

Walking in The Power of God

Get the Vision!

Romans 8:28–30 NKJV

And we know that all things work together for good to those who love God, to those **who are the called according to His purpose**. For whom He **foreknew**, He also **predestined** to be conformed to the image of His Son, that He might be the firstborn among many brethren. Moreover whom He **predestined**, these He also **called**; whom He called, these He also **justified**; and whom He justified, these He also **glorified**.

Ro 8:28–30 (**The Message**) — 28 That's why we can be so sure that every detail in our lives of love for God is worked into something good. 29 God knew what he was doing from the very beginning. He decided from the outset to shape the lives of those who love him along the same lines as the life of his Son. The Son stands first in the line of humanity he restored. We see the original and intended shape of our lives there in him. 30 After God made that decision of what his children should be like, he followed it up by calling people by name. After he called them by name, he set them on a solid basis with himself. And then, after getting them established, he stayed with them to the end, gloriously completing what he had begun.

God knew you before you were born and preplanned your life for you to be like Christ. The more you become like Christ, He glorifies you!

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2 Timothy 1:6–7 NKJV

Therefore I remind you to stir up the gift of God which is in you through the laying on of my hands. For God has not given us a spirit of fear, but of power and of love and of a sound mind.

2 Ti 1:6 (AMP) — 6 That is why I would remind you to stir up (rekindle the embers of, fan the flame of, and keep burning) the [gracious] gift of God, [the inner fire] that is in you by means of the laying on of my hands [with those of the elders at your ordination]. 7 For God did not give us a spirit of timidity (of cowardice, of craven and cringing and fawning fear), but [He has given us a spirit] of power and of love and of calm and well-balanced mind and discipline and self-control.

IF WE STIR UP THE GIFT IN US BY OPERATING IN IT, WE WILL EXPERIENCE THE OPERATION OF THE POWER OF GOD FOR HIS WILL TO BE DONE IN OUR LIVES.

Therefore, we must learn to stir up the gift in us!

Think of your age. Now, consider you were born that number of years ago. You were born into a world not knowing where you came from not knowing where you were going. You had no say so over when you came into this world and you will have no say so over when you're going out of this world.

In fact, even your parents did not choose the day or the time you were to be born, or whether you were going to be a boy or girl, what race you would be, the city, state or even the nation you would be born in. No one had control of how you would be born. It was out of every human's hand!

Nevertheless, even with all of these variables out of your control, your being born was no accident.

We all have a divine purpose just like David!

Acts 13:36 NKJV

“For David, after he had served his own generation by the will of God, fell asleep, was buried with his fathers, and saw corruption;

YOU WERE BORN INTO THIS WORLD BY GOD FOR THIS GENERATION WITH A PURPOSE TO BE A BLESSING TO THIS GENERATION!

God in his divine wisdom intended for you to be born the number of years ago that is your current age. he planned the day the hour the minute and the second you would be born. You have a special purpose for being in this world today. You have a purpose established by God. A purpose he intends to help you fulfill if only you will submit yourself to allow him to work through you to accomplish it.

Jeremiah 29:11 NKJV

For I know the thoughts that I think toward you, says the LORD, thoughts of peace and not of evil, to give you a future and a hope.

THE FATHER PLANS FOR US TO HAVE PEACE WITH A FUTURE AND HOPE IN THIS LIFE.

God has a plan for your life just like he had a plan for everything that he's created. When he told the birds to fly, they flew. When he told the fish to swim they swam. But when he told the man to obey, man chose to do things his way. It has been that way from the very beginning. God has a plan for our lives and the world has a plan for our lives. Think about that! Remember, life is choice driven!

Romans 12:2 NKJV

And do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, that you may prove what *is* that good and acceptable and perfect will of God.

To see the operation of God's plan for our lives we must learn to reject the world's ways of thinking and operating.

THE WORLD HAS A PLAN FOR YOU AND THE FATHER HAS ONE.

WHO'S PLAN DO YOU CHOOSE TO FOLLOW?

It's The World's Plan Vs THE FATHER's

Although God has a plan, the world, and all who are in the world also have a plan for your life. It is evident in that from the very first day you were born and thereafter you had no control over your life. Your life was dictated to you by others.

The hospital or place you were born. The doctor who would oversee your birth into the world. The house you would live in him, the crib or bed you would be placed in, the type of bottle you would drink milk from, the type of diapers you would wear. All of your life was predetermined by others. There so many things in your life that are dictated by others you are not really free to make your own decisions. Somebody else has some measure of control of what your life will be like.

