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empowers leaders to fulfill their divine call*



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PREFACE

Over the years, I have been asked countless times a single, profound question: “*What is the biggest key to great leadership?*” From seasoned pastors to young ministry students, business leaders, and even friends seeking guidance, this question has followed me through decades of teaching, mentoring, and leading. In my Bible college classrooms, I have watched students lean forward, eager to understand the secret to leadership that truly makes a difference—not just in organizations, but in lives. And every time, the answer comes back to one thing: **the power of God.**

It is this truth that inspired me to write *7 Power Secrets of Godly Leadership*. Leadership is more than skill, strategy, or natural talent. It is influence—but influence fueled by God. Through the years I have seen firsthand the difference between leaders who rely solely on human ability and those who tap into God’s power. The difference is striking. The latter leave lasting legacies; the former, no matter how skilled, eventually plateau.

This book came out of a passion to help leaders go to the next level. I want to help you lead with purpose, courage, and supernatural effectiveness. I wrote it for pastors, ministry leaders, business leaders, and anyone called to influence others for God’s Kingdom. Most of all, I wrote it for those who desire more than just natural success—they want to lead like Jesus, with anointing, divine wisdom, faith, and the presence of God guiding every decision.

7 Power Secrets of Godly Leadership is built on principles from God’s Word—timeless truths that take leadership from the

natural to the supernatural. Each of the seven power secrets I share in this book is rooted in Scripture, illustrated with real-life examples, and designed to equip you to lead at a higher level. You will learn how to tap into the power of God for leadership using 7 power secrets from God's Word.

My heart, especially goes out to pastors and spiritual leaders who carry the weight of vision, ministry, and people's souls. I know the challenges you face, the pressures, and the moments when natural strength fails. This book is meant to be a practical, spiritual, and inspirational guide to help you not only survive in leadership but thrive—by relying on the power of God.

As you read this book, my prayer is that it will transform the way you lead, deepen your dependence on God, and equip you to leave a legacy that honors Him. Leadership is a calling, and God wants you to lead with power. Let these pages show you how to access it.

INTRODUCTION

I'll never forget the day our church was facing a huge financial need. The auditorium was packed, worship was powerful, and the people were ready to be touched by the presence of God. They were excited about a new worship center we were in the middle of building. As a church we never borrowed money. We always built and expanded the reach of the church on a cash basis. However, we were now facing the need of a huge amount of money the next week to pay several construction invoices that were due in addition to all of our normal ministry expenses and we did not have the money.

We were on the brink of a major crisis. Our leadership team were doing all they could. As I was standing worshipping the Lord, preparing to take it out of worship, I was feeling the suffocating pressure of leadership. We had done all we knew to do—but I knew deep down that **human skill and effort alone would not be enough**. So, I began to pray and, in that moment, I felt the unmistakable presence of God whisper, *“Lead through Me, not through yourself. I am Jehovah Jireh your provider I have seen ahead and made provisions.”* That Word changed my life and leadership forever. It helped be grasp the true essence of leadership: **influence fueled by divine power**.

I was flooded with a peace that passed all understanding. I didn't know how the need was going to be met, but I knew it would. A few minutes later as I sat on the front row still praying, with worship still going, I received a text. It was a text from a person in the service and it said, *“The Lord has prompted me to take care of the need the church has. Come by my office tomorrow and I will give you a check.”*

Welcome to *7 Power Secrets for Godly Leadership*. This book is for leaders who refuse to settle for ordinary. It is for those who want to rise above mere techniques and strategies and step into **kingdom-impacting leadership**—a leadership that flows from the anointing, divine wisdom, and the presence of Christ within.

Through over 40 years of ministry—helping lead a church of over 15,000 people—and steering multiple businesses, I’ve discovered a critical truth: **leadership is influence, but influence powered by God!** Practical skills are important—planning, communication, problem-solving—but they are not what ultimately changes hearts, transforms organizations, or impacts generations. That kind of leadership comes only when you **tap into the power of God**.

In this book, you will uncover **seven core power sources** that every godly leader can access to lead with confidence, courage, and supernatural effectiveness:

- **The Anointing to Lead** – Letting God’s Spirit guide your decisions and empower your influence.
- **Divine Wisdom** – Making choices with insight and discernment beyond human understanding.
- **Faith That Moves Mountains** – Overcoming fear, obstacles, and impossibilities through God’s power.
- **The Presence of Christ in Leadership** – Leading in a way that reflects His character and inspires others.
- And three more essential sources of power that will transform your leadership and your life.

My passion in writing this book is simple: to help leaders like you **unlock the power of God** in every area of leadership. I want you to lead boldly, influence effectively, and leave a lasting legacy for Christ that no human skill alone could achieve.

This is not a book about theory. It is a book about **applied, godly leadership**—leadership that honors God, empowers people, and transforms communities. Whether you are a pastor, business leader, ministry director, or aspiring leader, the principles in this book will give you the tools to **lead with power, integrity, and purpose**.

The stakes of leadership are high, and the world needs leaders who will lead by faith, not fear; by God's power, not human strength. The journey begins here. The power is yours to access today.

Get ready to unlock the **7 power secrets** that will transform the way you lead, the results you achieve, and the legacy you leave. The journey begins now—and the power is available to you today.

CHAPTER ONE

Power Secret #1 - The Power of Christ in You

“I have been crucified with Christ; it is no longer I who live, but Christ lives in me; and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave Himself for me.” — Galatians 2:20 (NKJV)

The Secret to Powerful Leadership

Have you ever struggled with feeling powerless as a leader? Maybe in your home, business, or ministry? Perhaps you’ve faced seasons when you felt weak, inadequate, or simply unsure of your ability to lead well. You wanted to make a difference, to inspire others, to bring change—but deep inside, you felt empty.

Every godly leader faces moments like that. Moses did. Gideon did. Even Peter did. But what separates ordinary leadership from supernatural leadership is not talent, charisma, or confidence—it’s **Christ in you**.

The Apostle Paul reveals a divine mystery in Galatians 2:20: *“It is no longer I who live, but Christ lives in me.”* That single truth holds the key to powerful, Spirit-filled, and effective leadership. The Christian leader’s power source is not self-generated. It’s not about being strong, capable, or naturally gifted—it’s about **yielding** to the One who lives within you.

Paul didn’t say, “Christ helps me live.” He said, “Christ lives in me.” That means you are not trying to live *for* Christ on your own strength; He is living *through* you by His power. When this revelation sinks deep into your spirit, everything about your

leadership changes. You move from striving to abiding, from fear to faith, from burnout to overflow.

Christ's Power Living in You

God reveals the power of Christ in you throughout Scripture because He wants you to know that He is with you and that He has given you power to live a life of victory—even as a leader. When you truly grasp the reality of Christ living in you and practically apply that truth, it will result not only in an abundant life but in **result-oriented leadership** that glorifies God.

Jesus said in John 15:5, *“I am the vine, you are the branches. He who abides in Me, and I in him, bears much fruit; for without Me you can do nothing.”* Notice that phrase—*without Me you can do nothing*. That’s not poetic exaggeration; that’s divine reality. Without the indwelling Christ, our leadership produces motion without meaning, activity without anointing, and results without fruit.

But when Christ lives and works through you, your words carry weight. Your decisions are guided by divine wisdom. Your influence becomes eternal because it’s infused with His power.

