



occupations. Most first and second century Christians had little legitimate power being denied appointed positions of influence as well. Outside of the fact it was God’s irresistible intention that a new Covenant People would be established through the most unlikely and humble of citizens—just like the man who became Messiah—the cause of Christianity would appear to be a futile movement by people of little power and possessing little power. Outside of God’s intention the only power these people possessed was the influence of their transformed character and the irresistible force of their loving personality.

What qualities characterize the “powerful” Christian today? (PP4,5)

Source of Power	Forms of Power	Variants of the Forms of Power	Evidences of Absolute Power in Our Ministry
<b>Supernatural</b>			
<b>Absolute-Omnipotent Power - <i>pantokrator</i></b>	<b>Active Power – <i>dynamis</i></b>	<b>Community Power – <i>ekklesia</i></b>	<i>Ex. Caring for others</i>
		<b>Incarnate or Charismatic Power – <i>paraclete</i></b>	<i>Ex. Gifts of the Holy Spirit</i>
		<b>Word – logos and rehma and Prayer Power – <i>proseuchomai</i></b>	<i>Ex. Life behaviors based on scripture, faith, obedience, revelation and illumination</i>
	<b>Servant Power</b>	<b>Humility – <i>tapēinōphrōsunē</i></b>	<i>Ex. Serving others through ministry</i>
		<b>Self-Control (will) Power - <i>egkrateia</i></b>	<i>Ex. Disciplines of holy living</i>
<b>Limited Evil Power of Satan</b>			

*Pantokrator* speaks of who God is. We also know He is love. Compare and contrast God’s power and God’s love. (PP6)

In the simplest terms God uses His power as a means to accomplish His end—love. In the same way he uses His love as the means to accomplish his purpose—to bring his people of love, as instruments of His righteousness (power), to the end of the age, thus bringing final defeat to Satan, the reuniting of His Covenant people with Christ and the creation of a new heaven and a new earth (all expressions of His power). God’s power and His love are inseparable and infinite.

*Dynamis* describes what God does. How has that expression changed from the Old Covenant to the New Covenant?

*Describe from your experiences what ekklesia power looks like. Don't describe the consequence from the evidence of other variants of active power. What are the evidences of ekklesia power that are clearly different than a service club meeting or a homeowner's association meeting? (PP7)*

*How is the paraclete power of the Holy Spirit manifested in your life? (PP8)*

*How is humility an anti-power power?*

*How is humiliation linked to humility?*

*Does God speak to you? How does he manifest Himself? (PP9)*

*How can self-control be regarded as a supernatural power when it resides within carnal man?*

In order for self-control to be a supernatural, absolute power of God it has to be subordinated to His-will power. Human's need to control is one of the three self-sins. The other two are preservation and gratification.

## **For the Next Session**

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Have your SL Learner read the section on section on ***Practice, Hints and Helps of Serving Power*** and complete the questions on the Discussion Handout worksheet prior to the scheduled conversation.

Set your next training date and time.

Ask if there is anything you can agree in prayer for.

Conclude with prayer.