The training in your home or lack thereof, the kindergarten, the grade school, and so many things you had no control over were dictated to you by others in the world. The fact is, you were born at the mercy of the dictates and will of so many other people in this world.

Unfortunately, many of us never recognize the fact that we are slaves to this world and are kept ignorant and blind to the fact that God wants us free and has a plan to make us free.

John 8:31–32 NKJV

Then Jesus said to those Jews who believed Him, “If you abide in My word, you are My disciples indeed. And you shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free.”

MANY OF US NEVER RECOGNIZE THAT WE ARE SLAVES TO THIS WORLD AND KEPT IGNORANT AND BLIND TO THE FACT THAT THE FATHER HAS A PLAN TO MAKE US FREE !

As long as we keep thinking and operating according to the ways of the world we will never experience the grandiose, prosperous, wonderful life that God wants us to experience. We have to learn to deny the world and all that is in it if we intend to walk in the power of God and experience the awesome blessings that God has in store for us.

SCRIPTURE CLEARLY TELLS US WE HAVE GOT TO STOP LETTING THE WORLD TELL US HOW TO THINK !

Romans 12:2 NKJV

And do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, that you may prove what *is* that good and acceptable and perfect will of God.

God knows that the ruler of this world and the power of this world has a strong hold on you and me. Therefore, he has given us his word so that we might overcome the world and the powerful forces that are in it. That's why he tells us to be transformed by the renewing of our minds.

THE FATHER HAS GIVEN US HIS WORD AND HIS SPIRIT SO WE MIGHT BE FREE OF SLAVERY TO THE WORLD AND EXPERIENCE HIS WILL FOR OUR LIVES!

But even though he tells us this, many of us will continue to submit to what the world wants us to do because the world is so strong and the world has such a powerful force over us that we continue to remain in slavery to its way of thinking.

Even though we know that there are countless blessings available to us, our very nature is so opposed to God that we continue to disrespect God and turn our back on his call to us going our own way and not caring for the things that God says we should care for.

It is a terrible thing to recognize that as we fail to obey God we will one day be called to account for this disobedience at the judgment. We have been given so many opportunities to have a blessed life but we keep going our own way and listening and being more concerned about what men say than what God says. That is the reason why Jesus said we must learn to deny ourselves.

It is so sad that many of us who are turning away from what God has told us to do in this world and missing out on the blessings in this world to find out that in the world to come there will be even a greater wrath from God.

Hebrews 2:3 NKJV

how shall we escape if we neglect so great a salvation, which at the first began to be spoken by the Lord, and was confirmed to us by those who heard *Him*,

We shall be without excuse but...

THE FATHER WANTS US WALKING IN THE STRENGTH OF HIS POWER!

To operate in his strength we have to be obedient to his word. We have to trust in him beyond what we hear other people say what they think. We have to rely upon his word that transforms us into the powerful children of God he wants us to be.

Jesus has told us very clearly the reason he came.

John 10:10 NKJV

The thief does not come except to steal, and to kill, and to destroy. I have come that they may have life, and that they may have *it* more abundantly.

To experience the life that Christ wants us to have we must walk according to the way of the word of God and not the way of the world.

2 Timothy 2:24–26 NKJV

And a servant of the Lord must not quarrel but be gentle to all, able to teach, patient, in humility correcting those who are in opposition, if God perhaps will grant them repentance, so that they may know the truth, and *that* they may come to their senses *and* escape the snare of the devil, having been taken captive by him to *do* his will.

THIS WORLD IS CURRENTLY UNDER SATAN'S CONTROL AND HE HAS MANY PEOPLE WORKING FOR HIM TO ROB YOU OF THE POWER THAT GOD HAS GIVEN TO EACH OF US BY THE GRACE OF HIS HOLY SPIRIT.

2 Corinthians 4:4 NKJV

whose minds the God of this age has blinded, who do not believe, lest the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God, should shine on them.

But if we do not accept the way of life that Christ has called us to and we continue to walk according to the way of the world, we are walking according to the way of Satan. And as we continue to walk according to the way of Satan we will experience the decay of our lives body, soul and spirit. It is so gradual that by the time you realize that your life is being destroyed by the world's way, it is almost too late to restore it.

Proverbs 5:12–14 NIV84

You will say, "How I hated discipline! How my heart spurned correction! I would not obey my teachers or listen to my instructors. I have come to the brink of utter ruin in the midst of the whole assembly."

WE MUST LEARN TO STOP LISTENING TO THE WORLD!

AND STIR UP THE GIFT BY OPERATING IN IT!