The great missionary Hudson Taylor once said, *“It is not by trying to be something we’re not, but by realizing what we are in Christ that we find strength.”* Taylor called it the “exchanged life”—our weakness exchanged for His strength, our limitations for His limitless power.

Resurrection Power in You

Paul reminds us in Romans 8:11,

“But if the Spirit of Him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, He who raised Christ from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies through His Spirit who dwells in you.”

That means the **same power that raised Jesus from the dead** now lives and works in you! The resurrection wasn’t just an event—it’s a continuing reality for every believer. The risen Christ didn’t just conquer death for Himself; He conquered it for you.

That power isn’t limited to the miraculous—it’s practical. It enables you to lead with confidence when challenges seem impossible. It gives you endurance when you face criticism or fatigue. It revives hope when circumstances appear dead. Resurrection power doesn’t just raise bodies—it raises vision, passion, and courage.

When the world says “It’s over,” resurrection power says, “Not yet.”

Leaders who live with resurrection awareness don’t shrink back from difficulty. They step forward knowing that God specializes in turning dead ends into divine beginnings.

Charles Spurgeon once said, *“The same power which raised Christ from the dead raised us from the death of sin to the life of righteousness.”* That means you can face every leadership battle with quiet confidence—because Christ’s victory is already your victory.

The Finished Work of the Cross

On the cross, Jesus destroyed Satan’s power over your life and destiny. When He declared, *“It is finished”* (John 19:30, NIV), He

was announcing that every obstacle between you and your God-given purpose was defeated.

At that very moment, Satan's defeat was sealed. The cross was not a symbol of failure—it was the site of the greatest victory in history.

Colossians 2:15 declares,

“Having disarmed principalities and powers, He made a public spectacle of them, triumphing over them in it.”

The devil's power to control, condemn, or confuse you was broken. Christ didn't just win a spiritual victory—He publicly humiliated every force of darkness. And because you are *in Christ*, His victory is now your inheritance.

Colossians 1:13 adds,

“He has delivered us from the power of darkness and conveyed us into the kingdom of the Son of His love.”

That means as a leader, you are no longer under the dominion of fear, insecurity, or failure. You are operating from victory, not toward it. You lead not for acceptance, but **from acceptance**—the acceptance of the One who already conquered sin, death, and the devil.

You Are Empowered by Your Position in Christ

Your position in Christ gives you spiritual advantages that empower your leadership. When you understand who you are and where you stand in Him, you lead from a place of confidence, not insecurity; peace, not pressure; power, not performance.

Below are **10 Powerful Advantages** that belong to you because of your position in Christ. Each one strengthens your ability to lead with courage, compassion, and conviction.

1. You're in a Position of Safety (John 10:28)

“And I give them eternal life, and they shall never perish; neither shall anyone snatch them out of My hand.”

You lead from a secure position. Your life, your ministry, and your purpose are held safely in the hands of Christ. You can take bold risks for the Kingdom because your ultimate safety is guaranteed.

Leadership always involves risk—but when your security is rooted in Christ, fear loses its grip.

2. You're in a Family Relationship (2 Corinthians 6:18)

“I will be a Father to you, and you shall be My sons and daughters, says the Lord Almighty.”

You are not an orphan leader struggling for identity—you are a beloved child of God. Leadership becomes much more effective when it flows from relationship rather than responsibility.

You don't have to earn God's approval. You already have it. That truth frees you to lead others with grace, patience, and confidence.

3. You Have Good Works He Has Prepared for You to Do (Ephesians 2:10)

“For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand that we should walk in them.”

As a leader, it is easy to feel aimless or inadequate. But God has already prepared meaningful work for you—tasks and influence that align with His eternal plan. Leadership is not a random assignment; it is divinely appointed.

Knowing that your actions, decisions, and influence are part of God’s preordained plan transforms the way you lead. Every choice, every conversation, and every strategy becomes a conduit for His glory. Leadership powered by Christ is not mere management—it’s ministry in action.

4. You Have Purpose (Psalm 138:8)

“The Lord will perfect that which concerns me; Your mercy, O Lord, endures forever; do not forsake the works of Your hands.”

Every leader faces doubts: *Am I making a difference? Will my efforts matter?* Psalm 138 reminds us that your purpose is protected and perfected by God Himself. Leadership fueled by Christ has direction. You are not wandering; you are advancing the Kingdom according to divine design.

Purpose gives endurance. Leaders with clarity of purpose inspire trust, motivate teams, and navigate crises with calm confidence. Christ in you guarantees that your leadership is more than tactical—it is transformational.

5. Your Prayers Are Heard (1 John 5:14-15)

“Now this is the confidence that we have in Him, that if we ask anything according to His will, He hears us. And if we know that

He hears us, whatever we ask, we know that we have the petitions that we desired of Him.”

Leadership can be lonely. Decisions carry weight, and challenges seem endless. But knowing that God hears your prayers changes everything. When you pray, you access divine guidance, favor, and intervention. Leadership is never about striving in isolation—it is about partnering with the Almighty through prayer.

6. You Are Loved (John 3:16)

“For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life.”

Leadership without love is empty. But when Christ lives in you, His love flows through you to others. You are not leading from fear, obligation, or performance—you are leading from love. Love empowers authority, inspires loyalty, and fosters unity. A leader who knows they are fully loved can lead without defensiveness and influence without intimidation.

7. You Have a Sound Mind (2 Timothy 1:7)

“For God has not given us a spirit of fear, but of power and of love and of a sound mind.”

Leadership requires clarity, discernment, and composure. Christ living in you provides a sound mind—a mind free from fear, anxiety, and confusion. It allows you to make decisions with wisdom, respond to crises with calm, and navigate complexity with confidence. Leadership powered by Christ is rational, decisive, and Spirit-guided.

8. You've Been Given Wisdom (James 1:5)

“If any of you lacks wisdom, let him ask of God, who gives to all liberally and without reproach, and it will be given to him.”

No matter how talented or educated you are, leadership demands supernatural insight. Christ in you equips you with wisdom beyond natural understanding. It's the wisdom to know when to act and when to wait, how to correct with grace, and how to inspire without manipulation. Effective leadership is never just skill—it's the skill of God flowing through a surrendered life.

9. You Can Live Without Fear (Psalm 34:4)

“I sought the Lord, and He heard me, and delivered me from all my fears.”

Fear is one of the greatest enemies of leadership. Fear stifles vision, paralyzes decision-making, and undermines influence. Yet the indwelling Christ equips you to live courageously. You do not lead by self-reliance or worldly courage—you lead by the Spirit's power.

10. You Can Live in Peace (Isaiah 26:3)

“You will keep him in perfect peace, whose mind is stayed on You, because he trusts in You.”

Leadership is often accompanied by pressure, conflict, and constant challenges. Christ in you is your source of unshakable peace—a peace that surpasses circumstances and calms storms. This peace is contagious; a leader who walks in it inspires stability and confidence in others.

Christ in You: The Power Source for Godly Leadership

Much ink has been spilled over the centuries attempting to describe the contours of effective leadership. Books, seminars, and studies abound. Leadership theories change with the trends, but one truth remains timeless: **the true and only source of enduring power for leadership is Christ in you.**

Why? Because every human leader eventually reaches the limit of their ability. Talent, education, experience, and even charisma can only take you so far. Leadership without Christ is like a lamp without oil—bright for a moment, but eventually flickering out.

