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Power

Each year, publications like *Forbes* magazine release "power lists", rankings of the world's most influential celebrities, athletes, political and business leaders. The lists highlight the individuals' respective accomplishments and considerable assets which help cement their status as power brokers. While it's true that many of these rich and/or famous individuals have achieved success by the world's standards, in the grand scheme of things, many of them don't have real, transformative power by biblical standards.

Acts 1:8 describes the source of authentic power. It states, *"But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth"* (NIV). The first half of this scripture alludes to the true source of all power. God is the source of all power. And unless a person is filled with the Spirit of God, his/her mere human effort alone has no eternal significance and his/her work is not acceptable to the Lord (Rom. 8:8). On the contrary, being fueled by the power of the Holy Spirit enables mankind to do work that has three-fold benefits. One, it pleases God; two, it has eternal significance; and three, it enables believers to store up treasure in Heaven (Matt. 6:20). That's a *win-win-win* situation, a blessing any way you look at it. Those are the best blessings of all.

If you checked the most recent listing of *Forbes 400 Richest People in America* or *Celebrity 100* and didn't find your name among them, don't despair. There's hope for you yet. However, if you crave power now and you want to become a genuine mover and shaker, *crave the Holy Spirit*. That's right, *crave the Holy Spirit*. Develop a real thirst for Him. Ask God to saturate you with His Spirit, to pour out His Spirit on you like never before. Ask Him to fill you with His power from the crown of your head to the soles of your feet. Then get ready to experience a life-changing power surge. When God pours out His Spirit, the power and anointing will rest on you such that miracles and healing will flow through you as they did the Apostle Paul. In Acts 19, Luke wrote, *"And God wrought special miracles by the hands of Paul: So that from his body were brought unto the sick handkerchiefs or aprons, and the diseases*

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departed from them, and the evil spirits went out of them” (Acts 19:11-12 NIV). That, my friends, is the very definition of power. Making miracles happen and changing lives for the better is real, substantive power. And it only comes from one source, God.

It's unlikely that many on the *Forbes 400* or *Celebrity 100* have that kind of power. So take heart. Though you may not have their material wealth or influence, you have the opportunity to make an even greater impact on the world than they do. The power of God is the only thing that can solve *all* of the world's problems and it lies in you, my sister in Christ. You are a change agent, a power broker for Heaven. And the world is waiting for you to take your position. The lost and dying world is waiting for miracles, hope and healing which can only be delivered through you. Now is the time for you to act. The treasures of Heaven have untold blessings just waiting to be released on earth. Unleash the power of God within you and let the blessings flow.

Be blessed.

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