

## The Secret of Divine Enablement

### Introduction

- A. Question: what must one do to have divine enablement for daily life?
- B. Answer: practice the truth for the glory of God
- C. Observation: there is in the Bible an inseparable relationship between the truth and the grace of God.

This book of the law shall not depart out of thy mouth; but thou shalt meditate therein day and night, that thou mayest observe to do according to all that is written therein; for then thou shalt make thy way prosperous, and then thou shalt have good success. Joshua 1:8

### I. The Principle Illustrated.

And, behold, there was a man which had his hand withered. And they asked him, saying, Is it lawful to heal on the sabbath days? that they might accuse Him.

Then said He to the man, Stretch forth thine hand. And he stretched it forth; and it was restored whole, like as the other. Matt. 12:10,13

Observation: When the Lord Jesus Christ commanded the man to stretch forth his hand – He gave him the power to do so. The enablement accompanied the command. What would have happened if the man had simply said, "I can't"? He would not have been healed.

### II. The Principle Explained.

But God be thanked, that ye were the servants of sin, but ye have obeyed from the heart that form of doctrine which was delivered you. Being then made free from sin, ye became the servants of righteousness. Romans 6:17,18

Wherefore, my beloved, as ye have always obeyed, not as in my presence only, but now much more in my absence, work out your own salvation with fear and trembling. For it is God which worketh in you both to will and to do of His good pleasure. Phil. 2:12,13

Seeing ye have purified your souls in obeying the truth through the Spirit unto unfeigned love of the brethren, see that ye love one another with a pure heart fervently. I Peter 1:22

Observation: When we obey God – He works in us!

### III. The Principle Exemplified.

- A. When we obey God and received Jesus Christ as Savior – He saves us.

But as many as received Him, to them gave He power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on His Name. John 1:12

B. When we obey God and seek to witness for Him – He enables us.

But you shall receive power after that the Holy Spirit is come upon you, and you shall be witnesses unto Me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth. Acts 1:8

C. When we obey God and choose to live for Him – He fills us with power.

The eyes of your understanding being enlightened, that ye may know what is the hope of His calling, and what are the riches of the glory of His inheritance in the saints, and what is the exceeding greatness of His power to us-ward who believe, according to the working of His mighty power, which He wrought in Christ, when He raised Him from the dead, **and** set Him at His own right hand in the heavenly places.  
Eph. 1:13-20

D. When we obey God and choose to pray – He strengthens us.

Now unto Him that is able to do exceeding abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power that worketh in us. Eph.3:20

E. When we obey God and choose to please Him – He empowers us.

That ye might walk worthy of the Lord unto all pleasing, being fruitful in every good work, and increasing in the knowledge of God; strengthened with all might, according to His glorious power, unto all patience and longsuffering with joyfulness. Col. 1:10,11

F. When we obey God and choose to live a life of courage – He provides help.

For God hath not given us the spirit of fear, but of power, and of love, and of a sound mind. I Timothy 1:7

G. When we obey God and choose to live in dependence on Him – He keep us.

Who are kept by the power of God through faith unto salvation ready to be revealed in the last time. I Peter 1:5

#### Conclusion

A. Too many times we hear the promise and command of God and simply say, "I can't". Because of our lack of obedience – we live without power.

B. It is important that we deliberately choose to obey God – and to do this for His glory. When we obey – God works!

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