Jesus said in John 15:4-5:

“Abide in Me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit of itself, unless it abides in the vine, neither can you, unless you abide in Me. I am the vine, you are the branches. He who abides in Me, and I in him, bears much fruit; for without Me you can do nothing.”

Leadership is fruit-bearing. Christ in you is the power that produces that fruit. A leader guided by human wisdom alone can direct processes, but a leader empowered by Christ produces transformation, revival, and eternal impact.

4 Reasons Why Christ Is the Power for Leadership

1. **Christ gives vision beyond human insight.**
Proverbs 29:18 reminds us, “*Where there is no vision, the people perish.*” Leadership without Christ is shortsighted. With Christ, you receive guidance from eternity and wisdom that transcends human limitations.

2. Christ gives strength beyond human capability.

Philippians 4:13: *“I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me.”* Leadership challenges are real. Burnout is common. Yet Christ in you provides inexhaustible strength to endure, inspire, and lead effectively.

3. Christ gives authority beyond human position.

Jesus said in Matthew 28:18, *“All authority has been given to Me in heaven and on earth.”* Leadership rooted in Christ is backed by divine authority, not human approval. You lead from position in Christ, not position in the world.

4. Christ produces results that glorify God.

Leadership is not about fame or influence—it’s about impact. Christ in you ensures that the results of your leadership build God’s Kingdom, transform lives, and leave a lasting legacy.

Leadership experts understand this principle. John Maxwell has said, *“Leadership is influence, nothing more, nothing less—but the greatest influence comes from character, integrity, and vision rooted in God.”* Watchman Nee put it plainly: *“Christ in you is the hope of glory. When He is your reality, everything you touch bears the imprint of His life.”*

Living Out Christ in You as a Leader

Understanding the power of Christ in you is one thing; applying it is another. Leadership fueled by Christ is not theoretical—it is intensely practical. Let’s explore how the truths we’ve studied translate into effective, result-oriented leadership.

1. Lead from Security

Because you are secure in Christ (John 10:28), you do not need to manipulate or control others to feel safe. Your leadership flows from confidence, not fear. In meetings, in family decisions, in ministry planning, you can act decisively, knowing that your ultimate protection and approval come from God. Security in Christ allows leaders to empower others rather than dominate them.

2. Lead from Relationship

Your identity as God's child (2 Corinthians 6:18) transforms leadership from transactional to relational. Effective leadership is never merely about positions or titles—it's about people. When leaders operate from love, empathy, and spiritual intimacy with God, their influence deepens. Your leadership becomes nurturing, inspiring, and transformational rather than authoritarian.

3. Lead in Alignment with Divine Purpose

Ephesians 2:10 reminds us that good works were prepared for you before you were born. Aligning your leadership strategy with God's purpose transforms every decision into Kingdom-building action. Leaders who seek Christ first, and then make decisions, tap into God's preordained outcomes rather than chasing temporary, human solutions.

4. Lead with Purpose and Clarity

Purpose gives direction and resilience (Psalm 138:8). Leaders anchored in Christ understand that setbacks are temporary and that their efforts contribute to a greater narrative. Leadership

with purpose inspires teams, mobilizes communities, and transforms organizations.

5. Lead in Prayer

1 John 5:14-15 assures us that our prayers matter. Leaders who pray do not operate from self-reliance. They open channels to divine guidance, intervention, and breakthrough. Prayer is a leadership strategy that unlocks God's power in every decision, negotiation, and vision-casting effort.

6. Lead from Love

Being loved by God (John 3:16) frees you to love others without strings attached. Leadership rooted in love motivates loyalty, fosters trust, and diffuses conflict. It is love that transforms management into ministry and influence into impact.

7. Lead with a Sound Mind

2 Timothy 1:7 emphasizes the sound mind Christ grants. Leaders need rational thinking, discernment, and emotional stability. Christ in you allows decision-making that is both Spirit-led and strategically effective. Sound minds prevent impulsive reactions and nurture long-term vision.

8. Lead with Wisdom

James 1:5 reminds us that wisdom is available to those who ask. Leadership in Christ is Spirit-guided wisdom applied to real-life circumstances. It is not simply about knowing what to do—it is knowing **how** to act in a way that honors God, blesses people, and achieves results.

9. Lead without Fear

Psalm 34:4 confirms that the Spirit living in you removes fear. Leaders empowered by Christ are bold yet humble, confident yet teachable. Fear-based leadership leads to micromanagement, indecision, and stagnation. Christ-based leadership catalyzes growth, courage, and faith-driven action.

10. Lead in Peace

Isaiah 26:3 promises perfect peace for leaders who trust in God. Christ in you allows leaders to operate under pressure without panic, to make decisions in storms without anxiety, and to maintain equilibrium even when opposition arises. Peaceful leaders inspire confidence, cultivate stability, and reflect God's presence to all around them.

Resurrection Power at Work in Leadership

As we discussed in previously, the same power that raised Christ from the dead is at work in you. This resurrection power is not abstract; it is **actionable**. Leaders with resurrection power:

- Revive dying visions and failing initiatives.
- Inspire hope in discouraged teams.
- Overcome obstacles that seem insurmountable.
- Transform crises into opportunities for innovation and growth.

The leader who understands resurrection power does not fear failure. They know that what Christ has begun in them, He will complete. Leadership is not just about surviving the storm—it's

about walking through it with authority and leaving transformation in your wake.

Christ in You: The Ultimate Leadership Advantage

Leadership literature is filled with strategies, psychological principles, and motivational techniques—but all fall short without Christ. The Bible is clear: “*Without Me you can do nothing*” (John 15:5). Leadership that leaves a legacy, inspires obedience, and brings glory to God flows from the indwelling Christ.

As pastors, business leaders, and community influencers, we must remember: our influence is only as lasting as the power behind it. Human strategies produce temporary results; Christ produces eternal impact.

Leadership expert John Maxwell once said, “*A leader is one who knows the way, goes the way, and shows the way.*” Notice: Christ in you is the source that **guides, empowers, and sustains** you as you lead. You do not merely “know” or “show” the way in your own strength—you **embody the way through Christ who lives in you.**

Practical Steps to Activate Christ in You for Leadership

Here are 5 steps you can take that help activate the Christ in you for leadership:

1. **Abide Daily in Christ** – Spend time in prayer, Scripture, and reflection. Leadership energy flows from spiritual intimacy.
2. **Seek the Spirit’s Guidance** – Before decisions, ask, “*Lord, what would You have me do?*” Let the Spirit lead in strategy, words, and actions.

3. **Rely on Resurrection Power** – Recall God’s victory over sin, death, and failure. Step boldly, knowing you are empowered to overcome.
4. **Lead by Love and Example** – Influence comes through character, not control. Let Christ’s love shape your leadership style.
5. **Remind Yourself of Your Position in Christ** – Regularly meditate on the 10 advantages we explored. Security, purpose, wisdom, and peace are not abstract—they are your operational resources.

Closing Reflection

Christ in you is not just a doctrine—it is a daily experience. It transforms your leadership from ordinary to extraordinary. It turns fear into faith, confusion into clarity, and weakness into supernatural strength. Leaders empowered by Christ inspire, influence, and impact others in ways that extend beyond their lifespan.

Imagine a leader who faces opposition without fear, makes decisions without confusion, loves without condition, and leads with eternal purpose. That leader exists—the one with **Christ living and working through them**.

As you embrace this truth, your leadership will never be the same. You are not striving alone; you are empowered by the Creator of heaven and earth, the One who conquered sin and death, the One who lives in you.

