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# **THE POWER JOURNEY**

**THE P.O.W.E.R. JOURNEY**  
**(Praise, Obedient, Warfare, Endurance, Resilience)**  
**By Elder Sabrina R. Penn, Editor and Chief**



What exactly is **Power**? Webster defines it as possessing control, authority, or influence over someone or something. The Hebrew word for power is “**KOACH**” which means strength, power, or might. However, we know that the power we need to exercise through our weaknesses comes from God. **Psalm 62:11-12 (NIV)** says, “***Once God has spoken; twice have I heard this that POWER belongs to God, and that to you, O Lord, belongs steadfast love. For you will render to a man according to his work.***” Those who has chosen to follow Christ and submit to His will receives God’s power. **Exodus 9:16 (NIV)** says, “***But I have raised you up for this very purpose, that I might show you my POWER and that my name might be proclaimed in all the earth.***” God declares that He has a purpose for each of us and we need His power to fulfill that purpose. According to the bible, the power that we receive from God is called **DUNAMIS** power. According to the Strong’s Dictionary, Dunamis means force (literally) especially miraculous power (usually, by implication, a miracle itself). The Greek concept states that Dunamis means power and potential with dynamic and explosive abilities. Serving under God’s Dunamis power and with the help of the Holy Ghost, it gives us the effectiveness for God’s will and God’s work to be done through us.

**WELCOME TO THE POWER JOURNEY**

# THE POWER OF A PSALMIST



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**P**ower is defined by Merriam-Webster Dictionary as “the direct capacity and/or ability to directly influence the behavior of others or a course of events.” As defined by the *Holman Christian Standard Bible, Dictionary & Concordance* a **psalmist** is a “writer [composer] of psalms or hymns. A psalm is a sacred song, poem or hymn. A hymn is a type of song that is purposed to direct praise back to God. While they all have a specific structure, pattern, rhythm and melody at the baseline, psalms (poems and hymns) are all made up of words. Merriam-Webster defines a **word** as “a speech sound or series of speech sounds that symbolizes and communicates a meaning usually without being divisible into smaller units capable of independent use.”

As I read these definitions and gleaned from their meaning, I immediately thought about the influence and authority that a psalmist possesses. Whether or not the psalmist believes in his or her capacity, capability, or competence to influence it still resides within. What allows the psalmist to powerfully stay and stand in position is his/her alignment with God—the giver of the gift, skill, ability, and talent. Without the power and presence of the Holy Spirit, a psalmist has no control or song.

God is the one who leads, guides, and gives the psalmist the words to say, but only if they allow Him to come into the room. The room of their heart, mind, body, and soul. As this takes place, there is no sacredness to the melody and sound. In response to the position of the psalmist it is even more important that they watch the words that they say.

*Praise the LORD!  
Praise God in  
his sanctuary;  
praise him in his mighty  
heavens!*  
<sup>2</sup> *Praise him for his mighty  
deeds;  
praise him according to  
his excellent greatness!*  
<sup>3</sup> *Praise him with trumpet  
sound;  
praise him with lute  
and harp!*  
<sup>4</sup> *Praise him  
with tambourine  
and dance;  
praise him with strings  
and pipe!*  
<sup>5</sup> *Praise him with  
sounding cymbals;  
praise him with loud  
clashing cymbals!*  
<sup>6</sup> *Let everything that has  
breath praise the LORD!  
Praise the LORD!*  
-Psalm 150:1-6 ESV

There is power in our words.

***Death and life are in the power of the tongue, and those who love it will eat its fruits. – Proverbs 18:21 ESV***

We are all psalmists and get to choose our words in the song, poetry, and story of our lives daily. As the pages of our lives turn and we transition into every chapter, we can choose how to navigate and strike the chord up or down with every ebb and flow. We are all psalmists, and oh the power—such a power we hold in our hands. But we will never realize our true power and authority until we choose to tap in. We must not get blindsided by the appearance of people, places and things, feelings, emotions, or events that we think should be tooth-like. Instead, we should choose to lean in and go deeper. There is power in your words. Our words can make, break, destroy, uplift, free the captives!

