

You expected power but you weren't plugged in.

## Sermon Summary:

This sermon emphasizes the critical importance of maintaining a vital connection to God through prayer and the Holy Spirit to access spiritual power. The pastor uses the analogy of a gaming console that won't work without being plugged into a power source to illustrate how believers cannot effectively fight spiritual battles without being connected to God. The message stresses that education, loud voices, or human effort alone cannot defeat demonic forces - only the power of the Holy Spirit can overcome spiritual enemies. The sermon calls believers to establish a consistent prayer life, repent, and be filled with the Holy Spirit to walk in divine authority. It warns against trying to operate in spiritual authority without genuine relationship with God, using the biblical account of the seven sons of Sceva as a cautionary example. The pastor challenges the congregation to move beyond casual Christianity and

develop an urgent, authentic relationship with God that allows His power to flow through them for deliverance, healing, and victory over spiritual strongholds.

## **Key Points:**

- Effective spiritual warfare requires connection to God's power through prayer and the Holy Spirit
- Your attitude, education, or loud voice cannot defeat demons—only God's Spirit can defeat demonic spirits
- The devil uses people, places, and things as tools to steal, kill, and destroy your destiny
- Many believers expect power but aren't plugged in through consistent prayer and relationship with God
- The steps to plug in are: repentance (change of mind), baptism in Jesus' name, and receiving the Holy Spirit
- You must know God for yourself—you cannot rely on someone else's relationship with God
- Prayer life must be maintained daily because spiritual bacteria constantly tries to return
- Demons recognize whether you truly have authority in Christ or are just pretending
- The Holy Spirit makes intercession for us and gives us power to cast out devils, heal the sick, and overcome strongholds
- We must prioritize God above money, relationships, health, and intellect He is the source
- The church needs believers who will humble themselves at the altar and genuinely seek God

## Scripture References:

- Acts 1:8 "You shall receive power after that the Holy Ghost has come upon you"
- Mark 16:17 "These signs shall follow them that believe; in my name they shall cast out devils and speak in new tongues"
- Acts 2:38 "Repent and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of your sins, and you shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost"
- John 10:9 "I am the door: by me if any man enter in, he shall be saved"
- Acts 19:13-16 The seven sons of Sceva attempting exorcism
- Proverbs "Wisdom is the principal thing; therefore get wisdom and in all thy getting get understanding"

- Psalm 34:4 "I sought the Lord and he heard me"
- James 5:14 "Is any sick among you? Let them call on the elders of the church and let them pray over him, anointing him with oil in the name of the Lord"