CHAPTER TWO

Power Secret #2

The Power of the Holy Spirit

“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.” — Acts 1:8 (NLT)

Introduction

Leadership is a calling that requires more than skill, charisma, or experience. Many leaders, whether in ministry, business, or home life, have faced moments of doubt, exhaustion, or ineffectiveness. Yet Jesus promises something extraordinary to those who follow Him: *“You will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes upon you.”*

The Greek word translated as “power” in Acts 1:8 is **dunamis**, a word with a remarkable history. In 1867, the inventor Alfred Nobel discovered a substance far more powerful than anything known at the time. Searching for a name, he consulted a Greek scholar and drew from the word *dunamis*, slightly altered to create the term *dynamite*.

The connection is not accidental. Jesus was telling His disciples that the Spirit would give them **explosive, world-changing power**—power to be witnesses, power to share faith courageously, power to transform communities, and power to fulfill their calling. This power was not reserved for the first-century apostles—it is available to every believer, and especially every Christian leader today.

The Holy Spirit Dwells in Every Believer

The Holy Spirit is God's gift to every follower of Christ. He **dwells within, seals, and bears witness** that we are children of God. John 20:22 records Jesus' words to His disciples after His resurrection: "*He breathed on them and said, 'Receive the Holy Spirit.'*" This indwelling is distinct from the empowering, outward-focused "coming upon" that Acts 1:8 describes.

When we are born again, we receive the Spirit within. This makes us who we are in Christ- children of God. However, the Holy Spirit can come UPON us too. This is what Act 1:8 refers to. When the Holy Spirit comes upon us we are endowed with His power for service, and to do the works of Christ. It is clear in the Word that we need both the Spirit within and the Spirit upon.

Let me make something clear. Every believer can serve and be a witness for Christ because the Spirit is within them. However, when the Spirit of God comes upon you there is an increase of effectiveness and fruitfulness in what we can do for Christ. This is true for leaders. The power of the Holy Spirit is one of the Secret Powers of Godly leadership. Tap into it!

Jesus promised the Spirit not merely for comfort or personal growth, but to **empower leaders to impact their world**. This is the Spirit's transformative role—turning ordinary followers into bold witnesses, reluctant leaders into world-changers.

The Spirit Transforms Lives and Leadership

Consider the apostle Peter. Before Pentecost, he denied Christ out of fear. After receiving the Holy Spirit, he boldly preached to thousands, performing miracles and guiding the early church. Saul of Tarsus, a fierce opponent of the Christian faith, became

Paul the Apostle, a fearless leader and one of the most influential voices in church history.

This same power is accessible today. Leaders empowered by the Spirit can:

- Approach someone unknown with confidence to share the gospel.
- Confront sin with love and courage.
- Initiate life-changing conversations and influence with integrity.
- Lead movements that transform communities, organizations, and nations.

The Holy Spirit doesn't just influence personal spirituality; He **empowers leadership, vision, and influence.**

Biblical Foundation: The Spirit in Leadership

From the Old Testament to the New, the Spirit of God has equipped leaders. When Moses faced the monumental task of leading Israel, God instructed:

“Bring me seventy of Israel’s elders who are known to you as leaders... I will put some of my Spirit on them so that they may help you carry the burden of the people with you” (Numbers 11:16-17, NIV).

The elders were already leaders, but God’s Spirit amplified their capacity, enabling Moses to fulfill his calling without being overwhelmed.

In the New Testament, leadership in the church required the Spirit as well. When the apostles sought men to oversee the care of widows, they specified:

“Select seven men who are known to be full of the Spirit and wisdom” (Acts 6:3, NIV).

Stephen, the first Christian martyr, is described as:

“A man full of faith and of the Holy Spirit” (Acts 6:5, NIV).

Leadership is **not only about ability or experience**. God calls leaders through His Spirit and equips them for their mission. This principle extends beyond biblical times—every effective Christian leader today relies on the same Spirit-led empowerment.

The Spirit Equips Leaders with Gifts and Wisdom

The Holy Spirit does more than inspire; He equips. In the Old Testament, He empowered artisans to build the temple:

“See, I have chosen Bezalel... and I have filled him with the Spirit of God, with skill, ability, and knowledge in all kinds of crafts” (Exodus 31:2-3, NIV).

In the New Testament, Paul explains that **every believer receives gifts from the Spirit for service**, including leadership:

“Now to each one the manifestation of the Spirit is given for the common good... all these are the work of one and the same Spirit” (1 Corinthians 12:7, NIV).

Leadership is, therefore, Spirit-enabled service. Beyond education, training, and seminars, true Christian leadership **depends on the Spirit’s work in the heart and mind**.

In the next chapter we will share more about the different gifts of the New Testament and how they are a secret power for Godly leadership.

Eight Ways the Spirit Empowers Leaders

Throughout Acts, we see the practical influence of the Holy Spirit in leadership. Here are eight major ways the Spirit equips leaders, expanded with insight for application:

1. Provides Divine Wisdom and Discernment

Leaders face complex decisions daily. Without the Spirit, judgment relies on human understanding, which is limited. Proverbs 3:5-6 reminds us to *“Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways submit to him, and he will make your paths straight.”*

2. Cultivates Spiritual Fruit

Galatians 5:22-23 lists the fruits of the Spirit—love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control. Leadership fueled by the Spirit is characterized not by aggression or ambition, but by integrity, humility, and Christlike character.

3. Empowers Effective Communication

Acts 4:31 describes how the apostles spoke boldly after being filled with the Spirit. The Spirit equips leaders to communicate vision, teach, and persuade with clarity and divine insight.

4. Inspires Visionary Leadership

The Spirit gives direction that transcends human limitations. Joel 2:28-29 prophesies the outpouring of the Spirit that enables prophecy, dreams, and vision. Leaders guided by the Spirit see opportunities others miss and anticipate God’s work in people and situations.

5. Strengthens Courage and Boldness

Acts 4:13-14 recounts Peter and John speaking boldly before religious leaders after being filled with the Spirit. Fear dissipates, and leaders gain the courage to stand for truth and justice.

6. Provides Supernatural Guidance and Revelation

The Holy Spirit gives leaders insight beyond human reasoning. John 16:13 says:

“But when He, the Spirit of truth, comes, He will guide you into all the truth...”

Leadership often requires decisions that cannot be solved by strategy or human wisdom alone. The Spirit illuminates hidden issues, reveals God’s timing, and directs leaders toward solutions that align with divine purposes. Pastor Bill Hybels has said, *“Leadership is knowing what to do before everyone else knows it—and often the Spirit gives that insight.”*

For a leader, this guidance is critical when navigating crises, conflict, or ministry decisions. The Spirit can alert you to dangers, direct you toward alliances, or provide creative solutions that human planning cannot foresee.

7. Strengthens Leaders in Trials and Opposition

Acts 9 recounts Paul’s conversion. Previously a fierce opponent of Christians, he became an unstoppable leader through the Spirit’s empowerment. The same Spirit strengthens leaders to endure persecution, criticism, or overwhelming challenges.

Romans 8:26 reminds us that the Spirit intercedes for us:

“In the same way, the Spirit helps us in our weakness. We do not know what we ought to pray for, but the Spirit himself intercedes for us through wordless groans.”

