

Releasing the Love and Power of Jesus

- I. **“According to his power that is at work within us,” God chooses to work through us! In fact, “immeasurably more than all we can ask or imagine (Ephesians 3:20).**
 - A. This is God’s plan: God is on our side and far more eager to move than we may think.
 - B. Jesus promises the Spirit will give us power to do His work (Acts 1:4-8). And He also gives us love (Ephesians 3:14-21).
 - C. Jesus clearly states the reality of His promises to us and asks us to act on them.
 1. One of the most radical things Jesus said to His disciples (and to us) was “Heal the sick, raise the dead, cleanse those who have leprosy, drive out demons. Freely you have received; freely give” (Matthew 10:8).
 2. As God’s children, we have power to do the works of the Kingdom. Jesus said to His disciples, “You give them something to eat” (Matthew 14:16-21).
 3. God shows us great works to do out of His love for us and for others (John 5:19-20).

- II. **We have to understand that “We have this treasure in jars of clay to show that this all-surpassing power is from God and not from us” (II Corinthians 4:7).**
 - A. God asks us to step out in faith and compassion and do miracles as His representatives. “Freely you have received; freely give (Matthew 10:8).
 - B. The decision to release supernatural blessing through God’s people is a decision God makes in spite of our weakness. “Power is made perfect in weakness” (II Corinthians 12:9).
 - C. God loves to move in an atmosphere of humility and weakness, faith and compassion.

- III. **The well-being of our people is something we do on purpose, and with love. This is a helpful model.**
 - A. **Step 1 - The Interview**

We greet a person who needs prayer by being personal, attentive, and gently asking questions to find essential information.
 - B. **Step 2 - Prayer selection**

The Holy Spirit will often lead you to speak prayers of petition and/or command. Commands are often spurred by a surge of faith and revelation.
 - C. **Step 3 - Prayer Ministry**
 1. Ask the Holy Spirit to come. You can say, “Come, Holy Spirit.” Then wait on God.
 2. Ask the person to relax and let you know if anything begins to happen in their body, especially sensations such as heat, trembling, tingling, movement, etc.
 3. If the presence of the Holy Spirit becomes evident, simply say, “More, Holy Spirit!” or command and ask again in the name of Jesus.
 4. Holy Spirit may lead you to pray over the cause of the symptoms, as well as the symptoms. You might also want to check to see if unforgiveness is hanging around.
 - D. **Step 4 - Stop and Re-interview**

If after a time you are making no progress, you may interview the person further. Stop praying when the person is completely healed, or wants you to stop, or when it becomes obvious that you are not gaining ground and not given any other direction for prayer.
 - E. **Step 5 - Post-prayer Suggestions**

Encourage the person’s spiritual walk by faith in the Lord. You may discern that a change of lifestyle might be helpful. You might share a key Scripture verse for the person to stand on. If the person’s condition resulted from habitual sin, tactfully suggesting a change in lifestyle might be needed. Encourage the person never to give up (Matthew 7:7-8).

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