

POWER

Empowered to Thrive

We were designed by God to store and convert His power.

Genesis 1:27-31 (NLT)

27 So God created human beings in his own image. In the image of God he created them; male and female he created them. 28 Then God blessed them and said, “Be fruitful and multiply. Fill the earth and govern it. Reign over the fish in the sea, the birds in the sky, and all the animals that scurry along the ground.” 29 Then God said, “Look! I have given you every seed-bearing plant throughout the earth and all the fruit trees for your food. 30 And I have given every green plant as food for all the wild animals, the birds in the sky, and the small animals that scurry along the ground—everything that has life.” And that is what happened. 31 Then God looked over all he had made, and he saw that it was very good!

The Fall:

Genesis 3:3-4 (NLT)

3 “It’s only the fruit from the tree in the middle of the garden that we are not allowed to eat. God said, ‘You

must not eat it or even touch it; if you do, you will die.’”
4 *“You won’t die!” the serpent replied to the woman.*

By trusting the serpent and taking on the responsibility to define good and evil, sin entered and our relationship with God was broken.

Romans 5:17 (NLT)

*17 For the sin of this one man, Adam, caused death to rule over many. But **even greater** is God’s wonderful grace and his gift of righteousness, for all who receive it will live in triumph over sin and death through this one man, Jesus Christ.*

Christ brings a restoration to that broken relationship and an opportunity for God to deposit that power in us again.

Romans 6:10-11 (NLT)

*10 When he died, he died once to break the power of sin. But now that he lives, he lives for the glory of God. 11 So you also should **consider yourselves to be dead to the power of sin and alive to God through Christ Jesus.***

WE STORE

Through our faith in Jesus, God is able to pour and store his power within us once again.

2 Corinthians 4:7 (NLT)

7 We now have this light shining in our hearts, but we ourselves are like fragile clay jars containing this great treasure. This makes it clear that our great power is from God, not from ourselves.

Yet, despite the nature of these fragile clay jars, we now contain within us a power unmatched in all of creation.

- This power deposited within us moves us from eternal death and separation from God, to an eternity with God.

2 Timothy 1:10 (NLT)

10 And now he has made all of this plain to us by the appearing of Christ Jesus, our Savior. He broke the power of death and illuminated the way to life and immortality through the Good News.

- This power stored within us transforms and frees us.

Romans 6:6-7 (NLT)

*6 We know that our old sinful selves were crucified with Christ so that sin might lose its power in our lives. We are no longer slaves to sin. 7 For when we **died with Christ** we were **set free from the power of sin.***

God's initial intention for us was to enjoy the fullness of life has has created for us here on earth.

Genesis 2:16-17 (NLT)

16 But the LORD God warned him, “You may freely eat the fruit of every tree in the garden— 17 except the tree of the knowledge of good and evil. If you eat its fruit, you are sure to die.”

WE CONVERT

By converting God's power within us, we can accomplish all that God places in our hearts to do.

2 Thessalonians 1:11 (NLT)

*11 So we keep on praying for you, asking our God to enable you to live a life worthy of his call. May he give you the **power to accomplish all the good things your faith prompts you to do.***

Ephesians 3:20 (NLT)

*20 Now all glory to God, who is able, through his mighty power at work within us, to **accomplish infinitely more than we might ask or think.***

God often accomplishes far more than we can think or dream of.

- When we convert this power stored within us we will receive endurance and patience.

Colossians 1:11 (NLT)

*11 We also pray that you will be strengthened with all his glorious power so you will have all the **endurance and patience** you need...*

*He giveth more grace when the burdens grow greater,
He sendeth more strength when the labors increase:
To added affliction, He addeth His mercy,
To multiplied trials His multiplied peace.*

*When we have exhausted our store of endurance,
When our strength has failed e're the day is half done,
When we reach the end of our hoarded resources
Our Father's full giving has only begun.*

*His love has no limit, His grace has no measure,
His power has no boundary known unto men;
For out of His infinite riches in Jesus
He giveth, and giveth, and giveth again!*

- Annie Johnston Flint

Philippians 4:13 (NLT)

*13 For I can **do everything** through Christ, who gives me strength.*

- When we convert this power stored within us we will find that we have all that we need to live a Godly life.

2 Peter 1:3 (NLT)

*3 **By his divine power, God has given us everything we need for living a godly life. We have received all of this by coming to know him, the one who called us to himself by means of his marvelous glory and excellence.***

This power within us leads us to know God and His word.

Hebrews 13:21 (NLT)

*21 may he equip you with all you need for doing his will. May he produce in you, **through the power of Jesus Christ, every good thing that is pleasing to him.** All glory to him forever and ever! Amen.*

Matthew 5:5 (NKJV)

*5 Blessed are the **meek**, For they shall inherit the earth.*

Meek: "praeis" (πραΐς), meaning qualities such as gentleness, humility, and **inner strength under control.**

For the christian, we weren't meant to merely just survive, we are meant to thrive.