Leadership is rarely easy. Opposition will arise, challenges will threaten your resolve, and pressures may seem unbearable. The Spirit strengthens the weary, uplifts the discouraged, and empowers leaders to persevere.

8. Equips Leaders with Spiritual Gifts for Service

Finally, the Spirit equips leaders with spiritual gifts that enable them to serve effectively. Paul emphasizes in 1 Corinthians 12:4-7:

“There are different kinds of gifts, but the same Spirit distributes them. There are different kinds of service, but the same Lord. There are different kinds of working, but in all of them and in everyone it is the same God at work. Now to each one the manifestation of the Spirit is given for the common good.”

These gifts—wisdom, knowledge, leadership, faith, teaching, prophecy, and others—are given not for personal glory but to build up the body of Christ. Leadership without spiritual gifting is limited; leadership with the Spirit’s gifts is powerful, effective, and transformative.

As John Maxwell emphasizes: *“Leadership is influence. Spiritual gifts amplify that influence by connecting your authority with God’s power.”*

Again, in the next chapter we will go into detail about all the gifts..

The Holy Spirit and Practical Leadership Applications

It is critical for leaders to gain a clear understanding of how the Holy Spirit empowers leaders in these 8 ways not just theoretically, but also they must be able to translate them into practice. Here's how the Holy Spirit can actively guide your leadership today:

1. **Decision-Making** – Begin each leadership session, meeting, or strategy discussion with prayer. Ask the Spirit to illuminate choices, provide clarity, and reveal God's will.
2. **Conflict Resolution** – Allow the Spirit to temper your words with love and patience. Galatians 5:22-23 reminds us that the fruit of the Spirit shapes interactions and builds unity.
3. **Vision Casting** – Engage the Spirit when planning new initiatives. Ask for guidance to see opportunities, uncover unmet needs, and inspire teams toward God-given goals.
4. **Team Empowerment** – Discern the gifts of your team members. The Spirit helps you identify strengths, delegate wisely, and release people into their calling.
5. **Bold Witnessing** – When leading by example, allow the Spirit to empower courage, amplify your influence, and direct your testimony to impact lives effectively.

Leadership empowered by the Holy Spirit is not optional for Christ-followers—it is **transformational**. It shifts the source of power from human ability to divine enablement, creating leaders who influence outcomes beyond their natural capacities.

Biblical Examples

- **Peter at Pentecost:** Prior to receiving the Spirit, Peter was fearful and hesitant. Acts 2 records the dramatic transformation: Peter boldly preaches, resulting in thousands coming to faith. This is the Spirit empowering leadership and witness.
- **Paul on Missionary Journeys:** The same Spirit that filled Paul enabled strategic guidance, bold teaching, and miraculous provision. Acts 13:2-4 shows the Spirit directing Paul and Barnabas on their mission.
- **Stephen as a Servant Leader:** A man “full of faith and of the Holy Spirit” (Acts 6:5), Stephen led by example, demonstrating how service rooted in the Spirit can influence and inspire communities even under opposition.

These examples illustrate a central truth: the **Holy Spirit equips leaders to accomplish tasks, overcome fear, and fulfill God’s purposes in ways that exceed human strength.**

The Spirit’s Leadership Advantages

Let’s recap the ways the Spirit equips leaders for effective, God-honoring leadership:

1. Divine wisdom and discernment
2. Cultivation of spiritual fruit

3. Effective communication
4. Visionary insight
5. Courage and boldness
6. Supernatural guidance and revelation
7. Strength in trials and opposition
8. Spiritual gifts for service

Every one of these advantages is **activated by surrender, prayer, and obedience**. Leadership is not merely a position; it is a calling sustained by Spirit-led empowerment.

Activating the Power of the Holy Spirit in Your Leadership

Understanding the power of the Holy Spirit is essential, but **practical activation** is what transforms leaders from ordinary to extraordinary. The Spirit doesn't just reside passively within believers; He equips, empowers, and energizes leaders for tangible action.

Jesus promised in Acts 1:8:

“You will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes upon you. And you will be my witnesses, telling people about me everywhere...”

Notice the focus: the Spirit's power is outward, not inward. Leadership is not about personal glory or human recognition—it is about advancing God's Kingdom, influencing people, and fulfilling your calling. Here are 8 keys and ways the power of the Holy Spirit are activated in leaders:

1. Surrender: The Key to Spirit-Led Leadership

Before the Spirit can empower your leadership, you must **surrender your own agenda, pride, and self-reliance**. Many leaders struggle because they attempt to lead through skill, charisma, or intellect alone. But Scripture reminds us that human ability alone is insufficient:

“Without Me you can do nothing” (John 15:5, NIV).

Surrender involves daily humility, prayer, and seeking God’s direction. As Pastor Rick Warren emphasizes, *“True leadership is the fruit of a surrendered life, led by the Spirit and guided by God’s wisdom.”*

2. Dependence on the Spirit for Courage and Boldness

Fear is one of the greatest obstacles for leaders. Fear of rejection, failure, or opposition can paralyze even the most talented leaders. The Spirit provides courage to lead faithfully despite uncertainty.

Acts 4:31 says:

“After they prayed, the place where they were meeting was shaken. And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and spoke the word of God boldly.”

Leaders empowered by the Spirit stand firm in truth, speak boldly, and influence others without fear. Courage is not reckless; it is the confidence that God is with you and His Spirit works through you.

3. Spiritual Insight and Discernment

Every leader faces complex decisions, competing priorities, and hidden challenges. The Spirit provides **supernatural insight** to make wise, God-aligned choices.

Proverbs 2:6 says:

“For the Lord gives wisdom; from His mouth come knowledge and understanding.”

Spiritual discernment allows leaders to anticipate challenges, identify opportunities, and guide their teams with clarity. Leadership expert John Maxwell writes, *“The best leaders are readers of both people and circumstances—and the Spirit helps us read with divine insight.”*

4. Cultivating Fruit of the Spirit in Leadership

Galatians 5:22-23 reminds us that effective leadership is reflected in **character, not position**:

- Love motivates ethical decisions and builds trust.
- Patience sustains teams through challenges.
- Self-control prevents reactive leadership.
- Faithfulness inspires loyalty and consistency.

Leadership without fruit is ineffective; leadership without the Spirit is unsustainable. Leaders empowered by the Spirit model integrity, influence by example, and cultivate a culture of Christlike behavior in their organizations.

5. Empowering Communication and Influence

Communication is the backbone of leadership. The Spirit equips leaders to:

- Speak truth with clarity and conviction.
- Inspire and motivate teams.
- Challenge and correct with grace.
- Share vision that aligns with God’s purposes.

Acts 4:13 recounts how Peter and John spoke with bold authority after being filled with the Spirit. Their words moved crowds, inspired obedience, and led thousands to Christ. Similarly, leaders today who rely on the Spirit can influence hearts and minds beyond natural ability.

6. Leading Through Conflict and Opposition

Every leader faces criticism, resistance, or even attacks. The Spirit strengthens leaders to navigate opposition with wisdom and resilience.

Romans 8:26 assures us:

“The Spirit helps us in our weakness. We do not know what we ought to pray for, but the Spirit himself intercedes for us through wordless groans.”

Spirit-empowered leaders endure trials without compromising integrity. They respond to opposition with discernment rather than emotion, turning potential setbacks into opportunities for growth and witness.

7. Inspiring Vision and Mobilizing Others

Leadership is ultimately about influence and vision. The Spirit enables leaders to see beyond current limitations, anticipate future opportunities, and inspire others to join God’s mission.