***The Spirit of the Lord GOD is upon me,  
because the LORD has anointed me  
to bring good news to the poor;<sup>[a]</sup>  
he has sent me to bind up the brokenhearted,  
to proclaim liberty to the captives,  
and the opening of the prison to those who are bound;<sup>[b]</sup>  
-Isaiah 61:1 ESV***

The power is the influence. Tap into the impact you have through the power of the Holy Spirit. You might say that I do not have any effect—you do, but it is not of your strength. Do not compare yourself to anybody else, but God has given you something special and very unique that the world needs. Let's not get focused or overwhelmed with being called to the nations; how are you stewarding the people within your reach daily? Your spouse, family, friends, church members, co-workers, neighbors, community etc. They need to hear of God's goodness amidst life's noise and uncertainties. Who are your words and actions directing glory to? Are you allowing your light to shine? Are your life and lifestyle one of worship, adoration and praise to the Father?

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

Are you in position?

The truth is that the noise will always surround us.

***Will you be distracted by the noise, or will you tap into the sound?***

It is a New Year, a fresh start. God wants you to stand in the power and authority He has given you through the Holy Spirit. How badly do you desire to BE all God has called you to be? Today, He is offering a new life and direction. Tap into the power within. There you will find a higher and stronger version of yourself. How will you choose to exist during life—the noise, chaos, frustration, distraction, heartaches, heartbreaks, letdowns and breakups?

You are the psalmist. You do have power and that power comes with influence. God requires a sound, and it is in your mouth. The Word of God says, “let everything that hath breath praise ye the Lord.” We must be good stewards of the breath that God has entrusted us with. Follow God and not the noise. Activate your voice. Release a sound.

There is a vibration waiting to BE released from your mouth! Sound the alarm! It will change EVERYTHING.

You have the Power.  
You have permission to BE. BE the psalmist.

***Speak to one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, [offering praise by] singing and making melody with your heart to the Lord; -Ephesians 5:19 AMP***

***My heart is steadfast, O God, my heart is steadfast and confident! I will sing, yes, I will sing praises [to You]! -Psalm 57:7 AMP***



# THE POWER OF OBEDIENCE

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One of the most significant ways to worship and glorify the Lord our God is through obedience and trusting Him in His word. Being obedient shows our love and respect for Him. It draws us near and leads to our personal growth with Him. God knows what is best for us and has already mapped out our beginning and end. He desires us to follow Him and do the work He has called for us to do according to His purpose and plan for our lives.

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Jeremiah 29:11  
***“For I know the plans I have for you and not to harm you, plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future.”***

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Sometimes life hits and then goes off the intended path He created. And that will cause a disconnect from our heavenly father. And leads us down a path of disobedience. But the Good news is that He is a loving and forgiving God and can lead us back on the right track if we let Him.

In my personal experiences, I have had to learn some valuable lessons for going off the path. It is indeed better to be obedient. You can sacrifice many things, but being obedient is one of the vital keys to successful living in Christ Jesus. The power of obedience unlocks the mystery and the suspense of the unknown things we can't see when God orchestrates his plan and will for our lives. Do we trust Him with our life? Do we take Him at His word?

Being obedient shows us that we can have faith in trusting God in his word. I remember when I blatantly disobeyed God, and it cost me everything, not just once but more than once. Being disobedient denies God the right to control our lives and work things out. It blocks our progress and causes our growth to be stunted. You see, God gives us the freedom of choice and doesn't force anything on us. It's up to us to do the right thing and make the right choices, especially when we have a genuine relationship with the father. I want to share two transparency moments that I experienced, one of being disobedient and the other of trusting God and being obedient to Him.

In my early adulthood, I decided to go ahead of God and got into a relationship with a man we decided to get married. I knew good, and well he wasn't the one God sent for me, but I decided to do it out of vulnerability and hard-headedness anyway. After getting into that marriage, all hell broke loose in my life. I was in a whirlwind of chaos and confusion and had several losses from that one act of disobedience. You would have thought I learned my lesson from that situation and not put myself in that again. But being defiant and not knowing God personally caused heartache, misery, and much running. I needed to work on things, make poor choices, and repeat cycles.

What is obedience? Obedience is the trait of being willing to obey. The act or practice of obeying, dutifully, or submissive compliance. As it relates to us as Christian believers, obedience means hearing and acting on God's word in simple terms. The Hebrew meaning of the word is called Shama – it means to hear, listen, give attention to, understand, submit, and obey.

