

# The Power Within – The Holy Ghost

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## Acts 1:4-8

1. **A Parting Gift - But ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you: and ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth –**
  - Power = Dunamis (Greek) dynamite – inherent power - inherent = existing as a permanent characteristic or quality of something or someone
  - You can't get the Holy Ghost and not have power - power is naturally a part of the Holy Ghost. It come with it!
  - Why do we need this “Helper” with its inherent power? Because it's going to make us **ABLE** - to be witnesses unto Him, to do the “greater works” than He did. In whatever manner He wants to reveal and manifest Himself in us. It's going to enable us to live a set apart life for Him.
  
2. **Isaiah 11:2 lists out the administrations of the Holy Spirit:**
  - The spirit of wisdom and understanding
  - The spirit of counsel and might
  - The spirit of knowledge and of the fear of the Lord ( a reverential trust of God including a hatred for evil)
  - The Apostles had great power after Pentecost because they made full use of the 7 fold ministry of the Holy Spirit that was now within them.
  
3. **The same Peter that a few days earlier had sworn that he didn't know who Jesus was, now stood before hundreds filled with the HG and declared: “This is what the Prophet Joel spoke of, “In the last days I will pour out of my Spirit upon all flesh”.**
  - Sons and daughters shall prophesy – to declare the truths of God under inspiration
  - Young men shall see visions – foresight, revelations
  - Old men (counsel of elders) – shall dream dreams – what can you see God doing?
  - The lame man at the gate of the temple – silver and gold I don't have, but ....
  - Stephen was full of faith and the Holy Ghost; full of grace and power
  
4. **II Tim. 1:7 – God has not given us the spirit of fear (timidity), but of power and love and a sound mind (judgement)**
  - Power to strike a blow at tearing Satan's kingdom down
  - Stop grieving the HS by not discerning His purpose in your life
  
5. **Ephesians 3:20 - Now unto Him that is able to do exceedingly abundant above all that we ask or think, according to the power that worketh in us.....**
  - God is able, but he has limited himself to the extent that we have faith to allow the power he has given us to operate in our lives.
  - The question isn't “Is there anything too hard for God, but it should be “Is there faith enough in us to release God's power he has placed within us to accomplish His will in the earth?!!!
  - I charge you to stir up the gift that's within you. I charge you to pray for boldness to speak and do the work of God!
  - Without faith to release this power within us, we are going to be paralyzed Christians, and we will never see God revealed in this age as He desires.