

Acts 1:8; *...But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes upon you. And you will be my witnesses, telling people about me everywhere—in Jerusalem, throughout Judea, in Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.*"

Jesus wants you to receive _____ from the Holy Spirit.

Acts 2:37-47; *Peter's words pierced their hearts, and they said to him and to the other apostles, "Brothers, what should we do?" 38 Peter replied, "Each of you must repent of your sins and turn to God, and be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins. Then you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. 39 This promise is to you, to your children, and to those far away—all who have been called by the Lord our God." 40 Then Peter continued preaching for a long time, strongly urging all his listeners, "Save yourselves from this crooked generation!" 41 Those who believed what Peter said were baptized and added to the church that day—about 3,000 in all. 42 All the believers devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching, and to fellowship, and to sharing in meals (including the Lord's Supper), and to prayer. 43 A deep sense of awe came over them all, and the apostles performed many miraculous signs and wonders. 44 And all the believers met together in one place and shared everything they had. 45 They sold their property and possessions and shared the money with those in need. 46 They worshiped together at the Temple each day, they met in homes for the Lord's Supper, and shared their meals with great joy and generosity— 47 all the while praising God and enjoying the goodwill of all the people. And each day the Lord added to their fellowship those who were being saved.*

The church needs the _____ power of the Holy Spirit to reach a lost and dying world.

1. They _____.

Psalms 89:15; *Happy are those who hear the joyful call to worship, for they will walk in the light of your presence, Lord.*

Psalms 100:2; *Worship the Lord with gladness. Come before him, singing with joy.*

1 Peter 3:15a *...you must worship Christ as Lord of your life.*

2. They _____.

Acts 22:15; *For you are to be his witness, telling everyone what you have seen and heard.*

1 Peter 3:15b; *...if someone asks about your hope as a believer, always be ready to explain it.*

3. They _____.

Ephesians 6:7; *Work with enthusiasm, as though you were working for the Lord rather than for people.*

Proverbs 12:14b; *...hard work brings rewards.*

Jeremiah 48:10; *Cursed are those who refuse to do the Lord's work.*

Matthew 9:37-38 [Jesus]; *The harvest is great, but the workers are few. 38 So pray to the Lord who is in charge of the harvest; ask him to send more workers into his fields.*

Matthew 12:30 [Jesus]; *Anyone who isn't with me opposes me, and anyone who isn't working with me is actually working against me.*

Romans 12:11; *Never be lazy, but work hard and serve the Lord enthusiastically.*

Ephesians 4:12; *Their responsibility is to equip God's people to do his work and build up the church, the body of Christ.*

4. They _____.

Acts 22:15; *For you are to be his witness, telling everyone what you have seen and heard.*

1 John 5:4; *For every child of God defeats this evil world, and we achieve this victory through our faith.*

Romans 8:37b; *...overwhelming victory is ours through Christ, who loved us.*

Ephesians 5:15-18; *So be careful how you live. Don't live like fools, but like those who are wise. 16 Make the most of every opportunity in these evil days. 17 Don't act thoughtlessly, but understand what the Lord wants you to do. 18 Don't be drunk with wine, because that will ruin your life. Instead, be filled with the Holy Spirit.*

Luke 11:13; *So if you sinful people know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him.*

John 20:22; *Then [Jesus] breathed on them and said, "Receive the Holy Spirit."*