

GOD'S GIFT OF POWER TO YOU
Christmas is about God's Love – Part 1
Psalm 8:4-6 (NCV)
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“Why are people important to you? Why do you take care of human beings? You made them a little lower than the angels and crowned them with glory and honor. You put them in charge of everything you made. You put all things under their control.”
Psalm 8:4-6 (NCV)

The Truth About God's Power

1. THE HOLY SPIRIT IS THE POWER OF GOD.
2. THE HOLY SPIRIT EMPOWERS GOD'S PEOPLE.

Psalm 29:3-5; 7-9, 11 (NIV)

³The voice of the LORD is over the waters; the God of glory thunders, the LORD thunders over the mighty waters. ⁴The voice of the LORD is powerful; the voice of the LORD is majestic. ⁵The voice of the LORD breaks the cedars; the LORD breaks in pieces the cedars of Lebanon.

⁷The voice of the LORD strikes with flashes of lightning. ⁸The voice of the LORD shakes the desert; the LORD shakes the Desert of Kadesh. ⁹The voice of the LORD twists the oaks and strips the forests bare. And in his temple all cry, "Glory!"

¹¹The LORD gives strength to His people; the LORD blesses His people with peace.

“For God has not given us a spirit of fear, but of power and of love and of a sound mind.”
2 Timothy 1:7 (NKJV)

I really need God's power...

- a) To get me through what I can't get through on my own.
- b) To do what I know I should do!

Four Steps to Receiving God's Power

1. **ACKNOWLEDGE** the Spirit's power and presence.

“Look to the Lord and His strength seek His face always. Remember the wonders He has done, His miracles, and the judgments He has pronounced.” 1 Chronicles 16:11-12 (NIV)

2. **ADMIT** your own weaknesses!

“But (the Lord) said to me, ‘My grace is sufficient for you, for My power is made perfect in weakness.’ Therefore I will boast all the more gladly about my weaknesses, so that Christ’s power may rest on me.” 2 Corinthians 12:9 (NIV)

3. **ASK** God for the power and strength you need.

“You do not have, because you do not ask God.” James 4:2b (NIV)

4. TAKE **ACTION** because of YOUR faith in God.

“Commit everything you do to the Lord. Trust Him to help you do it and He will.” Psalm 37:5 (NIV)

Even when you don’t feel empowered – or don’t feel the strength of God – when you <u>take action</u> by moving forward in faith anyway, He will give you the power and <u>strength</u> you need!
