

The Power Source | Application

 **ACTION:** As you work through this study, ask the Lord to enable you to gain truth both to implement in your own life and to assist those you will be discipling.

 **READ: Ephesians 1:17-20; Romans 8:10-11**

 **WRITE:** What does it mean to you to know that the power of the Spirit of God, the same power that overcame sin and death on the cross, is indwelling and working within the lives of each believer?

 What specific differences would it make in your life if you chose to consistently tap into this power?

 What are some habits you can put in place to depend more fully on the Holy Spirit's power?

 Ask the Lord to enable you, moment by moment, throughout each day to become more aware of His presence and dependent upon His power.

 **READ: Judges 6:11-16**

 According to verse 15, how did Gideon view himself?

Notice when the angel of the Lord addressed Gideon, he called him a **“mighty warrior”**. (v. 12) He did not say, “You will one day be a mighty warrior,” or “If you work hard enough, perhaps you can become a mighty warrior.”

 Why did the angel of the Lord view Gideon differently than Gideon viewed himself? (v. 12, 16)

 List the distinct differences between someone who relies on the Lord's help and someone who does not.

✍ Why does God promise to us His supernatural power rather than create for us less difficult circumstances?

✍ Why is it important that we embrace our true identity, our full potential in Christ, rather than settle for the way we see ourselves or the way others view us?

💡 **REMEMBER:** Learning to rely on God's power is a process that begins with grasping the unlimited power that is available to us. However, for the truth of God's power to be effective we must consistently rely on it rather than investing in personal feelings or the opinions of others. In other words, to be continually powerful and effective, each believer must remain plugged-in to the unlimited power source: Almighty God!

📎 **Ephesians 6:18**

Although God wants us to come to Him on all occasions with all kinds of prayers and requests, He wants us to do so by acknowledging Him with a willingness to submit to His perfect will. Since God has purpose in all things, each moment of our lives has potential for spiritual significance.

✍ In what situations are you most apt to make decisions without praying?

✍ What specific differences would it make in your life if you developed a lifestyle of taking every situation to the Lord in prayer?

📎 **Psalms 9:1-2; 1 Chronicles 16:8-11**

✍ List specific benefits to those who consistently communicate praise and thanksgiving to God. (Use this list to encourage those you disciple to develop a heart of praise and thanksgiving.)

💡 **THOUGHT PROVOKING:** Is it your habit to praise God throughout the day, regardless of circumstance? If not, establish a habit this week of doing so and expect to reap the benefits.

 **John 5:17**

 Practice this week identifying God's mighty works and proclaiming with thanksgiving all He has done. This will glorify the Lord and better equip you to point out God working in the lives of those you disciple.

 **FISHING FOR MEN:** In what ways would consistently acknowledging God's work become a discipleship tool?

 **TO ENCOURAGE:** Finally, be strong in the Lord and in his mighty power. Put on the full armor of God so that you can take your stand against the devil's schemes. (**Ephesians 6:10-11**)