My second example shows us a little more maturity and growth in God as I began to have a more constant relationship with him and learn of his voice. One Sunday morning, I was lying in bed, snow was on the ground in my area, and the Holy Spirit made me get up and told me to prepare for church. Now granted, my church was closed that

Sunday because of the snow, so I'm like, Lord, where am I going? But I got dressed, got in my car, and began to drive. I found myself on the highway going north; when I reached a certain point, the Spirit dropped the name of a church and the leader's name in my spirit. I looked up the church information and realized I was only ten minutes from that location. The funny thing was that my area had no snow that Sunday morning. I had been praying about a particular situation to the Lord for months before I went. I had been asking God for direction and clarity on a matter. On that Sunday, when I arrived, the speaker was already preaching. They were preaching on the very topic related to my situation. At that moment, God had something in store for me and wanted me to receive it because He sent me there. By the time I left that building, there was such peace over me, and the burden was lifted. The things I prayed for were confirmed, and there were no more doubts about what I needed to do. (God answered my prayers). It is so important to

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Isaiah 1:19  
***“If you are  
willing and  
obedient you  
shall eat the  
good of the  
land.”***

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listen to his promptings and his directions. Had I not been disobedient and focused on my area's freezing weather and snow. I would have missed what God wanted to do. I have experienced this situation twice where God sent me to an unfamiliar place to speak to me. Both times were extremely critical to my next level, and walk with Him. In those two

experiences, I had to fully trust God in the unknown, which can be scary, but the key word is to obey and trust Him. Hearing God's voice for guidance and directions for all matters of our lives, be they great or small, will steer us in the right direction every time. He wants to see if we will obey and trust Him in His word. My experiences gave me a greater understanding of trusting God in His word because He brought me out of those

situations, which is the kind of God we Serve.

To know God and His voice, we must first be attentive and open to receiving Him. We must have a willingness of spiritual intent and practice to prepare the soils of our mind and heart to experience the oneness as we hear and obey directly.

Being disobedient comes with a price, and we will reap what we have sown. And remember, this may not reach the same way we presented it, but best believe we went reap from it. That first experience drove me to a place of desperation to seek God and to seek him even more so that I wouldn't fail privy to that dark place again. I grew and developed in God when I got myself together and wholeheartedly gave myself to the Lord. He began working on me, renewed me, and I began seeing a new person within me. I realized I couldn't live the same way again.

Being disobedient can cost you everything, but you can gain so much more by being

obedient. Having the ability to be respectful and doing what is right according to God's way gives up blessings as well as benefits. God blesses those who are faithful to Him, and He promises to bless those who keep his commands according to Duet 11:26-27. Being obedient allows God to answer our prayers. Being obedient helps us gain wisdom; obedience gives us peace and safety in Him. We can enjoy his presence even more. Being obedient allows us to be closer to God on a whole new level, bringing about freedom and healing. There are many fruitful benefits to being obedient. What better way to honor God in our faithfulness towards him? What better way to serve him with honesty and truthfulness? I don't know about you, but I don't want my prayers hindered or my blessing blocked for not obeying God's word. I would rather have a long life and be satisfied with him than suffer consequences for disobeying. Disobedience can have lasting effects. But we can be perfected by Him. "But

whoever keeps His word truly the love of God is perfected in him, by this we know that we are in Him according to 1 John 2:5.

In closing,

We must rely on God and put our complete confidence in Him. We must have a closeness so much that we don't have time to focus on anything contrary to what He has laid before us. God's word is truth, and we should walk in His truths. Are we going to be or willing to be obedient vs. disobedient? When we obey God, it releases blessings for us. Blessed are all who fear the lord, who walk in obedience to Him. Psalms 128:1 Walking in obedience will lead us into having prosperous lives, and I don't just mean financial but in all aspects of life. Unique favor, authority, power, and more excellent dimensions of God's glory will be released into our lives through our acts of obedience.

Blessings upon Blessings

# THE POWER OF WARFARE



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What is warfare- struggle between competing entities, conflict: A war you can see.

Spiritual Warfare- spiritual warfare is the cosmic war of good versus evil: A war you cannot see!

Battles are fought daily between God and Satan; between the Christian Church and the world system ruled by enemy; and within every child of God, between the Holy Spirit and the lusts of the carnal flesh. The clear meanings of good and evil, as defined by God rather than man, are revealed to us in the Bible and the life of Jesus

Christ. We are in a constant battle and live on a perpetual battlefield! Where the Lord works, Satan's forces come against; where angels carry out divine directives, the devils rage. All this comes about because the power of darkness wants to gain the ground he lost. Satan never yields an inch, nor does he pause in his opposition to the plan of God! You may think I am crazy when you read what I am about say.

