

Prayer & Fasting: Platform for Accessing Supernatural Empowerment
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Christianity without power is a frustrated religion. Romans 1:16, "For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ: for it is the power of God unto salvation to everyone that believeth; to the Jew first, and also to the Greek."

The kingdom of God is not in words but in demonstration of power, if there is no power, there would be no excellence, no wisdom, no miracles, no breakthroughs and no freedom. 1 Corinthians 2:4, "And my speech and my preaching *was* not with enticing words of man's wisdom, but in demonstration of the Spirit and of power:.." 1 Corinthians 5:20, "For the kingdom of God *is* not in word, but in power."

Empowerment is not negotiable in the Christian race. We have an adversary the devil who has vowed that you will not make it in life. You can never be free, make a difference or affect your generation, without empowerment.

There's no short cut to empowerment. Empowerment is at the cost of prayer and fasting. When you are empowered, you are in charge of your environment, you determine what happens (Psalm 63:1-2; Acts 10:38).

What Then Is Empowerment?

To give power or authority to someone in order to enable him do something. Mathew 10:1, "And when he had called unto *him* his twelve disciples, he gave them power *against* unclean spirits, to cast them out, and to heal all manner of sickness and all manner of disease." Jesus Christ is still the same today and is still giving power to His followers. And you are one of them.

Supernatural empowerment is divine enablement that makes you a star here on earth. That puts you in charge of your environment here on earth. Hebrews 4:16, "Let us therefore come boldly unto the throne of grace that we may obtain mercy, and find grace to help in time of need." Psalm 84:7, "They go from strength to strength, *every one of them* in Zion appeareth before God."

Why Are We To Be Empowered?

- Power for service; kingdom advancement endeavors. Acts 1:8, "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 Judaea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth." When you are on the go serving the Lord the entire forces of heaven are backing you (Luke 10:19).
- For the manifestation of your son-ship. To overcome the limitations of life so as to be able to live a life of exploits, (Romans 8:19-20).
- To fulfil our dominion mandate. According to God's mandate, we are made to dominate the earth. The fall took that away from us, but Jesus came to restore it back, (Genesis 1:26). If you're not empowered, there are some things you may not see forever, Romans 8:6, "For to be carnally minded is death; but to be spiritually minded is life and peace." The Holy Ghost empowers us in the place of prayer, Romans 8:26, "Likewise the Spirit also helpeth our infirmities: for we know not what we should pray for as we ought: but the Spirit itself maketh intercession for us with groanings which cannot be uttered."

Result of Empowerment

Grace: this which means divine helps or unmerited Favour. Grace is multiplied by knowledge, (2 Peter 1:2) Daniel 11:32, "And such as do wickedly against the covenant shall he corrupt by flatteries: but the people that do know their God shall be strong, and do exploits."

It is grace that gives value to your labour. For instance, grace distinguished Joseph and made him a Prime Minister in a strange land, (Genesis 41:38-44; 2 Chronicles 20:3). You have to be baptized by the Holy Spirit to receive grace to live a Christian life.

Acts 4:31, "And when they had prayed, the place was shaken where they were assembled together; and they were all filled with the Holy Ghost, and they spake the word of God with boldness."