

1 **Power Promises**

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2 3 4 **1. Introductory Thoughts**

Why Power Promises?

2 Timothy 3:5 holding to a form of godliness, although they have denied its power; Avoid such men as these.

Luke 16:15b God knows your hearts; for that which is highly esteemed among men is detestable in the sight of God.

Galatians 3:3 Are you so foolish? Having begun by the Spirit, are you now being perfected by the flesh?

What we really believe determines our actions

5 **1. Introductory Thoughts – Define Power**

Ephesians 1:19

and what is the surpassing greatness of His power toward us who believe.

These are in accordance with the working of the strength of His might.

Ephesians 1:20

which He brought about in Christ, when He raised Him from the dead and seated Him at His right hand in the heavenly places,

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6 **1. Introductory Thoughts - Believing Heart vs. Unbelieving Heart**

Romans 15:13

Now may the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that you will abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.

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Hebrews 3:12

Take care, brethren, that there not be in any one of you an evil, unbelieving heart that falls away from the living God.

Truth vs. Lie Example - Matthew 10:39 He who has found his life will lose it...

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7 **2. Foundation – Abraham Example**

Romans 4:3-6

For what does the Scripture say? "Abraham believed God, and it was credited to him as

righteousness." Now to the one who works, his wage is not credited as a favor, but as what is due. But to the one who does not work, but believes in Him who justifies the ungodly, his faith is credited as righteousness, just as David also speaks of the blessing on the man to whom God credits righteousness apart from works:

8 **2. Foundation – Follow the Same Pattern**

Believing for Salvation → Believing truth in order to walk in Him

Colossians 2:6

Therefore as you have received Christ Jesus the Lord, so walk in Him,

Know the Truth → Believe the Truth → Obey the Truth

Believe that Jesus is Raised from the Dead → Romans 6 we also raised

9 **2. Foundation – The Power of a Promise**

2 Peter 1:4

For by these He has granted to us His precious and magnificent promises, so that by them you may become partakers of the divine nature, having escaped the corruption that is in the world by lust.

5 Now for this very reason also, applying all diligence, in your faith supply moral excellence, and in your moral excellence, knowledge, 6 and in your knowledge, self-control, and in your self-control, perseverance, and in your perseverance, godliness, 7 and in your godliness, brotherly kindness, and in your brotherly kindness, love.

10 **2. Foundation – Promise → Growth**

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2 Peter 1:8 For if these qualities are yours and are increasing, they render you neither useless nor unfruitful in the true knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ.

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12 **2. Foundation – Impact of Forgetting Promises**

2 Peter 1:9 For he who lacks these qualities is blind or short-sighted, having forgotten his purification from his former sins.

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13 **2. Foundation – Path to Transformation**

Romans 12:1-2

Therefore I urge you, brethren, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies a living and holy sacrifice, acceptable to God, which is your spiritual service of worship. And do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, so that you may prove what the will of God is, that which is good and acceptable and perfect.

- Urge → Can't Force Love

- Mercies of God → Focus on What He has done – We are Responders

- Living and Holy Sacrifice → Continued Availability – Yielded
- Either Conformed or Transformed
- Know God's Will → Good, Acceptable and Perfect (Can't See This From Outside)
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14 **2. Foundation – Path to Transformation**

- John 8:31-33 So Jesus was saying to those Jews who had believed Him, "If you continue in My word, then you are truly disciples of Mine; and you will know the truth, and the truth will make you free." They answered Him, "We are Abraham's descendants and have never yet been enslaved to anyone; how is it that You say, 'You will become free'?"
 - Continue – Abide – roots go down -
 - Know – not head knowledge – actually believe – not just hearing
 - Truth – Perfect Truth – Absolute
 - Free - Free is Free!!!

15 **2. Foundation – God's Word vs. Our Understanding**

Proverbs 3:5

Trust in the Lord with all your heart

And do not lean on your own understanding.

16 **2. Foundation – More Than Hearing**

Hearing vs. Believing

Romans 2:13 for it is not the hearers of the Law who are just before God, but the doers of the Law will be justified.

Matthew 13:14-15 In their case the prophecy of Isaiah is being fulfilled, which says, ' You will keep on hearing, but will not understand; You will keep on seeing, but will not perceive; For the heart of this people has become dull, With their ears they scarcely hear, And they have closed their eyes, Otherwise they would see with their eyes, Hear with their ears, And understand with their heart and return, And I would heal them.'