Thank God for choosing me to fight in the spirit against the kingdom of darkness! You hate what he hates when you are on the Lord's side. Spirits are real and war is serious business! You cannot enter it lightly! You may not choose to fight, but the fight will pick you. Therefore, you must equip yourself. The enemy's assignment is to kill, steal and destroy you.



The word of God is one of your weapons:

**John 10:10 (NKJV)** says, *“The thief does not come except to steal, and to kill, and to destroy. I have come that they may have life, and that they may have it more abundantly”.*

Why you, you may ask? It's not you but the God in you! The spirit of the living God that resides in you, to put it plainly, the devil hates you! Wrapped your mind around that truth!

Another truth is that God loves you. Therefore, you must get the word of truth. **(2 Timothy 3:10-17 NKJV)** reads:

*“But you have carefully followed my doctrine, manner of life, purpose, faith, longsuffering, love, perseverance, persecutions, afflictions... what persecutions I endured. And out of them all the Lord delivered me. Yes, and all who desire to live godly in Christ Jesus will suffer persecution. But evil men and impostors will grow worse and worse, deceiving and being deceived. But you must continue in the things which you have learned and been assured of, knowing from whom you have learned them, and that from childhood you*

*have known the Holy Scriptures, which are able to make you wise for salvation through faith which is in Christ Jesus. All Scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness, that the man of God may be complete, thoroughly equipped for every good work.”*

Remember this: Satan is not equal to God. He is not even a king. He claims to be a god and a king, but he is a liar. The highest rank ever attributed to him is "prince", and his realm is a subordinate "power". He, along with everything and everyone held within his power, is accountable to God. The "Most High" God is still in control.

*“For though we live in the world, we do not wage war as the world does. The weapons we fight with are not the weapons of the world. On the contrary, they have divine power to demolish strongholds. We demolish arguments and every pretension that sets itself up against the knowledge of God, and we take captive every thought to make it obedient to Christ.” (2 Corinthians 10:3-5 NIV)*

Praise and worship are another one of our weapons:

Worship and praise break the oppression of the enemy.

Praise is a weapon that we should use to help us to win spiritual battles and to further God's kingdom.

#### 1. Praise Moves God

When you do, God will move and when He moves, mountains flee on their own accord and hills skip like little lambs. (Psalm 114)

#### 2. Worship Provokes His Holiness

Now, worship is power with God, it is the most solemn act of the believer.

In worship, you interact with the holiness of God, which is His highest nature.

The word 'holiness' is synonymous with 'terror.'

When you worship God, you provoke His terror on your enemies.

You wake up the nature of God that consumes with fire.

#### 3. Praise Gives God Pleasure

He is pleased with your worship and your praise. (Psalm 149:4, Revelation 4:11)

And when God is filled to the overflow with praises coming from you, your enemies are in trouble. He will arise and your enemies will be scattered. (Psalm 68:1)



# THE POWER OF **Endurance &** **Resilience**



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**Endurance** refers to your stamina and persistence over an extended period. It is the power of remaining in existence or lasting patiently. It is the act of continuously and long-lasting an unpleasant or difficult process or situation without giving up. **1 Corinthians 15:58 (ESV)** says it best; *“Therefore, my beloved brothers, be steadfast, immovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, knowing that in the Lord your labor is not in vain.”*

Most people think endurance is hanging in there during trials and adversities. However, endurance involves using our mind, heart, and soul to respond to our trial problems and troubles. It is a virtue that can turn the most complex trial into glory because, beyond the pain and challenges, we see the goal. God gives us the power to endure. **Romans 15:5 (NIV)** says, *“May the God who gives endurance and encouragement give you the same attitude of the mind toward each other that Christ Jesus had.”* Who knows better about endurance than Jesus? He endured the sins of the world so we could have everlasting life. Jesus fully understands our problems, trials, tribulations, emotions, and adversities. There is nothing new under the sun that Jesus had not endured.

