

# DARE TO WALK IN POWER AUTHORITY AND LOVE

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## **1. WHO IS THE HOLY SPIRIT?**

- The Holy Spirit is the third person of the God-head i.e. God the Father, God the Son and God the Holy Spirit
- The Holy Spirit is just as it says, the spiritual person of the God-head
- He dwells in the hearts of all people who receive Christ, born again into the kingdom of God and are now children of our father in heaven.
- He is the down payment of our inheritance of our eternal life (Eph 1:14)
- He is the counselor sent to us by Jesus (John 14:16)
- The Holy Spirit is the power of God (Acts 1:8)
- The Holy Spirit in us enable us to do the fathers will
- It is the Holy Spirit that enables believers to move from the physical realm to the spiritual realm

## **2. THE PERSON OF THE HOLY SPIRIT**

- The mystery is that God is one and yet in three persons
- The Holy Spirit is himself a person just as much as the father and son
- The Holy Spirit is in the image of God yet invisible spirit able to dwell within us and reveal to us the things of God. (John 16:13-15)
- The person of the Holy Spirit makes us become spiritually alive by becoming part of the house hold of God in heaven while we are still on the planet earth. (Eph 2:4-6, 2:18, 3:12)
- He raises us and gives us victory over every demonic power and sends us into the world to extend His kingdom and to proclaim the good news of what Jesus has done for us. (Eph 1:20) (Eph 1:18)

### Note:

There are three things that make a miracle;

- ✓ The word of God
  - ✓ The authority of Jesus
  - ✓ The presence of the Holy Spirit
- We only need to receive the Holy Spirit and live in the power and authority of Jesus which He made available for us to live in.

## **3. WHY THE HOLY SPIRIT IS GIVEN TO US**

- To witness for Jesus both near and far (Acts 1:8)
- He guides us to the needs and situations of people (John 9:6-7)
- The Holy Spirit convicts people of their sins and brings them into repentance (Acts 2:14-41)
- He works for all men of every tribe and every nation to all generations up to the second coming of Jesus Christ to equip them live a victorious Christian life.
- He enables us to make disciples and bring people into the glorious kingdom of God.

## **4. THE GIFTS OF THE HOLY SPIRIT**

The person of the Holy Spirit comes into us with nine gifts to enable us preach the gospel in power (2Cor 12:4-11)

- i) Word of Wisdom
- ii) Word of Knowledge
- iii) Gift of Faith
- iv) Gift of Healing
- v) Working of Miracles
- vi) Gift of Prophecy

- vii) Discerning of Spirits
- viii) Diverse kinds of Tongues
- ix) Interpretation of Tongues

These nine gifts are categorized in three groups.

- a) 3 Vocal gifts
- b) 3 Revelation/intellectual gifts
- c) 3 Power gifts

## A. VOCAL GIFTS (Acts 2:4)

### i) Tongues:

These were the first gifts the disciples moved in.

#### **Functions of Tongues**

- They bring us quickly and deeper into the presence of God.
- It enables us to pray the right prayer for others and makes intercession with groaning that can't be uttered (Rom 8:26-27)
- It enables us to speak in languages we cannot speak (Acts 2:6-11)
- Tongues help us to use the sword of the spirit (Eph: 6:17-18)

### ii) Interpretation of Tongues

As we step out in faith and begin to speak, God will fill our mouth with interpretation (1 Cor 14:13, 27)

### iii) The gift of Prophecy

(1 Sam 10:6, Joel 2:26)

- This is a clear inspired word from the Lord in the unknown tongue of the people to encourage and strengthen their faith.
- God through His spirit may quicken your spirit and speak through your own natural voice in your own language to edify the church or one person.

## B. REVELATION (INTELLECTUAL) GIFTS

### i) Gift of Discernment

#### **Functions**

- The gift of discernment shows us what is from God, what is of the flesh and what is of the devil.
- It guides the church as to what God is saying by waiting on God longer which will re-direct the church and confirm that the word was correct.
- It discerns which type of the spirit is behind a person or message and from which source, nature and activity.

**Note:** The gift of discernment is therefore to detect false revelation or deception (1 Tim 4:1-2, 3:13) To test the spirit of truth or error, to deliver a person from evil spirits by casting them out (Mark 16:17) and to keep sin away.

### ii) Word of Knowledge

- The ability to know something you knew nothing about.
- The word of knowledge brings about the supernatural revelation of facts, past, present and future about a person, situation not known to the natural mind

### **iii) Word of Wisdom**

- This enables us to handle a specific situation.
- This may come as a vision or an impression on how to do things in a certain way before they are done.
- God may reveal His purpose and plan for your life and how to lead others.