Joel 2:28-29 prophesied:

“Your sons and daughters will prophesy, your old men will dream dreams, your young men will see visions.”

A Spirit-led leader not only dreams but mobilizes teams, resources, and communities toward God’s Kingdom purposes. Leadership is amplified when empowered by the Spirit.

8. Equipping Leaders with Spiritual Gifts

Finally, the Spirit provides **spiritual gifts** necessary for effective leadership. 1 Corinthians 12:7-11 explains that gifts are given **for the common good**, including teaching, prophecy, leadership, and wisdom.

These gifts enable leaders to:

- Serve their people effectively.
- Delegate responsibilities with confidence.
- Lead ministries or organizations with divine guidance.
- Ensure sustainability and growth in their leadership sphere.

Spiritual gifts are not optional extras—they are **tools of empowerment from the Spirit**, tailored to each leader’s calling.

The Challenge for Today’s Leaders

Christian leaders today have unprecedented access to the Spirit’s power, Yet many fail to tap into it, relying instead on programs, self-effort, or strategies. True leadership transformation begins with **yielding to the Spirit**.

- Are you allowing the Spirit to guide your decisions daily?

- Are you depending on Him for courage, wisdom, and influence?
- Are you cultivating fruit of the Spirit in your leadership style?
- Are you operating in your spiritual gifts as God intended?

The challenge is clear: **step into Spirit-empowered leadership now.** Make prayer, surrender, and obedience the foundation of every action. When you do, your leadership will be marked by boldness, clarity, and supernatural impact.

Quotes from Leadership Experts

- *“The Holy Spirit doesn’t just help leaders make decisions; He shapes their character, vision, and courage.”* — Dr. Tony Evans
- *“Leadership is not about controlling people—it’s about releasing the power of God in people through the Spirit.”* — John Maxwell
- *“The Spirit equips ordinary people to achieve extraordinary results in leadership.”* — Bill Hybels

These voices reinforce the biblical principle: **the Holy Spirit is the ultimate source of leadership power.**

As you can see the Holy Spirit equips, strengthens, and empowers leaders in every aspect of their calling. One of the most practical ways this empowerment manifests is through **spiritual gifts.**

In the next chapter, we will examine:

- How spiritual gifts are given for leadership and service.

- The difference between natural abilities and Spirit-given gifts.
- How to identify, cultivate, and apply your gifts to maximize Kingdom impact.

Leadership without gifts is limited. Leadership with gifts under the guidance of the Spirit transforms communities, organizations, and even nations.

Closing Thoughts

The power of the Holy Spirit is available to every leader who will surrender, seek, and obey. Imagine a leader who faces challenges without fear, makes decisions with divine insight, communicates with clarity, inspires vision, and influences people with love and wisdom. That leader is not a myth—that is **you, empowered by the Spirit of God.**

Today, make the choice to activate this power:

1. Yield your leadership to the Spirit daily.
2. Ask for courage, wisdom, and discernment.
3. Embrace your gifts and allow the Spirit to guide their use.
4. Lead with fruit-filled character that reflects Christ.

The Spirit's dynamite power is ready. Step into it, and lead like God intended.

The Power of the Holy Spirit is one of the power secrets of Godly leadership.

CHAPTER THREE

Power Secret #3

The Power of the Gifts of the Spirit

“There are diversities of gifts, but the same Spirit. There are differences of ministries, but the same Lord. ⁶And there are diversities of activities, but it is the same God who work all in all.”
—1 Corinthians 12:4-5

In the last chapter we talked about the power of the Holy Spirit that can come upon believers to help make them more effective servants and witnesses for Christ and how crucial it is for leaders to know how to tap into that power for the call of leadership that is upon their life.

In this chapter we are going beyond the power of God in them and upon them to the power of the supernatural gifts of the spirit.

There are nine gifts of the spirit as list 1 Corinthians 12:7-11:

“But the manifestation of the Spirit is given to each one for the profit of all: 8 for to one is given the word of wisdom through the Spirit, to another the word of knowledge through the same Spirit, 9 to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healings by the same Spirit, 10 to another the working of miracles, to another prophecy, to another discerning of spirits, to another different kinds of tongues, to another the interpretation of tongues. 11 But one and the same Spirit works all these things, distributing to each one individually as He wills.”

The purpose of these 9 supernatural gifts of the Spirit is very clear they are given, “**for the profit of all**” or in other words to help others. (1 Corinthians 12:7). They are for building up the church and extending the Kingdom of God. They give leaders the ability to have supernatural impact and influence in their leadership.

No one can decide or determine on their own when any of these gifts will be used – only the Holy Spirit can. However, believers must be willing and available for the Holy Spirit to use them. This is especially true for leaders who need the power of the Holy Spirit and gifts of the spirit to manifest in their ministry. We are to “**earnestly desire the Spiritual Gifts**”. (1 Corinthians 14:1)

Before we get into the specifics of these 9 spiritual gifts and how they can contribute to and impact our leadership, I briefly want to talk about the “**Gift of Leadership**”. The gift of leadership is one of the 7 “functional gifts” that are listed in Romans 12. The functional gifts are part of the New Testament gifts God uses in the New Testament and the Church. Let’s briefly explain what these New Testament gifts are before we get into the specifics of the Gift of Leadership.

21 New Testament Gifts

There are 21 different gifts identified in the New Testament. They are presented in 3 different categories. The first set is found in Romans 12, and these are classified as “**functional gifts** or motivational gifts”. There are 7 different functional gifts. The second set of gifts is found in 1 Corinthians 12, and they are referred to as “**Spiritual Gifts**”. There are 9 different spiritual

gifts listed and these are the gifts we are concentrating on in this chapter. The third set of gifts is found in Ephesians 4 and they are called “**Ministry Gifts**” and there are 5 different ministry gifts. This makes a total of 21 New Testament gifts.

The Benefit of Understanding the Gifts of the New Testament

Understanding these God-given gifts should be a high priority in every Christian’s life. When you accurately understand the Gifts of the New Testament you will be better equipped to fulfill God’s purpose for your life and have a better grasp of God’s will for your life. You will understand what motivates other believers and how the body of Christ is to work together in unity to fulfill the plans of God. Understanding these gifts as leaders is crucial. When properly understood you will use your time more effectively by focusing on the things you have been equipped to do rather than expending your energy in areas that have minimum potential.

Let’s take a brief look first at what the ministry and functional gifts are, especially the gift of leadership. Then we will go into more detail about the secret power of the spiritual gifts for leadership.

1. The Ministry Gifts – The Five-Fold Ministry

The ministry gifts are not just spiritual abilities—they are offices appointed by Jesus Himself. These are men and women anointed to serve in specific roles: **apostles, prophets, evangelists, pastors, and teachers**. Some may operate in more than one, as I do in my life, serving as both pastor and teacher. But remember—whatever God has called you to do is not a gift for you alone; it is a gift for the entire Body of Christ.

Paul reminds us in **Ephesians 4:11-12**:

"And He Himself gave some to be apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, some pastors and teachers, for the equipping of the saints for the work of ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ."

The five-fold ministry is not an outdated concept—it is **alive and essential today**. These roles are critical for equipping, perfecting, and strengthening the church. Without them, the body of Christ cannot function at its full potential.