Endurance is essential to the body of Christ. We constantly fight battles with life challenges, our minds, emotions, the enemy (Satan), and imperfections and insecurities. We will face severe trials. However, we will gain victory depending on how well we endure our trials, tests, and challenges. The Bible says, *“Anyone who meets a testing challenge head-on and manages to stick it out is mighty fortunate. For such persons loyally in love with God, the reward is life and more life”*. (James 1:12 Message)

Another scripture says it this way: *“For you have need of endurance, so that when you have done the will of God you may receive what is promise.”* (Hebrews 10:36 ESV)

So, now that we understand that endurance is the measure of a person's stamina or persistence, let's talk about **Resilience**. Resilience refers to your strength and mental ability to recover from misfortune swiftly. It is the ability to adapt to demanding situations and keep living. Resilience gives you the ability to be able to function even though you are under great stress, experiencing issues that will cause you to be livid, dealing with grief or disappointments. It helps you to use that inner strength (The Holy Ghost) to be able to bounce back quickly from setbacks and challenges. It gives you the power and the ability to see past your obstacles and find joy in life. The bible says "***The godly may trip seven times, but they will get up again. But one disaster is enough to overthrow the wicked.***" (Proverbs 24:16 NLT)

Paul is an excellent example of someone who served with resilience. He was beaten, stoned, imprisoned, and left for dead and each time, he kept getting back up, moving forward in his travels and speaking and teaching the gospel boldly; despite that those same obstacles may be waiting for him. God gives us the power of resilience within us. The resilience that God gives enables us to be undeterred from our mission, regardless of the opposition we may encounter. This is how **2 Corinthians 4:7-12** from the Message bible sums it up; "***If you only look at us, you might well miss the brightness. We carry this precious Message around in the unadorned clay pots of our ordinary lives. That's to prevent anyone from confusing God's incomparable power with us. As it is, there's not much chance of that. You know for yourselves that we're not much to look at. We've been surrounded and battered by troubles, but we're not demoralized; we're not sure what to do, but we know that God knows what to do; we've been spiritually terrorized, but God hasn't left our side; we've been thrown down, but we haven't broken. What they did to Jesus, they do to us—trial and torture, mockery, and murder; what Jesus did among them, he does in us—he lives! Our lives are at constant risk for Jesus' sake, which makes Jesus' life all the more evident in us. While we're going through the worst, you're getting in on the best!***" We, the body of Christ, may suffer greatly, however we should continue to follow God's plan for our lives by faith.

Lastly, endurance and resilience work hand and hand, for example: "if you walk down a path uninterrupted, you'll start to feel tired. **Endurance** is your push to keep going, despite how exhausted you are. Now as you continue down your path you come across a fence. **Resilience** is your capacity to hop the fence, then rest and recover before you continue down the path" Remember: "***The Lord guides us in the way we should go and protects those who please him. If they fall, they will not stay down, because the Lord will help them up.***" (Psalms 37:23-24 GNT)



**Our Apostle Speaks**  
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## **What Are You Waiting On?**

**O**ften, when we make mistakes, we stop moving, not realizing that mistakes are all a part of our growth process. Let me share my story: because of my being unhealed from broken marriages where infidelity and abuse was the underlying factor of their demise, I blamed myself for their choices. I felt I wasn't lovable. Due to being so depressed, I stopped counting out if anyone could ever love me. I was ministering empty with a broken heart. I was seeing God's people healed while I was still hurting. I never bled on people, which happens when resentment and anger are rooted in your heart. But that's a whole other subject. Let me stay on task. Behind the scenes, I was crying out to God-why me. His response-why, not you. How can someone know what healing looks like if you don't become my example? My healing process took years. I had to play my part in my choices. I realized that I picked them and not God; indeed, picking them was my downfall. I had to own up to my choices. God's permissive will, does not mean it's HIS WILL for your life. Sometimes HE will allow things; remember, he never removed our power of choice. Once I genuinely became whole, I no longer desired compassion. I was complete and didn't want to risk making the same mistake again.

Well, the years continued, and I began to desire a mate. However, this time was different. I am not looking for anyone to come to save me or make me whole with their presence. I am already complete. When you are whole, you in a greater level of clarity. The Lord said to me this is your season your King is coming. My initial reaction was fear, fear of the unknown, and fear of failure again. I don't want a repeated situation as before. The Lord told me you are not the same woman, your desire is full of me, and I desire to fill you with what you have truly longed for. At that moment, I realized that my desire for a husband never left; it was suppressed due to fear. Well, we know what the bible says he