#### Note:

Revelation gifts prepare and protects us for effective ministry for the things to come and they become most effective when we are in contact with God in prayer. (John 5:19, Acts 14:9-10)

## **C. POWER GIFTS**

### **i) Gift of Faith**

- It works with the other gifts for a specific time or purpose to accomplish a certain task
- It gives one boldness to step out in faith

### **ii) Working of Miracles**

This is a supernatural demonstration that alters or controls the normal laws of nature.

#### What brings about a miracle to happen?

- Receiving a word of wisdom and a supernatural knowledge of what is about to happen.
- Following God's instructions being given (Ex 14:15-16) i.e. first hear the Lord, obey in faith what He has told us to do and the miracle happens.

### **iii) Gift of Healing**

- This works on the one who is sick
- For it to be effective, we must first hear from God and then obey Him exactly.
- This gift may operate through laying on of hands or it can involve anointing with oil.

## **5. THE ARMOUR OF GOD (Eph 6:10-18)**

- The armour of God is our full protection in God's word
- The more we know God, the stronger we will be in the unity and power of His might (Eph 6:14)
- Prayer is what enables you to stand against the wiles of the devil.

### **A list of God's Armour**

- Belt of truth
- Breastplate of righteousness
- Shield of faith
- Helmet of salvation
- Sword of the spirit (Word of God)
- Shoes for the preparation of the gospel
- Prayers in the spirit

#### **Why we need Righteousness?**

- It helps us to move in the same power Jesus moved in
- It makes us strong in the lord
- It gives us victory
- It enables us to walk in true freedom in Christ

- The devil respects those who are righteous (Acts 19:15-16)

### **How sin comes about**

- A person becomes a sinner the moment the temptation to do a wrong thing is stronger than his ability to say "NO"
- Yielding to do a wrong thing makes someone to become weaker than the devil.
- The devils numerous attempts to someone who is weak in the spirit and that person becomes weaker and weaker in sin.

### Note:

- a) It is no use talking to man about God before you talk to God about man
- b) The Ten Commandments are also given to us for our protection against the consequences of sin. (Ex 20:1-17)

## **6. THE FRUITS OF THE SPIRIT**

Fruits of the Holy Spirit are new characters we develop when we receive Jesus to be Lord and personal savior of our lives

These fruits include the following;

- i. Love
- ii. Joy
- iii. Peace
- iv. Long suffering
- v. Gentleness
- vi. Goodness
- vii. Faithfulness
- viii. Meekness
- ix. Temperance
- x. Kindness

### **How to walk in the fruits of the spirit**

- We need to spend time with the Lord daily to be filled with His love, peace and joy
- Ask the Holy Spirit to search your heart for any negative things of your life
- Confess and turn away from the negative things you think are in your life
- Receive forgiveness and seek to be filled with the Holy Spirit so that you can overcome any negative thing
- The more we move and live in the Holy Spirit the more the fruits of the Holy Spirit will show in our lives
- The more the fruits of the Holy Spirit are cultivated and ripened in our lives, the greater the degree that the gift of the Holy Spirit will operate in our lives
- The closer we live to God and live out the fruits of the Holy Spirit the less we will limit God from working in our lives

## **7. HOW TO GROW AND BE LED BY THE SPIRIT**

The Lord has commissioned us to go out as His labourers into His harvest (Matt 9:36-38)

Types of people on earth

- a) People who know they need God and want to go God's way e.g. Abraham, Noah, the Apostles
- Note: Jesus was the most perfect example of those who kept God's commandments (John 14:31)

- b) People who feel that they have no need for God and believe they can make it on their own e.g Cain, Nimrod and Esau

The examples of the people in our generation who do not need God include;

- People practicing occultism
- People who exalt man not God
- Philosophers who question the existence of God

### **What God did to change human old nature?**

- In the fullness of time, God sent forth his son in human form (Gal 4:4-7)
- A living relationship with Christ changed thousands of lives as early church spread the gospel of the kingdom of God.
- The Holy Spirit was sent to help us, comfort us for the lord Himself promised to confirm our gospel message with signs and wonders following
- Through evangelism, the message of the kingdom of God reaches the far ends of the world.
- Through this message of the kingdom, people discover the meaning of life to be found in only Jesus.

