

The Value of Power

- When we start our car, battery is weakened.
- Would soon lose power, but always recharging.
- If ever had a drained battery ... never forget.
- A strong battery has a powerful sound (fast)
- A weak battery sounds sluggish— slower ...click
- Protect power of a battery replace if weakening.
- Electricity is different ... no warning at all.
- Some purchase a generator or power bar to give time to respond before disaster.

Both Types of Power in the Gospel

- *For I am not ashamed of the gospel: for it is the power(dunamis/dynamite) of God unto salvation to every one that believes; to the Jew first, and also to the Greek. Rom. 1:16*
- *dunamis ... “inherent power, power residing in a thing by virtue of its nature, or which a person or thing exerts and puts forth” (Thayer's Greek Lexicon, NT:1411)*
- *Dynamite, gasoline, batteries, bombs. Power is within and can be accessed anywhere.*

Both Types of Power in the Gospel

- *And for this cause we also thank God without ceasing, that, when ye received from us the word of the message, even the word of God, ye accepted (it) not (as) the word of men, but, as it is in truth, the word of God, which also works (energeo – energize) in you that believe. 1Th. 2:13*
- *energeo ... in work, operative, active. To be at work, to be effective, operative.”*
- Energy – a general term for things that are operative or at work and functioning. Power can be inherent (within) or coming from outside.
- Electricity, natural gas, but also batteries etc.

All Power is Tied to God's Word

- *For as the rain comes down, and the snow from heaven, and do not return there, but water the earth, and make it bring forth and bud, that it may give seed to the sower and bread to the eater, 11 So shall My word be that goes forth from My mouth; it shall not return to Me void, but it shall accomplish what I please, and it shall prosper in the thing for which I sent it. Isa 55:10-11*
- God created the seed and there is power within it, but life cannot begin without rain (water). Water is the force necessary to unlock the life in seed.
- God's word is as the power of the rain to energize the seeds and plants to bring beauty and harvest!

How We Unlock God's Power

- *So then faith comes by hearing, and hearing by the word of God. Rom. 10:17*
- *For I am not ashamed of the gospel: for it is the power (dunamis/dynamite) of God unto salvation to every one that believes; to the Jew first, and also to the Greek. Rom. 1:16*
- *For therein is revealed a righteousness of God from (ek) faith unto (eis) faith: as it is written, But the righteous shall live by faith. Rom 1:17*

Unlocking the Power of the Word by Faith

- *But now apart from the law a righteousness of God hath been manifested, being witnessed by the law and the prophets; 22 even the righteousness of God through faith in Jesus Christ unto all them that believe; for there is no distinction; Rom 3:21-22*
- *For what saith the scripture? And Abraham believed God, and it was reckoned unto him for righteousness.” Rom. 4:3*

Unlocking the Power of the Word by Faith

- *But to him who does not work but believes on Him who justifies the ungodly, his faith is accounted for righteousness, Rom 4:5*
- *But as many as received him, to them gave he the right to become children of God, (even) to them that believe on his name: John 1:12*

We Must be Monitoring our Faith

- As the rain does to the seed so faith does to the Word of God. We must protect this just like we do a battery.
- *And this is the victory that has overcome the world — our faith. 5 Who is he who overcomes the world, but he who believes that Jesus is the Son of God? 1 John 5:4-5*
- The power of faith in the Word is illustrated in Hebrews 11. All their actions that pleased God came from the power of faith in the Word.
- *The seed is the word of God. Lk 8:11*

Put on the Armor of God.

- *Finally, my brethren, be strong in the Lord and in the power of His might. 11 Put on the whole armor of God, that you may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil. 12 For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this age, against spiritual hosts of wickedness in the heavenly places. 13 Therefore take up the whole armor of God, that you may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand. Eph 6:10-13*

All Armor tied to the Word and Faith!

- *Stand therefore, having girded your waist with **truth**, having put on the breastplate of **righteousness**, 15 and having shod your feet with the **preparation of the gospel** of peace; 16 above all, taking the shield of **faith** with which you will be able to quench all the fiery darts of the wicked one. 17 And take the helmet of **salvation**, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the **word of God**; Eph 6:14-18*

God's Divine Power -

• *seeing that his divine power hath granted unto us all things that pertain unto life and godliness, through the knowledge of him that called us by his own glory and virtue; 4 whereby he hath granted unto us his precious and exceeding great promises; that through these ye may become partakers of the divine nature, having escaped from the corruption that is in the world by lust. 2 Pet 1:3-5*

Adding on Our Part...

- *Yea, and for this very cause adding on your part all diligence, in your faith supply virtue; and in (your) virtue knowledge; 6 and in (your) knowledge self-control; and in (your) self-control patience; and in (your) patience godliness; 7 and in (your) godliness brotherly kindness; and in (your) brotherly kindness love. 2 Peter 1:5-11*

If These Things are Yours...

- *For if these things are yours and abound, they make you to be not idle nor unfruitful unto the knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ. 9 For he that lacks these things is blind, seeing only what is near, having forgotten the cleansing from his old sins. 10 Wherefore, brethren, give the more diligence to make your calling and election sure: for if ye do these things, ye shall never stumble: 11 for thus shall be richly supplied unto you the entrance into the eternal kingdom of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.*

When the Power is Operating

- *Therefore we do not lose heart. Even though our outward man is perishing, yet the inward man is being renewed day by day. 17 For our light affliction, which is but for a moment, is working for us a far more exceeding and eternal weight of glory, 18 while we do not look at the things which are seen, but at the things which are not seen. For the things which are seen are temporary, but the things which are not seen are eternal. 2 Cor 4:16-18*

We Need to be Aware!

- *making mention of you in my prayers: 17 that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give to you the spirit of wisdom and revelation in the knowledge of Him, 18 the eyes of your understanding being enlightened; that you may know what is the hope of His calling, what are the riches of the glory of His inheritance in the saints, 19 and what is the exceeding greatness of His power toward us who believe, according to the working of His mighty power 20 which He worked in Christ when He raised Him from the dead and seated Him at His right hand in the heavenly places, Eph 1:16-20*

Paul's Second Prayer of Adoration

- *Now to Him who is able to do exceedingly abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power that works in us, 21 to Him be glory in the church by Christ Jesus to all generations, forever and ever. Amen. Eph 3:20-21*

How Much Power:

Inexhaustible!



EXCEEDINGLY



ABUNDANTLY



ABOVE



ALL THAT WE ASK OR THINK,

- *Even the youths shall faint and be weary, and the young men shall utterly fall: 31 but they that wait for Jehovah shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings as eagles; they shall run, and not be weary; they shall walk, and not faint. Isa 40:30-31*