

Empower>meant...
Where God's power meets everyday life
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Acts 1:6-8 *"Therefore, when they had come together, they asked Him, saying, 'Lord, will You at this time restore the kingdom to Israel?' And He said to them, 'It is not for you to know times or seasons which the Father has put in His own authority. 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.'"*

- His power isn't just for SUNDAY; it's the strength I need for EVERY DAY.
- The Spirit's power has no LIMITS; He is PRESENT ANYTIME, anywhere.

Galatians 5:16-25 *"I say then: Walk in the Spirit, and you shall not fulfill the lust of the flesh. For the flesh lusts against the Spirit, and the Spirit against the flesh; and these are contrary to one another, so that you do not do the things that you wish. But if you are led by the Spirit, you are not under the law. Now the works of the flesh are evident, which are: adultery, fornication, uncleanness, lewdness, idolatry, sorcery, hatred, contentions, jealousies, outbursts of wrath, selfish ambitions, dissensions, heresies, envy, murders, drunkenness, revelries, and the like; of which I tell you beforehand, just as I also told you in time past, that those who practice such things will not inherit the kingdom of God. But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control. Against such there is no law. And those who are Christ's have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires. If we live in the Spirit, let us also walk in the Spirit."*

Living in the Spirit

1) He is my PROTECTOR

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- The Spirit protects me from the one who trips me up the most... ME.
- New life in Christ isn't just something we DECLARE — it's something we DEMONSTRATE by walking in the Spirit and resisting the flesh.

2) He is my PILOT

Galatians 5:18 *"But if you are led by the Spirit, you are not under the law."*

3) He sets the PACE

Galatians 5:25 If we live in the Spirit, let us also walk in the Spirit

- When I walk in step with the SPIRIT, and you do too, we move together in unity.

Action Points

1. OPEN up
2. OPERATE In
3. OFFER Out

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