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God Is Reigning, But Is He Reigning In You?

Acts 1:8

But you shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you: and ye shall be witness unto me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth.

Reign—Exercise of sovereign power as by a monarch.

Monarch—A hereditary sovereign, such one that presides over, rules.

When you look at the natural, one would think the only ones that have power are those that are rich, famous or well educated. Mind you, all these things are a blessing, and we should desire to have them, but if we have all the things we desire and don't have God as the center of our life the worldly things we have will not give us the joy and power that comes from God. We're spiritual beings in a world that will soon come to an end. What we're seeing with our natural eyes will someday fade away. Too many times we're concentrating on the things we can see

rather than the things we can't see. We can't see God, but we can hear Him as well as feel Him as the Spirit of God moves upon us and throughout our body.

God has given us a promise that once we receive the Holy Ghost or Holy Spirit we shall receive power, this power you can't see with the natural eye, but when activated with faith it will produce a life changing experience.

The Holy Spirit wasn't just given to us in order for us to speak in a language that we can't understand what we're saying or to jump and shout, but God placed His Spirit within us to enable us to fulfill his calling for our lives as well as assist others to fulfill their calling. There's nothing greater than speaking to the Father in our heavenly language. It's a blessing to be able to dance before the Lord, but once we have spoken in tongues, after we have danced before the Lord, do we have the power to set ourselves free as well as others from the bondage of Satan? We must begin to utilize the power God has given us. Many Christians have the Spirit of God living within their being and they are still suffering from the "I can't help it". There is nothing going on with us or our love ones that God hasn't given us the power to overcome the enemy.

Our empowerment comes through us submitting ourselves to God, and He in return gives us a portion of His Spirit. Prayer, reading and studying the word of God will enable us to fight the good fight of faith. Every time we read the word of God we're filling ourselves with ammunition, every time we fast we're submitting ourselves more and more to God until it will be no more us, but Christ that lives within us.

We're fighting an adversary that has been around for thousands of years, Satan is not stupid, and he also has power. His power is not overpowering God, but don't be foolish and think that Satan can't use the power he has to influence and attack.

The woman that was bent over for eighteen years was bound by a spirit of infirmity. Satan had attacked her physically. The two that were possessed by demons in the country of Gergesenes was fierce, people were afraid of them. When people can do harm to themselves as well as others they are possessed by evil spirits, but God has given us power to cast them out.

Saints aren't possessed by demons, but they can be oppressed and suppressed by them. We must know when it's a demonic spirit or is it a physical illness. Every sickness or disease is not satanic, but we must know the difference, whether it's

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physical or demonic, God has given us the power through His Son to be healed if it's God's will for us to be healed. There will be times people may not be healed, but we must know whether it's God's will for the person to be healed. Elisha died from his sickness, but the anointing that was upon him, brought life to a corpse that was placed in Elisha's grave. **(2nd King 13:14, 2nd King 13:21)**. Apostle Paul had a thorn in his flesh. Some say it was sickness, whatever it was, he didn't get healed of it.

As Christians, we will suffer from sickness at one time or another. There will be times we will be healed, and there are times we will not be healed, that's why we must know the will of God for our lives. We need to know when to rebuke and when not to rebuke, when to bind and when to loose, and when to rest in God, and this comes by having a relationship with Him. We must be able to let the peace of God reign in our hearts, because if we don't, Satan will have us depressed, oppressed and suppressed.

God has given us a portion of His Spirit to help us obtain everything we need in life. The reason why some of us aren't reigning in different areas of our life is because we're not willing to fight for it. When God gave the children of Israel the land of Canaan, a land flowing with milk and honey, God didn't move the enemy, but He told the children of Israel to go in and take the land. Too many times we lose what God has given us because

we're not willing to fight for it. We fight by submitting ourselves to the word of God. We fight by prayer, fasting, reading and studying the word of God. We fight by binding and loosing. We confess the word of God over our situation and circumstances and believe what we're confessing. It will not do any good if you're praying and confessing something that you don't believe. Whatever you believe will manifest whether its positive or negative.