Dr. Tony Evans often says, *"God didn't intend for you to walk alone in ministry. He gave ministry gifts so the church would operate as a team, each part working together to fulfill His purposes."*

Understanding the Five-Fold Ministry

Every believer has the functional gifts, but ministry gifts are **specific callings given by Jesus**. You can't self-appoint yourself to one of these ministry gifts. Your parents, your pastor, or anyone else can affirm God's calling, but **only Jesus chooses who will serve in these offices**. As Paul wrote, *"He Himself gave some..."*

To better understand the five-fold ministry, let's use an illustration: **the human hand**. Each finger represents a different office, each essential to the work of the church.

1. Apostle – The Thumb

The **apostle** is like the thumb—strong, foundational, and able to connect with every other finger. Apostles are sent by Jesus to pioneer ministries, establish churches, and provide leadership

in regions or networks. They see the big picture and often provide oversight and direction for multiple ministries.

C. Peter Wagner reminds us: *“Apostles are God’s generals; they see the battlefield, plan the strategy, and mobilize the troops.”*

2. Prophet – The Index Finger

The **prophet** points the way, guides, and often calls the church to correction. They speak for God to the Body of Christ, providing insight, warning, and encouragement. This role is different from someone simply giving a prophetic word; prophets hold an **office of authority** in the church.

The index finger analogy is perfect: it **points clearly and authoritatively**, often highlighting areas needing attention or correction.

As Dr. Bill Hamon says, *“Prophets bring God’s perspective. They are the church’s spiritual compass, keeping the Body aligned with God’s will.”*

3. Evangelist – The Middle Finger

The **evangelist** is far-reaching, like the middle finger. While many believers have a heart for souls, evangelists are called to stir the church into action, to ignite passion, and to mobilize people for outreach. Their mission is to extend God’s Kingdom, often encouraging and equipping the church to participate.

John Maxwell observes, *“Evangelists breathe life into the church. They inspire and challenge believers to take the message of Jesus to the world.”*

4. Pastor – The Ring Finger

The **pastor** is committed and deeply connected to the church, like the ring finger is to marriage—symbolizing lifelong devotion. Pastors shepherd the flock, nurture spiritual growth, and care for the heart of the congregation.

Notice Paul’s phrasing in Ephesians 4:11: “*some pastors and teachers.*” Unlike other offices, the pastorate is inherently tied to teaching—they guide and instruct while caring for the spiritual well-being of the church.

Rick Warren often says, “*A pastor’s greatest gift is his heart for the people, not his pulpit. Ministry is about loving and guiding God’s flock, not just speaking from the stage.*”

5. Teacher – The Little Finger

The **teacher** is like the little finger—small but capable of reaching into every nook and cranny. Teachers dissect the Word of God, helping the church understand truth thoroughly. They are often expositors, theologians, or specialists in a particular area of doctrine.

Teachers may not pastor a congregation, but their role is indispensable: “*Teachers feed the mind so that the heart can be nourished,*” says Dr. Charles Stanley.

The Bigger Picture

When the five-fold ministry operates together, the church thrives. Each office complements the others: apostles establish, prophets guide, evangelists inspire, pastors shepherd, and teachers instruct. The goal? A **mature, unified, spiritually robust church** capable of reflecting the character and mission of Jesus.

Paul emphasizes growth to maturity: the five-fold ministry exists not for hierarchy or prestige, but for **equipping the saints and edifying the body** so that each believer can reach the full measure of Christ. Most often the functional gift of leadership accompanies those who are called into one of the ministry gifts

2. Functional Gifts

God has given gifts and callings to help the body of Christ carry out the mission of the Church. One type and part of those gifts is what is called the “**Functional or Motivational Gifts**”. We find them listed in Romans 12:3-8.

“For I say, through the grace given to me, to everyone who is among you, not to think of himself more highly than he ought to think, but to think soberly, as God has dealt to each one a measure of faith. For as we have many members in one body, but all the members do not have the same function, so we, being many, are one body in Christ, and individually members of one another. Having then gifts differing according to the grace that is given to us, let us use them: if prophecy, let us prophesy in proportion to our faith; or ministry, let us use it in our ministering; he who teaches, in teaching; he who exhorts, in exhortation; he who gives, with liberality; he who leads, with diligence; he who shows mercy, with cheerfulness.”

Purpose of Functional Gifts

The purpose of these gifts is for service to God and the body of

Christ. God works through us using these gifts within us to help the Church grow and remain healthy. They are a matter of function. Notice in verse 4 it says, “***All members (believers) do not have the same function.***”

List of 7 Functional Gifts

First, notice the word “function” in verse four. This is where we derive the name “Functional Gifts”. Also, notice the 7 gifts mentioned are 1. Prophecy, 2. Serving, 3. Teaching, 4. Exhortation, 5. Giving, 6. Leadership, and 7. Mercy. Every believer has all seven of these gifts in part, however, each believer will have at least one of the gifts as their dominant focus of function and motivation.

The following are brief details of each of the functional gifts. We will cover the functional gift of leadership last and go into more depth and greater explanation.

Prophecy — The first functional gift found in Romans 12 is the gift of prophecy. Even if you don't prophesy, and are not called into the full-time ministry as a prophet, you could still have the motive gift of prophecy. This gift does not mean that you are a prophet, and it is not the charismatic spoken gift that comes forth during worship. This is a functional gift, and it is an entirely different thing.

The function gift of prophecy one which discerns and can recognize the real motives of others. This is actively involved with restoring and repairing within the Body. Those of you who

have a prophecy motive gift possess insight or the intuitive sense about the way people and situations really are. Prophecy-motivated people can discern the inner motives of people in a way that most people don't.

It is important to know that functional gift of prophecy is *not* a suspicious motive. It is used for repairing, improving, and building up the Body of Christ. Prophecy motives will help, strengthen, encourage, and comfort the Body; they will never tear down or damage.

There are five specific manifestations of the prophecy motive gift, and by that I mean that there are five different ways in which the prophecy motive affects others. They are:

1. Bringing people to accountability by exposing their motives;
2. Revealing their heart motivations;
3. Causing an inner conviction;
4. Bringing an awareness of God's presence; and
5. Making people fall upon their knees when repentance is necessary.

Serving — The motive gift of ministry has a connotation to the word "*servant*." This concerns meeting the practical needs of people within the Body of Christ. Those who have this motive love meeting others' needs through practical assistance. Serving is demonstrated as rendering assistance, and it is a demonstration of love. These people receive fulfillment by serving others.

The motive gift of serving isn't demonstrated by words but by

deeds. People who are gifted to serve are usually gifted with their hands and equipped with physical stamina that may have no regard for weariness. Servers are people who may just pick up and take off in your kitchen, whether or not you've asked them to. As soon as a server sees that there is a need, they will jump in and take care of it without asking first.

People with a serving motive gift need sincere appreciation because they are workers, not feelers. While those who serve in the office of prophets are considered to be “seers”, servers are the workers—their hands are involved. If prophecy were the eyes, then serving would be the hands. Servers need to be told they are loved and worthwhile. They are so gifted in manual projects that we must recognize this as a talent and special ability.

Remember, we all have all of these 7 functional gifts in us. We are all are called to serve, but there are those who have the functional gift of serving as their primary gift. As leaders we are called to serve, but it will in most cases not be our primary gift.