## **8. BIBLE VERSES**

We need to measure all we do and come back to the bible everyday

### **a) Bible verses and the power of God**

- ✓ 1 Chronicles 29:11-12
- ✓ Psalm 29:4
- ✓ Psalm 66:7
- ✓ Psalm 62:11
- ✓ Jeremiah 10:12
- ✓ Isaiah 40:26

### **b) Bible verses on how Jesus moved in power of the Holy Spirit**

- ✓ Matthew 9:6
- ✓ Acts 10:38
- ✓ Luke 4:14
- ✓ Luke 4:32
- ✓ Luke 4:36
- ✓ Matthew 24:30
- ✓ Matthew 26:64
- ✓ Revelation 5:11-13

### **c) Bible verses on how Jesus sends us the Holy Spirit**

- ✓ Matthew 10:1
- ✓ 2 Corinthians 13:4
- ✓ 2 Peter 1:3-4
- ✓ Acts 1:8
- ✓ Acts 4:33

### **d) Bible verses on how the Holy Spirit moves with man**

- ✓ Luke 24:49
- ✓ John 1:12
- ✓ Luke 10:19

- ✓ Acts 1:8
- ✓ Acts 6:8
- ✓ Romans 15:13
- ✓ 1 Corinthians 2:4
- ✓ 2 Corinthians 12:19
- ✓ Ephesians 1:19
- ✓ Ephesians 3:7
- ✓ Ephesians 6:10
- ✓ Colossians 2:10
- ✓ 2 Thessalonians 1:11-12
- ✓ 1 Thessalonians 1:5

## **9. HOW TO LEAD A HOLY SPIRIT CHURCH SERVICE AND HANDLE MANIFESTATION**

- Need to submit to the Pastor and follow their routine and style.
- Begin with prayer
- Ask the Holy Spirit to take control of the whole congregation (meeting)
- During the Holy Spirit-led services people are caused to kneel down, weep and repent
- Discernment; We must discern what kind of spirit is at work in the church services.

### Note:

The counterfeit spirit will cause the people to move in the flesh rather than in the spirit

- Any manifestations that are ungodly needs to be rooted out immediately and stopped
- Screaming continually, uncontrollable shaking, roaring, etc is not normally from the Holy Spirit. These people need to be taken to another room to be counseled
- Speaking in tongues, interpretation and prophecy that is in line with scriptures is of the Holy Spirit
- People being healed, set free or brought to repentance is of the Holy Spirit
- People being filled with His love, joy and peace is of the Holy Spirit
- People kneeling or lying on their faces in worship and adoration is of the Holy Spirit

## **10. JESUS' AUTHORITY OVER NATURE AND DISTANCE**

- Authority is a higher word than power
- A soldier will fight an enemy with power but it takes a commander to take a command in the authority that is given to him
- Jesus has authority over nature, distance, sickness, demons, death, sin and time (Mark 4:37-41)

### **Jesus' authority over distance (Luke 7:6-10)**

- No matter where you are, you can speak in the name of Jesus and automatically it will reach where you want to land
- Jesus is the only authority in the inside of us to bring about changes in our environment through the power of the Holy Spirit

## **11. JESUS' AUTHORITY OVER SICKNESS AND DEMONS (Mark 3:1-5)**

- As Jesus' ambassadors we are also given power over sickness of all kind like Jesus did

- This requires us to be closer to Jesus to acquire His discernment, His knowledge and His wisdom
- Jesus spent much of His time casting out demons (Luke 9:37-42)
- There are powerful and weak demons
- The strong demons to be cast out require prayer and fasting (Mark 9:29)
- Prayer brings us closer to God while fasting helps us come into the spiritual realm more easily
- During fasting confession of known sin is necessary however small it is, it weakens you spiritually but righteousness makes you strong to cast out demons.
- Demons to be cast out, you need to take authority in the name of Jesus having stood firmly

Note:

Demons hate prayer, the spoken word (being preached), praise and worship

## **12. JESUS' AUTHORITY OVER SIN AND DEATH**

- Sin is the down fall of man and death is the wages of sin
- Only through what was done on the cross can we be reborn into eternal life
- Jesus had authority over sin (Matthew 9:2-8)
- Sin often causes sickness
- Jesus came to save us, heal us, deliver us (the three parts of salvation)
- Jesus alone has power to forgive sin, Jesus alone can provide healing to our bodies and Jesus alone has conquered sin and death. (Luke 7:12-15)
- To move in the working of miracles, we need to hear God, receive His word of knowledge and ask Him for the word of wisdom on how to do it
- We then obey Him and then step out in faith to do whatever He says. (John 14:12)

