

A Suggestion Regarding Receiving God's Grace and Power

Reminder: Christianity is a relationship with a Person: The Lord Jesus.

The relationship was initiated by Him and is sustained by Him. The character/ quality of the relationship is highly personal and based on His love for us and the grace that flows from that love. It is a relationship in which love is to be shared by the grace we are to receive.

The Work of the Lord Jesus is the Source of His Grace with produces Power.

The Crucifixion, Resurrection, Ascension and the Day of Pentecost are historical transactions, involving all believers, which "unleash" (provide, make available) unlimited spiritual power.

The Apostle Paul often talked of this grace/power: I Cor 15:10; II Cor 6:1; 9:8; Phil 3:10; Col 2:21.

A Suggestion: How to Respond to the Lord Jesus in the Light of the Work.

1. Consider the meaning in the promises regarding ability/power.
II Cor 1:20; 9:8; Phil 4:13; Heb 4:16
2. Learn to do five things regarding difficult areas. (When the lesson is learned then it will be transferred to all of your life.)
 - a. Choose a quiet time and place. Ask the Holy Spirit to come and fill you. Wait for His presence and blessing. Eph 5:18
 - b. Consider what would be the will of God in the area in question.
(Before asking for help, etc., find out the will of God)
 - c. Then practice Is 40:31. Think of "renew" as "exchange".
(Think of coming to God's great storehouse of treasure. "See" the huge bright building with light pouring out of its windows and doors. Walk up to the counter and) --
"Turn in" your weakness -- "exchange" it for His strength.

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| inability | " | ability |
| confusion | " | clarity |
| anxiety | " | peace |
| impatience | " | wisdom |
| tension | " | peace |
| fear | | courage |
| desires | | will |
 - d. Then affirm: "I can do the will of God today in regard to _____ through Jesus Christ my Lord."
Phil 4:13
 - e. Then do the will of God trusting Him.

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