

PURPOSES OF THIS POWER:

The Holy Spirit ministers in many powerful ways in the lives of believers. The Holy Spirit:

1. Dwells in him: (1 Corinthians 6:19) We are actually the temple or dwelling place of the Holy Ghost.
2. Unites him in one spirit with God and other believers: (1 Corinthians 6:17) There is great power in unity as demonstrated in the story of the tower of Babel (See Genesis 11; especially note verse 6).
3. Intercedes for him: (Romans 8:26) This powerful intercessor prays for us according to God's will.
4. Guides him: (John 16:13) The Holy Spirit enables us to walk in power and not confusion. He guides us to the place of power, the perfect will of God.
5. Imparts the love of Christ to him and through him: (Romans 5:5).
6. Reveals Biblical truth to him: (1 Corinthians 2:10) Powerful spiritual revelation comes through the Holy Spirit.
7. Comforts him: (Acts 9:31 and John 14:17, 26) He comforts us in times of grief.
8. Conforms him to the image of Christ: (2 Corinthians 3:18) We are powerless to change ourselves into the image of Christ. Self-improvement plans are doomed to failure. But through the power of the Holy Spirit, we can be conformed to the image of Jesus.
9. Teaches him: (John 14:26) The greatest teacher takes up residence within us when we are endued with the power of the Holy Spirit. Knowledge is powerful, and the Holy Spirit imparts spiritual knowledge.

10. Inspires him to true worship: (John 4:24) Praise and worship are powerful spiritual strategies. In some Old Testament battles they were the main methods used against the enemies of God.
11. Quickens him: (Romans 8:11) The same power that raised Jesus from the dead is at work in us to quicken us. This means we are endued with resurrection-like power while yet in these mortal bodies.
12. Sanctifies him: (2 Thessalonians 2:13-14) We do not have to try to live a holy life through self-effort. The power of the Holy Spirit sanctifies our thoughts and actions. He enables holy living.
13. Changes him: (Titus 3:5) Power is necessary to effect change and the Holy Spirit gives power for positive change.
14. Convicts him of wrong: (John 16:8-11) The Holy Spirit convicts of wrong and leads us to repentance. This enables the continued flow of God's power.
15. Gives assurance of salvation: (Romans 8:16) Knowing your position gives you power. The Holy Spirit assures your position in God.
16. Gives him liberty: (Romans 8:2) Liberty provides the greatest opportunity for power. The Holy Spirit gives liberty through Jesus Christ.
17. Speaks through him: (Mark 13:11) We are not limited by our own speaking ability. The Holy Spirit speaks God's Words of power and authority through us.
18. Demonstrates God's power: (I Corinthians 2:4) The Holy Spirit enables the demonstration of God's power in every area of life.
19. Strengthens him: (Ephesians 3:16) When you are weak, God's strength is manifested.