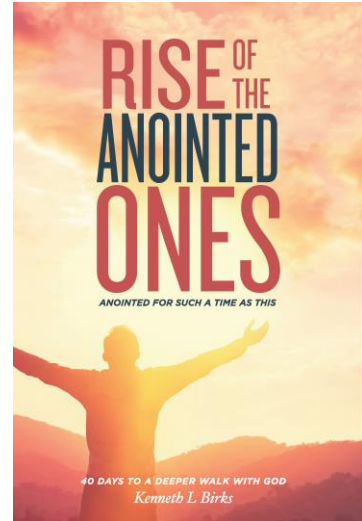


Empowered for Kingdom Success

What do you want out of life? Do you desire to be successful in all that you do? Do you desire to do great exploits for God? Do you sometimes wish there was a magic formula that is easy to incorporate into your life so that you could be empowered to accomplish great things? Well, there is a formula, but it's not magic. It's called faith and belief.

As born-again Christians, we have been freely given the anointing of the Holy Spirit to be empowered in everything we do and say. As Paul told Ephesians, this power is available to all who believe according to the working of God's mighty power.¹ Is this something you desire? If so, it's yours.

Acts 1:8 *But you shall receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be witnesses to Me in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth.*



We have been given the Holy Spirit to be empowered to live successful and fulfilling lives during our pilgrimage here on earth as we go forth into the harvest fields Lord has placed us in.

It is our Heavenly Father's desire and will that we be empowered by the Holy Spirit in all that we do and say in this life. With the baptism in the Holy Spirit, God has equipped us to be more than conquerors in this life. When Paul wrote to the Ephesians church, he prayed for them to receive the Spirit of wisdom and revelation of God so that the eyes of their understanding would be enlightened to the riches and the glory of the inheritance that belongs to all those who believe in Christ. He wanted them to know the exceeding greatness of the power that comes with this wonderful gift we've been given.² In other words, He desires us to be empowered in every aspect of our lives so that we are properly equipped to sow and reap His harvest.

¹ Ephesians 1:19-20

² Ephesians 1:16-19

The key to receiving and walking in this power is developing an ongoing relationship with the Holy Spirit through the Father's only begotten Son, the Lord Jesus Christ.

The first step to being empowered by the Holy Spirit within us is to believe what the Scriptures reveal. When the Scripture reveals we have access to the exceeding greatness of His power to us who believe, we must embrace this truth wholeheartedly, believing and confessing His word. Paul said, "Since we have the same Spirit of faith, according to what is written, 'I believed, and therefore I spoke,' we also believe and therefore speak."³

Upon receiving the Holy Spirit at the beginning of our salvation experience, we must choose to believe all Scripture is profitable for instruction in righteousness.⁴ We must believe all that God says about us in His word.

When the Word and the Holy Spirit connect through belief, an explosion ignites us to be empowered in all that we do. This is why Joshua was told to meditate in God's word day and night.⁵ It's through meditating and contemplating in His word that it gets sown into the fibers of our being and thus transformed into faith. Through meditation, our belief system is strengthened from faith to faith.

Secondly, it takes getting to know God through relying on Christ's sufficiency and strength in us to do great exploits and to be successful in all that we do.

2 Corinthians 3:5 *Not that we are sufficient of ourselves to think of anything as being from ourselves, but our sufficiency is from God.* ⁶ Who has made us sufficient ministers of the new covenant, not of the letter but of the Spirit; for our sufficiency is from God.

Before coming to Christ, we depended primarily on our ways, means, and capabilities to get things done through the kingdom of self. In coming to Christ, we've been conveyed into the kingdom of God. Kingdom living requires a good



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³ Corinthians 4:13

⁴ 2 Timothy 3:16

⁵ Joshua 1:8, Psalm 1:2-3

amount of trust to rely on God's sufficiency. In the book of Proverbs, we are encouraged not to lean on our own understanding. We must now trust God to reveal His ways and means to us if we desire to be empowered for successful living and great exploits.

Proverbs 3:5-7 *Trust in the Lord with all your heart, and lean not on your own understanding; ⁶In all your ways acknowledge Him, and He shall direct your paths. ⁷Do not be wise in your own eyes; Fear the Lord and depart from evil.*

The way in which the kingdom of self produced in our lives was very different than how the work in God's kingdom is produced in us. We must now yield to God's ways and means, relying on His sufficiency working in us to be successful and have His power working in us to produce great exploits. This is all part of getting to know God and how He works in us.

Daniel 12:32b-33a *"The people who know their God shall be strong, and carry out great exploits. ³³And those of the people who understand shall instruct many;*

May God bless you as you press into being everything He's called you to do. With abundant grace to do all things through Christ, He strengthens daily.