17 **2. Foundation – Tearing Down Lies**

2 Corinthians 10:4 for the weapons of our warfare are not of the flesh, but divinely powerful for the destruction of fortresses. 5 We are destroying speculations and every lofty thing raised up against the knowledge of God, and we are taking every thought captive to the obedience of Christ,

Taking every thought captive – hard work , spiritual warfare, tearing down lies

Lies are very stinky and embarrassing.

18 **3. Life Application – Positional Truths**

- Truths that Define Who We Are in Christ
- Provide Deep Security
- Allow us to Love – Get Outside of Ourselves
- Revive Our Joy of Salvation

19 **3. Life Application – Positional Truths**

Ephesians 2:3

Among them we too all formerly lived in the lusts of our flesh, indulging the desires of the flesh and

of the mind, and were by nature children of wrath, even as the rest.

Ephesians 2:10

For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand so that we would walk in them.

• Ephesians 1-3!!

20 **3. Life Application – Positional Truths**

Psalms 32:1

How blessed is he whose transgression is forgiven, Whose sin is covered!

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Romans 5:1

Therefore, having been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ,

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21 **3. Life Application – Positional Truths**

Revelation 12:10 .. for the accuser of our brethren has been thrown down(*future*), he who accuses them before our God day and night.

Hebrews 9:14 how much more will the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered Himself without blemish to God, cleanse your conscience from dead works to serve the living God?

Revelation 12:11 And they overcame him because of the blood of the Lamb and because of the word of their testimony, and they did not love their life even when faced with death.

22 **3. Life Application – Positional Truths**

Romans 8:1

Therefore there is now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus.

Romans 8:33

Who will bring a charge against God's elect? God is the one who justifies;

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Ephesians 3:14-21

For this reason I bow my knees before the Father, from whom every family in heaven and on earth derives its name,

that He would grant you, according to the riches of His glory, to be strengthened with power through His Spirit in the inner man,

so that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith;

and that you, being rooted and grounded in love, may be able 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 up to all the fullness of God.

Now to Him who is able to do far more abundantly beyond all that we ask or think, according to the power that works within us, to Him be the glory in the church and in Christ Jesus to all generations forever and ever. Amen.

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24 **3. Life Application – Personal Holiness - Intro**

John 8:34

Jesus answered them, "Truly, truly, I say to you, everyone who commits sin is the slave of sin.

Galatians 6:7-8

Do not be deceived, God is not mocked; for whatever a man sows, this he will also reap. For the one who sows to his own flesh will from the flesh reap corruption, but the one who sows to the Spirit will from the Spirit reap eternal life.

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25 **3. Life Application – Personal Holiness - Intro**

Jeremiah 17:9

"The heart is more deceitful than all else And is desperately sick; Who can understand it?

James 5:16

Therefore, confess your sins to one another, and pray for one another so that you may be healed. The effective prayer of a righteous man can accomplish much.

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26 **3. Life Application – Personal Holiness**

1 Corinthians 6:18-20

Flee immorality. Every other sin that a man commits is outside the body, but the immoral man sins against his own body.

Or do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit who is in you, whom you have from God, and that you are not your own?

For you have been bought with a price: therefore glorify God in your body.

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27 **3. Life Application – Personal Holiness**

Fear – Indecision

Joshua 1:9

Have I not commanded you? Be strong and courageous! Do not tremble or be dismayed, for the Lord your God is with you wherever you go."

Anger

James 1:20

for the anger of man does not achieve the righteousness of God.

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28 **3. Life Application – Personal Holiness**

Victory over Temptation

James 1:14-15 But each one is tempted when he is carried away and enticed by his own lust. Then when lust has conceived, it gives birth to sin; and when sin is accomplished, it brings forth death.

James 1:16

Do not be deceived, my beloved brethren.

James 1:17

Every good thing given and every perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of lights, with whom there is no variation or shifting shadow.

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29 3. Life Application – Personal Holiness

- Old vs. New

2 Corinthians 5:16

Therefore from now on we recognize no one according to the flesh; even though we have known Christ according to the flesh, yet now we know Him in this way no longer.

2 Corinthians 5:17

Therefore if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creature; the old things passed away; behold, new things have come.