2 Timothy 1:6 NKJV

Therefore I remind you to stir up the gift of God which is in you through the laying on of my hands.

Begin by utilizing what God has given you. now, you may say you do not know what your gift is. That is okay for the time being but I want you to recognize every Christian has a gift from God and you are responsible to use it for the good of the church and for the glory of God. As you do that God will bless you in ways unimaginable.

As the Scripture says;

1 Peter 4:10 NKJV

As each one has received a gift, minister it to one another, as good stewards of the manifold grace of God.

EACH ONE OF US HAS A GIFT AND SHOULD START USING WHAT GOD HAS GIVEN THEM TO MINISTER TO OTHERS AS THE SCRIPTURE SAYS.

Then, as you begin to be faithful in a little he will increase your power and you will begin to operate increasingly more and more effectively as you use what you already know you have.

What I mean by this is, you may not know what your gift is, but you start operating in the knowledge of the love of God that you are aware of. You begin to do things, all things as unto the Lord. Everything you do you do for the glory of God.

We can see how God utilized Moses when he called him to go speak to Pharaoh. Moses was nothing but a shepherd tending flock out in the wilderness. And when he felt like he could do very little and he question his ability look very closely at what God said to him...

Exodus 4:1–5 NKJV

Then Moses answered and said, “But suppose they will not believe me or listen to my voice; suppose they say, ‘The LORD has not appeared to you.’ ”So the LORD said to him, “What *is* that in your hand?”He said, “A rod.”And He said, “Cast it on the ground.” So he cast it on the ground, and it became a serpent; and Moses fled from it. Then the LORD said to Moses, “Reach out your hand and take *it* by the tail” (and he reached out his hand and caught it, and it became a rod in his hand), “that they may believe that the LORD God of their fathers, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, has appeared to you.”

It is for you to understand all you have to do is to use what you already know and because it is a gift of the Holy Spirit, which is the power of God, as you begin to operate faithfully in the little things you will see it manifest into the greatness of the power of God coming forth from the simple actions that you take.

Remember the rod that Moses threw on the ground ultimately became the rod that parted the Red Sea and cause water to come forth out of the rock and food to come down from heaven.

My brothers and sisters I encourage you to stir up the gift that God has put inside of you and use that gift and serve the people of God. Then, God will increase your power to do great works for him.

2 Corinthians 9:10–11 NIV84

Now he who supplies seed to the sower and bread for food will also supply and increase your store of seed and will enlarge the harvest of your righteousness. You will be made rich in every way so that you can be generous on every occasion, and through us your generosity will result in thanksgiving to God.

Not only does he empower your life with more blessings from him but notice specifically in 2nd Timothy 1:7 as you fan in the flame the gift of God notice how the Holy Spirit begins to operate in you.

AS YOU FAN INTO FLAME THE GIFT THE POWER OF GOD BECOMES AVAILABLE TO YOU IN YOUR LIFE TO ACCOMPLISH HIS WILL!

2 Timothy 1:7 NKJV

For God has not given us a spirit of fear, but of power and of love and of a sound mind.

The love of God operating you gives you a boldness to speak the word of God. It causes you not to worry about the world nor fear with the world may do to you. No longer are you concerned and troubled by things you see in the world. God gives you a confidence that he is with you. The same "with you" that he gave to countless Saints of God in the past.

This is an awesome guaranty that God has expressed. Look at the words again; power, love and a sound mind! This clearly means the peace of God that transcends all earthly understanding will be guaranteed to you as you start to stir up the gift by serving others.

You develop the confidence from the Scripture we first started off with in Romans 8:28 that God is working out all things for your good even though you may not see it you have the confidence that all things will work out for you. Why? Because you are walking according to your purpose. There so many wonderful scriptures that God is given to those who are obedient to do what he is called them to.

Time to Line Up

Now, it is time to get things in order.

God is going to work all things out together for your good and as you do the work is called you to, you will become more like Christ and God will be glorified and you will be blessed by God because of it.

1) GET THE VISION!

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What then shall we say to these things? If God *is* for us, who *can be* against us? He who did not spare His own Son, but delivered Him up for us all, how shall He not with Him also freely give us all things?

2) OPERATE IN YOUR GIFT

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3) EXPERIENCE THE POWER OF THE HOLY SPIRIT!

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For God has not given us a spirit of fear, but of power and of love and of a sound mind.

YOUR EXPERIENCING THE POWER OF GOD IN YOUR LIFE BEGINS WITH ONE SIMPLE STEP; SERVING OTHERS!

DO YOU CHOOSE TO WALK IN IT?!