## **13. JESUS' AUTHORITY OVER TIME AND WITH US**

- Jesus is the beginning and the end (Rev 22:13)
- Jesus lives with the father outside the span of time
- We are on earth for a time span from the moment we are born to the moment when we die
- We step out of the time span into the eternal, but Jesus was, is and will be (Heb 13:8)
- What Jesus did on the cross is able to span past, present and future
- He died for all men past, present and future for all who will accept Him.
- The authority of Jesus is for all Christians in all ages to receive and walk in the power of the Holy Spirit
- The more we give of ourselves to the Lord each day, He gives of Himself to be with us
- Jesus used what people had to bring about a miracle (Matthew 14:16-21)
- The miracle only happens when we move out in faith, if we stop the miracle also stops

## **14. JESUS IS ALL WISDOM AND KNOWLEDGE**

- It is not how much you know but who you know
- It is not the amount of study you do but the quality of prayer to access God's wisdom
- The computer will give you all the knowledge in the world if you know how to access the internet
- Jesus will give you all the wisdom in the universe if you access Him through prayer and waiting on Him
- Jesus had access to all wisdom and understanding from His father (Luke 2:41-52)
- Jesus knew the father in prayer and knew how to hear the father on every occasion, age did not matter but hearing His father mattered



- When we accept Jesus as Lord and savior, God the father also becomes our father
- Getting connected to Jesus through prayers gives us access to God's wisdom, knowledge and understanding
- As we serve on earth He gives us everything we need to do His work effectively
- When we come away from Jesus Christ and His truth, a lie results and the foundations of truth for life are lost
- When life has lost its foundations, it loses its whole meaning and the result of this is destruction e.g. Abortion

## **DIMENSIONS OF LIFE**

### **i) Hija (Hebrew), "Zoe" (Greek)**

This is the highest life from God i.e. "life in Christ"

### **ii) Human life**

Human life without God means we live but are dead

#### Note:

Only through accepting Jesus as Lord and savior can we be born again for eternal life in Him. (Hija, "Zoe" in Him)

### **iii) Animal life**

### **iv) Plant life**

Both animals and plants do not know life in God.

Only Jesus is life (Deut 8:3)

- God promises life to those who love Him (John 10:10, John 3:16)
- People with God's life are led by the spirit of God (Rom 8:12-16)
- The Bible helps us to live by the Spirit by renewing our minds. (Eph 4:23, Rom 12:2, Phil 2:5)
- If we live in Christ, in His life, His truth, His light, His understanding, we shall truly live in truth and have life in abundance
- Hearing Gods voice in prayer is the most effective and practical way of receiving Gods knowledge and instructions
- Success in spirituality is guaranteed by obeying and living what we have heard from God.

## **15. THE AUTHORITY OF THE NAME OF JESUS IS FOR US TODAY**

- Jesus not only had authority but was and is authority Himself
- Jesus' authority is vested in His name (Phil 2:10)
- At the name of Jesus, every knee, and every name bows because of the victory on the cross
- Jesus wants His people to use His authority and be in authority so that countries can be ruled in righteousness and justice (Prov 29:2)
- Jesus has given us of Himself to reach the lost in the power and authority of His majestic name (Eph 2:4, Col 3:1)
- Through prayer we allow the Lord to raise us up to the heavenly places in Christ Jesus

### **What Jesus does for us in the heavenly places?**

We discover these points in the points included in the following verses

[EPHESIANS 1:1-18]

- a) He blesses us with every spiritual blessing (Eph 1:3)

- b) He shows us who we are in Him (Eph 1:4-6)
- c) He shows us what He did on the cross (Eph 1:7-8)
- d) He makes the mystery of His will known to us (Eph 1:8-10)
- e) He shows us His will for us, His destiny and purpose (Eph 1:10-12)
- f) He shows us what is our inheritance in Him (Eph 1:12-14)
- g) He promises us knowledge and wisdom in Him (Eph 1:17)
- h) He calls us to know our hope and inheritance (Eph 1:18)
- i) He shows us the greatness of His power to us who believed (Eph 1:19)

Note:

We are to ask of these from God, according to (John 3:27)

### **What enables us to do the will of God?**

- The armor of God which is our protection
- The power of the Holy Spirit that gives us power over the enemy
- We have the authority of the name of Jesus

### **16. LEARNING TO WALK IN THE LOVE OF GOD**

- The love of God is the greatest love the world has ever known (John 3:16)
- It is love that makes things happen
- It is love that makes someone to go an extra mile
- It is love that makes us never to give up
- Only spending time in the Lord's presence can give you the love and compassion needed to really do the lord's work effectively
- It is the love of God that gives us compassion for people
- It is His love that causes us to leave the comfort of our homes to go far off lands to preach the gospel
- The more we love Jesus, the more He pours out His love through us