has not given us the spirit of fear. **2 Timothy 1:7**. So after I acknowledged that is what was happening, I repented and released fear and stepped into faith. Fear will grip you so that you won't move on. So, what are you waiting on? Move forward. So, you made a mistake. We all do make mistakes. It doesn't mean you cannot receive your heart's desire, whether it's a mate, business venture, or ministry endeavor. The Bible tells us that all things work together. **Romans 8:28**. Don't let fear stop you, grab hold of faith. Forgive yourself, assess where you went wrong, make the appropriate changes, and move forward. That's what I did, and now I can truly say I am enjoying this new season in my life. I know you are wondering if your King has come (mate). No, he is not here yet, but trust me, I'm not waiting; I am in movement. I am pursuing the things of God with all my heart. When asked, I always say, "He will find me in the middle of my purpose, not on the sideline waiting." Whatever your story is, stop waiting and move forward. What happens then is behind you; embrace your now entirely. If you continue to move in faith and not fear, you will see the manifestation of all things promised. I am praying for you, and I love you!

# THE POWER OF LOVE



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## The Greatest commandment Is Love!!

**T**he Bible is a love story. Our life is a love story. We can all look at ourselves, our lives and feel His love. Because it could have gone another way. We can also experience His love as we read/study the Trinity (Father, Son, & the Holy Spirit).

Over three hundred plus times love is in the bible. The number varies pending on the translation you prefer, but it is one of the most essential words in the bible. It's almost impossible to say the word love and not think of our Lord and Savior. Love has power! Power to forgive, change, be kind, be patient, pray for those who hurt you, etc.

Jesus was sinless yet he laid down his life for our sins. He forgives us time after time in spite of us. Forgiveness shows love

whether you're giving it or receiving. The story of the prodigal son explains this love perfectly. We are God's children. It's no different than your children in the natural. We give them a little rope but we won't let them hang themselves before pulling them back in. God chases who he loves so he will only let us go so far off the grid before he says hey my child...God loves us just the way we are but too much to let us stay that way. ***"Above all love each other deeply other, because love covers a multitude of sins" (1 Peter 4:8 NIV)*** That's why He gave us the command in **John 15: 12-13** ***"Love each other as I have loved you"***. Yet at times it's hard because people have hurt us, mishandled us, abandoned us, etc. Real love that comes from the Father causes you to forgive those who mistreated you and to forgive yourself. True power comes alive

when you love, when what you do align with what God values. God values obedience and faithfulness,

We live in a world where we see less and less of love. People cutting others off because they don't fit their bill or not living a way pleasing to them. But if we would only look in the mirror and see God loved us even in our mess. Prayer changes things. It starts with ME & YOU. Love breaks generational curses and saves lives. Love also covers a multitude of sins. We are to love, forgive, and have patience just as God does with us .

I've received God's love a million times over in my own personal life. That's one reason I'm able to write this. It's also the reason I go above and beyond to show to everyone I come across love in several different ways. Was I always loved by people no, did I always love myself, no. But once you experience real love it changes you and how you view things and to give what you never had.

Love caused Esther, to put her life on the line and didn't mind if she perished because

she loved her people. Do we love the ones closest to us to fast and pray them out of situations? To square up with the enemy whether you perish or not?

Love is God giving Abraham and Sarah a baby at an old age.

Love is God healing the blind and raising the dead.

The love of God is the only reason I'm able to write this and the only reason you can read this. Some things should have, could have taken us out long time ago. But it was the love of our Savior that kept us this far.

Love is God forgiving us of our sins.

God is LOVE...

You may say well I'm still not feeling loved. I challenge you to pray, talk with God, set aside every weight, take on the character of God. God sent us the Holy Spirit. We have the power it's up to us to activate it.

I LOVE YOU...



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## The Power of Faith

I come to you in the name of the Lord of hosts.

When the blind men came to Jesus to heal them, Jesus said ***Do you believe I am able to do this***, they said yes, and their faith caused them to be healed. (**Matthew 9:28**) When we acknowledge and understand that the power force behind our faith is Jesus, then we operate in the power of faith. It is the power of faith that allowed David to stand in the valley and defeat Goliath with only stones and the name of the Lord. Everyone around him saw a giant that was undefeatable, a problem that was insurmountable, but David saw an uncircumcised Philistine, someone who was not connected to God. (**Matthew 9:28**) He knew without God there is no real power. David operated in not just faith, but the power of faith because he knew that God had all power.

