in their lives. Jesus asked them in verses 28 and 29. Verse 28 the disciples asked Jesus why could we not cast him out. Jesus said this kind can not be driven out by anything but prayer and fasting. Now prayer has to do with ischus power. And they were supposed to work in dunamis. They had exousia because Jesus sent them out delegated authority and dunamis because they had an anointing given to them. But the problem was that kratos and ischus were not working in their lives. So Jesus recommended prayer.

Then in the other record in Matt. 17 Jesus recommended that they do some thing about their faith. They asked why could we not cast him out. Jesus answered in verse 20 because of your little faith. I assuredly say to you if you could have faith you could have done it. So what was wrong? Not enough kratos. Remember we said kratos has to do with the power of the Word. Rom. 10:17 says faith comes by hearing and hearing by the Word. So all of us have a measure of the Word working in our lives. We know the Word can increase in our lives. Col. 3:16 says let the Word of God dwell in you richly. If it can dwell richly in our lives then it can dwell fully. Richly means abundantly.

So when there is enough kratos in your life, when there is enough ischus in your life, then you have the out working and in working. There can be no out working unless there is an in working. Output equals input. If you do not have enough input, you would not have enough output. You can not have some thing from nothing. So the reason why Christians are not exercising these areas properly is because their kratos Word is not enough and their ischus prayer is ineffective and not enough.

So No. 1 they have insufficiency of kratos and insufficiency of ischus. Jesus said to get into that kind of power to cast out that demon, get into the Word and prayer. The power of the Word and the power of prayer.

When you have established yourself in the Word (which gives you kratos power) and in prayer (which gives you ischus power), then you can minister in dunamis power. Remember that dunamis is built upon kratos and ischus.

Now these 2 general principles apply to both demonology and healing. The Word and prayer. You can test these principles out. If you are doing hospital visitation, you will notice if you have a lot of the Word inside your life. You are meditating on it constantly. And you spent a lot of time in prayer. And you go out to pray for people. You could literally and scientifically analyze the result and you will find that you will get more positive results when you do that. And less if you don't do that. Output equals input. So that's the reason why Christians are not effective in their exousia and their dunamis. See their exousia is not functioning because as Jesus said it is their unbelief (Matt. 17:20) Their unbelief is because they do not have enough Word and prayer.

So these are the main reasons but besides that in demonology having these two you got to balance the eternal with the internal and flow with it. So you have the eternal

which is the word. Generally you know what is right. You know that laying hand on the sick is scriptural. While you are doing that you got to be sensitive to internal what we call the leading of the Holy Spirit. The 2 always work together the Word and the Spirit. So in the same way having those 2 in Mark 9 when Jesus faced the demon, No. 1 this is what He did. Mk. 9:23 He told the father all things are possible to him who believes. He ministered the Word of faith to the father. The son was demon possessed and screaming and making a scene. Jesus was not moved He ministered the Word to the father. In our hurry to lay hand on the sick, in our hurry to cast out demons, we forget that it has been declared in the gospel that healing of the sick and casting out the devil accompany the Word. In Mk. 16:17-18 it says in My Name you shall cast out demon and when you lay hand on the sick they shall recover etc. and in verse 20 it says God working with them and confirming the Word with signs following.

Sometimes people have enough Word and they come for healing because of the Word. The woman in Mk. 5 reached out to touch Jesus because she heard about Him. The Word was established in her heart. In the book of Acts 14 as Paul was preaching the Word he saw that the man had faith. Never neglect No. 1 the ministry of the Word. Whether it be one word, one verse or a whole sermon. So in our zeal we must not neglect that healing and deliverance are part and parcel of preaching. Jesus is always teaching, preaching, healing and deliverance. You minus teaching, preaching and you get no healing and no deliverance. They are never isolated they accompany the ministry of the gospel.

So that's No. 1 Jesus ministered the word. To Him the Word was one sentence.

No. 2 in verse 25 Jesus commanded the deaf and dumb spirit to come out of him and enter

into him no more. Jesus discerned the type of demon. So between No. 1 and No. 2 He had a leading. See healing and deliverance are the harvest of the Word sown in our life. Some times if the Word is not sufficiently sowed we have to be patient. He took His position in exousia and He commanded the demon to come out.

No. 3 in Acts 16 the demon-possessed girl kept following Paul. Do you notice that Paul didn't cast the demon out for many days? She was following Paul for many days before Paul decided to cast it out. So that will bring point No. 3 in deliverance. That is we still need to be led by the Spirit. In Paul's case the girl didn't ask for deliverance. So deliverance ministry doesn't mean we go against freewill. Deliverance ministry never violate a person's freewill. If that person chooses to have that spirit in his or her life, no amount of force could force the demon out. That's No. 3 the freewill is important in a person's life. As he pray the leading of the Spirit comes in. Everyday as he walked, this girl kept following him until one day he turned around and said, "I adjure you in the name of Jesus come out." I have always wondered why he didn't do it the first day. It is because the Spirit did not tell him to do. We must allow the leading of the Spirit to discern when to do it.

Lets look at healing. Besides kratos and ischus, in healing ministry we have to No. 1 discern whether the sickness is caused by natural causes or demonic causes. If it is demonic then its more releasing of bondages. You notice that Jesus differentiate between sicknesses caused by demons and those caused by natural causes. That is discerning of the cause.

In Matt. 10 when He sent them out 2 by 2 He gave them authority over demon, all manner of sickness and disease. So the authority and the power that is given was like a stream line. Notice there was a difference between sickness and disease. See you can not pray for a healing when it is oppression. You have to take authority and command the spirit of suppression to leave. Once you discerned the cause you go to No. 2 you discern the right time to give the command. That is found in Acts 14 as Paul was preaching the Word he saw that the man had faith. He didn't see it physically. He could pick it up in his spirit. In other words he discerned the timing. Do you know that when you share the gospel with people, you also know that its not time to lead them into a sinner's prayer. In the same way healing is not just a formula its an art. So we have to discern whether it is the right time to give the command. Paul discerned and he gave that command. No doubt Jesus said lay hand on the sick and they shall recover. But you have to operate the command led by the Spirit.

Finally in No. 3 you have to be sensitive to the Spirit in regard to what I call the gifts of Spirit flowing. The gifts of the Spirit may operate if you listen to the voice. And they may point to important areas of ministry that you must not neglect. Perhaps it's a word of knowledge about some thing in the person's life that you must minister to first before you minister to the healing. If you don't listen to the Spirit you could pray your heart out and there will be no healing. Because you are only going by the Word and formula without listening to what He says. Some times He tells us some thing. The gifts are operated through the word of wisdom, the word of knowledge or the other manifestations of the Spirit and you have got to function in that area.