### **17. WALKING IN GOD'S GRACE AND LOVE**

Grace has different meanings

- a) "cheched" (Hebrew) translated as mercy, kindness, loving kindness and good news
- b) "chen"(Hebrew) used as the action of a superior human or divine to an inferior
- Grace speaks of undeserved favour
- God's forgiveness towards man involves forgiveness, salvation, regeneration, repentance and love
- Every step in the Christian process of life due to grace (Gal 1:15, Eph 2:8-9, Rom 1:5)
- God's love is the most precious and glorious treasure of the universe nothing can compare with it
- Love is a two-way traffic. The more we love God, the more He loves us
- God gives back to us so much more than we are able to give Him

### **God defends those He loves**

- i) Psalm 5:11
- ii) Psalm 145:20
- iii) Proverbs 8:21
- iv) Jeremiah 31:3
- v) Romans 5:8

- Love is ordained by God in normal human relationship
- It is love from God to man and man to his neighbor. (John 14:21, 23)

## **How the scriptures prepare us to serve God**

- a. Scriptures give us protection (Rom 8:28, 8:35-39, Eph 3:17-19, 2 Tim 1:7)
  - b. Scriptures on the eternal love of God are found: (1 Cor 2:9, 2 Tim 4:8, Jam 1:12, Jam 2:5, 1 John 3:14, 1 John 4:17, Jude 1:21)
- Jesus demonstrated His love on earth in His healing and deliverance ministry and by His death for us on the cross
  - We can also show our love to God and others by preaching the gospel (Acts 1:8)
  - In all humility, place your trust in God and your relationship with Him
  - If we love God and receive His love, He will show His practical love to others through us

## **18. TAKING YOUR STAND ON EARTH**

God calls us to stand in Him just like the Israelites did (Ex 14:13-14)

We are to stay away from sin and communicate with God in prayer (Psalm 4:4)

God is calling us to rise up for Him and to stand up for Him against the workers of iniquity (Psalm 94:16-23, Isaiah 21:8-9)

### **How should we stand?**

1. Stand in God's way in the old paths, the good ways (Jer 6:16)
2. We stand in His grace (Rom 5:1-2)
3. We stand in the power of God (1 Cor 2:4-5)
4. We should stand in faith (1 Cor 16:13)
5. We should stand in freedom which Christ has given to us (Gal 5:1)
6. We stand in the protection of the armor of God (Eph 6:13)
7. We stand together with other Christians in one spirit (Phil 1:27)
8. We stand fast in the lord, we depart from iniquity (1 Thessa 3:8, 2 Tim 2:19, Phil 4:1)

### Note:

Before we can stand, we should first know who we are in Christ (1 Pet 2:9-10)

### **This empowers us to:-**

- Take the gospel of Jesus Christ seriously
- Stand up in boldness

## **19. THE BRIDE OF CHRIST**

- Every marriage on earth will highlight part of our lives that need working on
- Every person needs to work on their marriage in some way so that their love and commitment for each other may grow and develop. It is the same with our Lord Jesus (Matt 7:21-23)

### **Seven conditions for entering the kingdom of God**

1. You cannot enter the kingdom of heaven unless the Lord knows you  
For God to know us we must;-
  - i) Spend Him in prayer
  - ii) Get time to hear Him
  - iii) We should have an intimate relationship with God and communication with Him as with a bride and a bridegroom, husband and wife (Matt 22:1-14)
2. You cannot enter the wedding feast in heaven without your wedding garment of righteousness

You need to live out your faith everyday of your life and the Lord will grant you the robe of righteousness.

It is our lives given for Jesus that counts. What do we do for Him and not for ourselves? (Matt 25:1-12)

3. You must be filled up with the Holy Spirit, prepared and ready  
We need to stay awake not slumber because the end is near (Matt 24:3-12)
4. We need to do what the scriptures tell us to do in obedience  
We need to obey Jesus in yielded surrender because we do not know when He is to appear (Matt 24:13)
5. We must endure to the end  
This is done through
  - i) Keeping so close to the Lord Jesus
  - ii) Not allowing the world to take our eyes off Jesus (Matt 24:14)
6. We need to preach the gospel to all nations. This can be done through evangelism

Note:

If we cannot go or witness ourselves, we can give to those who can go (Rev 22:7) (Rev 21:2-3)

7. Be prepared and ready to come to the wedding feast
  - Do not ignore when Jesus says “come” (Rev 19:7-9)
  - Invitation is for all but only those of us who live according to the word of God, believe His promises and pray, will be able to attend.
  - The only permanent place we can gain permanently is heaven
  - We can take nothing with us to heaven but we can send things in advance to heaven
  - Heaven is a prepared place for prepared people

Note:

Let us all endeavour to know our God in prayer and spend time in His presence and He will prepare us for eternal life with Him