We cannot fight Satan with unbelief. Nor can we fight if we still have some of his buddies still living within us. In order to fight against the adversary of God and man, the Spirit of God must be living within us, if He's not living in us we have not been born-again. That's the word of God whether we accept it or not. The reason why some of the battles we're fighting have been lost is because the Spirit of God is not living within us, He's not reigning in us. When we submit ourselves to God, His Spirit comes to live within our mortal body, He will give us authority to fight the adversary and win.

I'm not saying everytime we go through something all we have to do is bind it and go about our business. No, there will be times we have to wrestle like Jacob in the Spirit and tell the Lord I'm not going to let you go until you bless me, deliver me, heal me, save me. There will be times we may have to wait longer than we wish, but in our waiting it will build our faith in God as well as having faith in

ourselves knowing that we are the children of God and we don't have to faint in our tribulation.

Jesus came that we may have life and have it more abundantly. This goes for our physical health, as well as our spiritual health, marriage, family, finances. God wants to reign in us that we may reign in everything we do. God gave dominion to Adam and Eve, when they disobeyed they gave dominion to Satan. When we except Jesus as our Lord and Savior He returns the dominion that was taken from us. As children of God we suppose to be reigning, we should be the head and not the tail. We should be the lender and not the borrow. We should be laying hands on ourselves and receive healing from the bomb of Gideon that lives within our being.

Bad habits must bow and come subject if God is reigning in us and we're using the authority that Jesus has given us. The "I can't help it" should be coming subject when God is reigning. Bad tempers should be coming subject if God is reigning in us, the Fruits of the Spirit should be manifesting if God is reigning in us. Forgiveness should be oozing out of us if God is reigning. Love and compassion should be overflowing if God is reigning. Backbiting and gossiping should be a thing of the past, if God is reigning. Cursing shouldn't be in us if God is reigning. Fear can't reign if God is reigning.

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In order for God to reign in us, there must be a daily submission to God, if we don't then our fleshly desires will be reigning. God and Satan cannot reign in the same body.

We as the people of God have almost forsaken the things that will help us grow in God. In order for the body to be healthy, we must eat the proper foods, take vitamins and nutrients, get enough rest and get the proper amount of sleep. In order for our spirit to grow, we must read and digest the word of God. If we read it and don't digest it, we will just be hearers of the word of God and not doers. In order to be sensitive and submissive to the word of God, we must stay prayerful. Fasting help us to dominate our fleshly desires. We're busy building our physical bodies and our spirit is weak and sick. We're in a spiritual war that cannot be seen with our natural eyes. The only way we're going to win the war for ourselves as well as our love ones, we must become submitted to the Spirit and the word of God.

There are many things the people of God are going through because some may not have totally submitted and there are those that really don't understand the power that lives within them. Every one of us will have trials and tribulations, but sometimes we go through things that weren't ordered by God. They were ordered by Satan to try to turn our faith from God. The Bible teaches us through many

tribulations shall we enter into heaven. There will be suffering, there will be distress, rejection, and sometimes shame. God has already told us in His Instruction Manual (the Bible); in order to operate in the Spirit we must read the manual. We must follow the instructions; then have faith to know that God will do what He promised He would do. We don't go through hardship just to be going through it, there is a lesson to learn and another realm of glory to enter.

Stop giving Satan more power than you give God. In order for Satan to attack us, he has to receive permission from God. When he receives permission know that you are already a winner because God promised that He would not put more on you than you can bear, so if God gave Satan permission and you placed your trust in God; you've submitted yourself to God, know that you will have the victory. Don't look at the length of time you have been going through or how hard it may be. Continue to look at God's promises. We get weary and lose our peace when we begin to look at the situation. Satan want us to look at the problem and not the problem solver. Let God reign in you. Let His word take first place in your heart, be loyal to God and refrain from being loyal to fleshly desires. Decide and take all that God has for you, reject the things Satan is offering you. God wants to be glorified through His people. Jesus said we would be a witness that witness is not going around telling people we're saved, it's the

outer appearance and the inner manifestation of the power of God working through us to reach the lives of others to make a life changing experience. Someone is reigning in you, is it the Father, Satan or self-will. Whose reigning?

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