

In Power, in the Holy Spirit, and with Deep Conviction!

- **Testimony of the Thessalonian Church:** “For our gospel did not come to you in word only, but also in power and in the Holy Spirit and with full conviction; just as you know what kind of men we proved to be among you for your sake. You also became imitators of us and of the Lord, having received the word in much tribulation with the joy of the Holy Spirit, so that you became an example to all the believers in Macedonia and in Achaia.” (1 Thessalonians 1:5-7)

I) **With Deep Conviction!**

- “And He, when He comes, will convict the world concerning sin and righteousness and judgment;” (John 16:8) “Were not our hearts burning within us while he talked with us on the road and opened the Scriptures to us?” (Luke 24:32)

II) **In the Holy Spirit!**

- “Then he said to me, “This is the word of the LORD to Zerubbabel saying, ‘Not by might nor by power, but by My Spirit,’ says the LORD of hosts.” (Zechariah 4:6)
- “But if the Spirit of Him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, He who raised Christ Jesus from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies through His Spirit who dwells in you.” (Romans 8:11)

II) **In Power!**

A) **Power of the Spirit!**

- ☐ “and my message and my preaching were not in persuasive words of wisdom, but in demonstration of the Spirit and of power,” (1 Corinthians 2:4)
- ☐ “But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.” (Acts 1:8)

B) **Power of the Gospel!**

- ☐ “For I am not ashamed of the gospel, for it is the power of God for salvation to everyone who believes, to the Jew first and also to the Greek.” (Romans 1:16)

C) Power of God's Word!

- “For as the rain and the snow come down from heaven, And do not return there without watering the earth And making it bear and sprout, And furnishing seed to the sower and bread to the eater,¹¹ So will My word be which goes forth from My mouth; It will not return to Me empty, Without accomplishing what I desire, And without succeeding in the matter for which I sent it.” (Isaiah 55:10-11) “Were not our hearts burning within us while he talked with us on the road and opened the Scriptures to us?” (Luke 24:32)

D) Power of Personal Testimony!

- “at midday, O King, I saw on the way a light from heaven, brighter than the sun, shining all around me and those who were journeying with me.¹⁴ And when we had all fallen to the ground, I heard a voice saying to me in the Hebrew dialect, ‘Saul, Saul, why are you persecuting Me? It is hard for you to kick against the goads.’¹⁵ And I said, ‘Who are You, Lord?’ And the Lord said, ‘I am Jesus whom you are persecuting.’” (Acts 26:13-15)

E) Power of Modeling!

- “You know how we lived among you for your sake. ⁶ You became imitators of us and of the Lord, for you welcomed the message in the midst of severe suffering with the joy given by the Holy Spirit. ⁷ And so you became a model to all the believers in Macedonia and Achaia.” (1 Thessalonians 1:5-7)

F) Power of the Resurrection!

- “that I may know Him and the power of His resurrection and the fellowship of His sufferings, being conformed to His death;” (Philippians 3:10)

G) Power and Authority from Jesus!

- “And He called the twelve together, and gave them power and authority over all the demons and to heal diseases. ² And He sent them out to proclaim the kingdom of God and to perform healing.” (Luke 9:1-2) (Ref: Luke 10:2-7)