

## Walking In His Power

The early church made a powerful mark on their generation. Acts 17:6 says, “These that have turned the world upside down are come hither also.” The early church transformed their world because they walked in tremendous power.

We are a generation captivated with power. In our homes, we have powered stoves, refrigerators, toasters, and microwaves. In our garages, we have powered lawn mowers, drills, chain saws, and garage door openers. As we drive our automobiles, we enjoy power brakes, windows, and locks. Our culture has become consumed with power – the more, the better.

As Christians, we must become consumed with God’s mighty power on a daily basis. To accomplish this, we must:

- 1) Become Spirit conscious. This simply means to become more aware of God and spiritual things than you are of anything else. Kenneth E. Hagin said, “We spend practically our entire lifetime in the mental and physical realms. Our spirit, which should guide us, is kept locked away in prison, so to speak, and is not permitted to function.” The truth is that whatever we feed, exercise, and give time to is what we will be aware of. The early church walked in the power of God because they were aware of their union with Christ, and they relied upon the Holy Spirit to work for them.
- 2) Be bold with the devil. Throughout His earthly ministry, Jesus never was intimidated or fearful about anything, especially where the devil was concerned. In fact, Jesus told His disciples that He beheld Satan as lightning fall from Heaven (Luke 10:18). Jesus was saying that the devil was gone in a flash. Jesus always used His authority and established the pattern for believers to follow today. We don’t need to be afraid of the devil because Satan is a defeated foe. Jesus “spoiled principalities and powers; He made a show of them openly, triumphing over them in it” (Col. 2:15). We must be bold in dealing with the devil in order to experience the power of God. When Jesus called Lazarus to come forth, the scripture says He cried out with a loud voice, “Lazarus, come forth” (John 4:3). He did not hold back: He lifted His voice and was bold.
- 3) Know who we are. I’m reminded of a story I heard about a little girl whose father was the head of a ministry organization. His daughter was playing in the office one day and she was warned by an employee that she couldn’t play in that area. This little girl immediately turned to this employee and said, “Do you know who I am?” That employee quickly changed his attitude when he discovered who she was. That’s the way we have to be with the devil. When he says, “No, you can’t do that! We need to ask him, “Do you know who I am?” Then we need to tell him who we are and that he is dealing with a child of God.

The church is to constantly see the power of God manifested because we are Spirit-conscious, we are bold, and we know who we are.