It was the power of faith that caused virtue to pour out of Jesus and heal every issue in the woman with the issue of blood. With just a touch to the hem of His garment, Jesus scanned the crowd looking for her and said to her your faith has made you whole. (**Matthew 9:22**) She didn't need acknowledgement; she just needed His power to connect to her faith. Jesus was astonished by the faith of the Centurion who asked Him to heal his servant who was sick and tormented. When Jesus said I'll come to your house, the centurion said I'm not worthy for you to come under my roof, but I understand power and I recognize authority so if you just speak the word my servant will be healed. Jesus marveled and said I have not



found so great faith, no, not in Israel. The power of the Centurion's faith was his personal trust and confidence in Jesus' power.

Understanding who is behind our faith is what causes heaven and earth to move. When we truly believe that apart from Him we can do nothing then the power of Jesus overtakes, and we walk heavy in where Jesus said ***the things I did you will do and greater things than this will you do (John 14:12)*** the power of our faith is believing Jesus.

God says behold I do a new thing, this is a new season of things we haven't seen, heard or experienced before. God has equipped us with a new level of faith. In the knowledge and total yielding to Jesus as the power of our faith we will freshly lay hands on the sick and they will recover in the moment. We will cast out demons in the name of Jesus and they will flee. We will fill the now empty place with godly things and seal it. We are the hands extended to draw, call, and escort people out of the darkness into the marvelous light. The power of the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit gives us new authority. This power of faith is sufficient for such a time as this. This power will cause lives to be changed and generations to be saved. Do you believe that I AM able to do this?

It is our time to walk renewed in the power of faith.



# THE POWER OF Finance

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## Financial Principles

God has so much wisdom to give regarding our finances. You can tell by the many scriptures and parables in the Bible, that God provided an incredibly, useful source of guidance on money matters. He doesn't want us to love money, just learn how to manage it. **1Timothy 6:10**, ***"For the love of money is a root of all sorts of evil, and some by longing for it, have wandered away from the faith and pierced themselves with many griefs."*** Scripture helps us deal with our finances. **John 10:10 AMP** version says ***"The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have and enjoy life, and have it in abundance [to the full, till it overflows]."*** Jesus is saying to have life and live it to the fullest. How can you do that, without money to take care of your basic needs, let alone your wants? If you are having financial woes, moving money around like a chess piece on a board to make ends meet. Stressed about how you are going to make it to the next paycheck. Only to pay more bills because you are in debt. That is a cycle that God does not want us to be in. He can't talk to you and spend time with you if you are always thinking about how to pay the next bill.

That is not living according to **John 10:10**. He tells us how to manage our money. If he can share what the Father says about fasting, praying, Kingdom living, then

why can't he talk to us about Finances. He does. It's in the Word. In fact, there are parables and scriptures on finances. These financial principles that He give us, can be grouped into 4 categories: Management, Debt, Investments and Savings. There are scriptures for each category. I am going to share a few with you today. If you need it, breakthrough is here.

## **Management**

Management deals with or controls things—the administration, act, or art of managing. Because we are talking about money, it is the art of managing and dealing with money. Of course, we want to do this successfully! Part of managing money is the ability to budget. Budgeting (*Planning*) does not require you to create spreadsheets or charts. It takes you to stick to a plan. Everybody likes when a plan comes to life. Put the plan down on paper and watch it manifest. Put the budget down, stick to it and watch it work.

Jesus talks about planning in **Luke 14:28-30 (KJV)** *“For which of you, intending to build a tower, sitteth not down first, and counteth the cost, whether he have sufficient to finish it? <sup>29</sup> Lest haply, after he hath laid the foundation, and is not able to finish it, all that behold it begin to mock him, <sup>30</sup> Saying, this man began to build, and was not able to finish.”* Didn't quite catch it? Let's look at the Message (MSG) version because sometimes, we need to hear it in a different way. *“Is there anyone here who, planning to build a new house, doesn't first sit down and figure the cost so you'll know if you can complete it? If you only get the foundation laid and then run out of money, you're going to look pretty foolish. Everyone passing by will poke fun at you: ‘He started something he couldn't finish.’”*

## **Budget**

You can't simply go start something without first planning it out. You must figure out the cost of the activity, whether it is going to the movies or on vacation. For example, find out how much it will cost to purchase a ticket to the movies, the cost of the popcorn, candy, and drinks. If you are picking up someone, what is the cost of gas. You may think that gas to the event doesn't come in to play but it does. You are using something and therefore, creating an expense. If the tickets are \$15, snacks \$25 and gas \$10, you must plan/budget \$50. If you only have \$25 coming in that week, then you must wait until you get *more than enough* to cover it. You shouldn't go out before planning, because you will wind up using money allocated to another bill. That's the trap. Proper planning will allow you to enjoy those activities, life, without being stressed because you ran out of money along the way.