-- Any Relationship with a Believer 2 new creatures vs. 2 old creatures

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30 3. Life Application – Personal Holiness

Anxiousness

1 Peter 5:7

casting all your anxiety on Him, because He cares for you.

- Cast —> throw far away

- He cares—> God is HUGE!! God cares with a huge passion!!

- Isaiah 40:27-31 Why do you say, O Jacob, and assert, O Israel, "My way is hidden from the Lord, And the justice due me escapes the notice of my God"? Do you not know? Have you not heard? The Everlasting God, the Lord, the Creator of the ends of the earth Does not become weary or tired. His understanding is inscrutable. He gives strength to the weary, And to him who lacks might He increases power. Though youths grow weary and tired, And vigorous young men stumble badly, Yet those who wait for the Lord Will gain new strength; They will mount up with wings like eagles, They will run and not get tired, They will walk and not become weary.

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31 3. Life Application – Personal Holiness

2 Corinthians 4:16-18

Therefore we do not lose heart, but though our outer man is decaying, yet our inner man is being renewed day by day. For momentary, light affliction is producing for us an eternal weight of glory far beyond all comparison, while we look not at the things which are seen, but at the things which are not seen; for the things which are seen are temporal, but the things which are not seen are eternal.

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32 4. Life Mission – Great Commission

Matthew 28 ¹⁸ And Jesus came up and spoke to them, saying, "All authority has been given to Me in heaven and on earth. ¹⁹ Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit, ²⁰ teaching them to observe all that I commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age."

33 **4. Life Mission – Power for the Mission**

Acts 1:8

but you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be My witnesses both in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and even to the remotest part of the earth.”

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34 **4. Life Mission – Key Perspectives**

Matthew 5:13 “You are the salt of the earth; but if the salt has become tasteless, how can it be made salty again? It is no longer good for anything, except to be thrown out and trampled under foot by men. 14 “You are the light of the world. A city set on a hill cannot be hidden; 15 nor does anyone light a lamp and put it under a basket, but on the lampstand, and it gives light to all who are in the house.

Acts 4:12

And there is salvation in no one else; for there is no other name under heaven that has been given among men by which we must be saved.”

Matthew 9:36-38

Seeing the people, He felt compassion for them, because they were distressed and dispirited like sheep without a shepherd. Then He *said to His disciples, “The harvest is plentiful, but the workers are few. Therefore beseech the Lord of the harvest to send out workers into His harvest.”

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35 **4. Life Mission – Key Perspectives**

1 Corinthians 1:18 For the word of the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God.

36 **4. Life Mission – Follow Paul’s Example**

Philippians 3:17-20 Brethren, join in following my example and observe those who walk according to the pattern you have in us. For many walk, of whom I often told you, and now tell you even weeping, that they are enemies of the cross of Christ, whose end is destruction, whose god is their appetite, and whose glory is their shame, who set their minds on earthly things. For our citizenship is in heaven, from whom we eagerly wait for a Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ.

37 **4. Life Mission – Mark of Finishing Strong**

2 Timothy 4:7-8

I have fought the good fight, I have finished the course, I have kept the faith; in the future there is laid up for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous Judge, will award to me on that day; and not only to me, but also to all who have loved His appearing.

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39 **4. Life Mission – Practical Suggestions**

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1. Desire Christ’s Return TODAY
2. Keep Unity in Relationships
3. Harvest list
3. Identify your circle of influence
4. Pray for the Harvest List

5. Call someone
6. Have someone over
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40 **5. Closing Thoughts –**

1. At the Same Time
 - a) Believing Heart
 - b) Filled with the Spirit
 - c) Word Dwelling Richly in Our heart
 - d) Yielded to God
2. Results
 1. Power
 2. Fruits of the Spirit

41 **5. Closing Thoughts – how to Apply**

1. What Does God want me to believe?
2. What lie do I need to replace with this truth?
3. How Does God want me to Obey?

42 **Closing Thoughts**

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1. Eat Well – Regular Bible Reading is a MUST
2. Romans 12 – Key Approach to Letting God Transform Our Life
3. Find Key Verses and Repeat Over and Over – Pray Over the Verses
 - a) no such thing as permanent believing heart – constant process of filling up our cup
4. Don't settle for knowledge – having a believing heart
5. Watch for Increased Security in our Identity, Victory Over Sin, Fruit with Others
6. Be Ready for Increased Battle as We Step Out Seeking For God to Use Us More