## **Investments**

One great investing principle is from **Matthew 25:29 NLT**. ***“To those who use well what they are given, even more will be given, and they will have an abundance. But even what little they will be taken away from those who do nothing”*** This talks about the management of money but also its use of it. Investing wisely will allow you to have more over time, whether you have a little or a lot. You are permitting your money to grow. How does your money grow, you ask? By sowing seed. **2 Corinthians 9:6-8** says- ***“Remember this: whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and whoever sows generously will also reap generously.” Put your money to work. When you invest money wisely, it multiplies exponentially over time. Sowing into good ground and tending to it creates a great harvest.”***

Not only does God want you to invest, but He also wants you to diversify those investments. **Ecclesiastes 11:2** – ***“Invest in seven ventures, yes, in eight; you do not know what disaster may come upon the land.”*** This is a fundamental principle of investing; the more you diversify your funds, the less risk you take. For example, investing in stocks, mutual funds, and real estate is safer than just placing your money in one pot.

## **Debt**

**Proverbs 22:7** ***“The rich rule over the poor, and the borrower is slave to the lender.”*** Slavery. You are beholden to the person or the company you owe money to. Debt takes a toll on your life, because most of the time, you are worrying about how to pay for that debt.

I borrowed money from a friend of mine in order to pay a bill. When it came time to return the loan, I didn't have it. I didn't properly account for the automated payments that cleared in the account. Those transactions took all the money. I had to go to my friend and tell him, I didn't have it. Oh, that is not a good feeling. When you owe, you are obligated, indebted, obliged, bound to that person or entity, until the debt is settled. That's the opposite of being free. **Galatians 5:1** ***“Christ has set us free to live a free life. So, take your stand! Never again let anyone put a harness of slavery on you.”*** Diving into debt, puts that yoke back on your neck.

Try to avoid debt as best you can. If you can pay with cash, do so. If you must incur debt, the shortest loan term, is best. **Romans 13:8** ***“Owe nothing to anyone except to love another; for he who loves his neighbor has fulfilled the law”.***



## Savings

**Genesis 41:34-36** *“Let Pharaoh take action to appoint overseers in charge of the land and let him exact a fifth of the produce of the land of Egypt in the seven years of abundance. Then let them gather all the food of these good years that are coming and store up the grain for food in the cities under Pharaoh’s authority and let them guard it. Let the food become as a reserve for the land for the seven years of famine which will occur in the land of Egypt, so that the land will not perish during the famine.”* Plan ahead and save. This is what Joseph interpret the dream to Pharaoh. Egypt would have 7 years of prosperity followed by 7 years of famine. Under Joseph’s advice, Pharaoh stored up grain during the 7 good years to use it for the 7 hard years.

It makes sense to save resources in good times because it will help you get through the times, when things are tight. Every now and then, situations make it tight for us. But if we put a little away each paycheck, by the end of the year, you would have saved a lot. You can start as little as \$10 a pay. Open a savings account and have it automatically taken from your check. Out of sight out of mind. If you don’t have a savings account, save the cash. Don’t have \$10, save your change. You could wind up saving a lot of change. They also have apps you can download from the Apple or Playstore, which will assist you with saving money. **Proverbs 21:20** says *“The wise store up choice food and olive oil, but fools gulp theirs down.”*

*Are you ready to change the way you think about finances and line it up according to the Word of God? Say this prayer:*

*Lord, you are the Great I Am and everything that I have belongs to you. Thank you for allowing me to have guardianship over the finances you entrust me with. I know that you will supply all my needs if I seek Ye first. I know that You will meet all of my needs because your plan is to prosper us. I thank you for the continuous flow of money into my storehouse and I pray that I have wisdom and understanding on how to use it. Lord, I ask that you transform my mind that I may be able to follow your financial principles and break free from debt, to invest well, to manage and properly save what you give me. Amen.*

*Now Rejoice, you are on your way!*



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*“The amazing grace of the Master, Jesus Christ, the extravagant love of God, the intimate friendship of the Holy Spirit, be with all of you,” 2 Corinthians 13:14 (Message Bible)*