Teaching — Teaching is the functional gift which reveals truth. This motive gift causes people who have it to reveal and emphasize the truth in God's Word systematically and effectively. Just because a person has the functional gift of teaching does not mean they are called into the office of “teacher”. However, someone who is called into the 5-fold ministry as a teacher will have the functional gift of teaching. A person with this functional gift can be a housewife, a grocery checker, an engineer, or certainly a pastor.

This functional gift is for imparting truth and leading people into the truth. Its motivation is to search out and validate truth which has been declared by clarifying it. Everyone teaches differently, and not every person that teaches has a teaching motive.

Those with the functional gift of teaching believe that the teaching of God's Word must be the foundation of ministry. They will present the truth in systematic sequence. Teachers have a way of setting their message forth like this: "*Here it is-1--2-3-4.*" They are very systematic in presentation.

Exhortation — To exhort means "*to stimulate faith,*" and people with this functional gift are used to stimulate the faith of others in the Body of Christ. Exhorters are people who are usually very popular. If you have this functional gift, you are probably well-liked and loved by people.

An exhorter's motive centers on experience. They are motivated to see people grow, become mature, and be established in their personal life and social relationships. Exhorters are loved because they love people, and they are very positive in their attitude and outlook. You could call exhortation the "*gift of encouragement to personal progress*".

The exhorter will rally the people for God's vision. He wants the Word to become flesh for others by confirming Scriptural truth with experience. A teacher, on the other hand, believes that the presentation of truth alone is adequate. The main thrust of an exhorter is people, whereas the main thrust of the teacher is truth.

Giving — The giving motive is a gift which motivates people to give in many ways. God has placed them in the Body, not only to give but to motivate others to do the same.

Again, I repeat every believer has all the functional gifts in them, however one of the functional gifts will be your dominate motivational gift. This doesn't mean if giving isn't your dominant gift you are exempt from flowing or demonstrated the heart of a giver. In other words, all the traits of the gifts should be demonstrated in our life to a degree, but there will be one of the gifts that is dominate in your life and you will be more inclined to see the characteristics of that gift operating in your life. For example, "giving"— if you don't have the gift of giving it does not mean you don't have to give. Every believer is to be a giver.

Mercy — Mercy is a very loving and personal functional gift. This gift causes the people who have it to really empathize and minister mercy to others.

The Bible says that we are to show mercy with cheerfulness and eagerness. We are to be excited about being merciful. The person who has this motive gift does not have to be told to show mercy. They want to, and they're happy to do it.

God is rich in mercy; He's wealthy in it. His mercy does not give on the basis of what people deserve, but it is extended, even though they don't deserve it. Mercy is not getting what you deserve. We deserve hell, but because of God's mercy through Jesus, we get heaven. A person who has the functional gift of mercy, their attitude is, "whether or not you deserve mercy, I want to give it.

The Gift of Leadership

Building God's House with Vision and Order

Finally, the functional gift of leadership. There is a desperate need for **leadership in the Body of Christ**. Everywhere I look, ministries have passion but often lack direction. People want to serve, but without someone to **line things up, set goals, and facilitate the work**, chaos quickly creeps in. Leadership is not just about authority; it's about **clarity, vision, and guidance**.

The Greek word used for leadership in the New Testament is *proistemi*, which literally means “**to stand in front of others**.” It conveys a leader as a **ruler, protector, or champion**, someone who steps forward to **guide and make things easier**. The Revised Standard Version even translates it as “**giving aid**,” highlighting the supportive, facilitative role of true leaders. Leadership isn't about doing everything yourself—it's about enabling others to succeed, and making the journey smoother for everyone involved.

As Pastor J. Oswald Sanders once said:

“Leaders are made by the calling of God, but they are tested by the necessity to serve others.”

Leadership in the church is a spiritual gift, not just a natural talent. Those with this gift have the unique ability to **organize people and resources, maintain focus, and help the Body of Christ function efficiently**. They are not simply doers—they are facilitators, architects of God's work.

What Leaders Do Differently

A person with the motivational gift of leadership thrives in bringing structure, vision, and momentum. Here's what sets them apart:

1. **They See the Big Picture** – Leaders look beyond today and envision long-term goals. They see how each piece fits into God's plan for the ministry. As John Maxwell reminds us:

“Leaders see the whole staircase while others only see the next step.”

2. **They Take Responsibility for Their Own Domain** – Leaders do not micromanage or steal others' roles. They focus on what God has assigned to them and excel there.
3. **They Do Not Procrastinate** – Leaders are action-oriented. They understand the urgency of God's work and move quickly and efficiently to complete tasks.
4. **They Prepare Resources Before Starting** – Leaders gather what's needed before taking action. As Max Lucado says: “Preparation is not perfection; it is obedience to what God calls you to do.” You'll never see a leader start a project unprepared—whether it's a simple event or a massive church initiative. They know that success begins with proper preparation.
5. **They Know Who to Trust** – Leaders possess spiritual discernment in delegating responsibilities. They identify people's strengths and place them where they can excel.

What may seem risky to human eyes often results in miraculous effectiveness.

6. **They Wait for Their Moment** – Leaders are not pushy. They step in when responsibility is theirs, but not before. Their influence grows from respect, not force.
7. **They Step Up When No Leadership Exists** – If a gap appears, leaders naturally take the reins. They understand God calls them to **fill the void, guide the team, and drive progress**.
8. **They Endure Opposition** – Resistance is part of the job. Leaders focus on accomplishing the task rather than being derailed by criticism or conflict. As T.D. Jakes once said: “Your destiny doesn’t negotiate with your critics.”
9. **They Delight in Others’ Success** – Leaders gain joy from seeing the team succeed and the church flourish. Their satisfaction comes not from personal recognition but from **seeing God’s work accomplished through the Body**.
10. **They Pursue New Challenges** – Once one goal is completed, leaders naturally move on to the next. They are energized by **progress and growth**, not stagnation. Their motivation is spiritual, not just personal.

Common Misunderstandings About Leaders

Even the best leaders can be misunderstood. Here’s what often happens:

- **Delegation may seem like laziness** – But leaders delegate so others can thrive and projects can run smoothly. They are far from idle; they are strategic.
- **Enduring criticism may seem callous** – Leaders often take action without consultation, not out of disregard, but to keep the work moving forward.
- **Failure to explain tasks thoroughly** – Leaders sometimes forget to communicate the excitement that motivates them, assuming others see the vision.
- **Focusing on goals may seem impersonal** – Leaders are so driven by results that they can unintentionally overemphasize the project over individuals.
- **Efficiency can seem insensitivity** – Their urgency may clash with others' pace, but their ultimate aim is **fruitful, Kingdom-aligned work**.

Nehemiah: A Biblical Example of Leadership

One of the most vivid examples of this motivational gift in Scripture is **Nehemiah**. His name means “comforter,” and he demonstrated a rare zeal for God’s house. When he heard the walls of Jerusalem were broken down, his heart broke for the people and the city. He didn’t complain or delay—he **assessed, planned, and acted**.

- He surveyed the walls and gathered resources before starting.
- He delegated responsibilities wisely, assigning people to areas where they could excel.

- He motivated others with a clear vision and reinforced God's promises.

Nehemiah faced enemies, criticism, and internal resistance. Yet he pressed forward, using strategic planning, delegation, and spiritual discernment. Within **fifty-two days**, the walls were rebuilt—a testament to the power of **the organizational and leadership gifts working in harmony with God**.

As Dr. Tony Evans says:

“Leadership is not about advancing yourself; it’s about advancing God’s kingdom.”

Nehemiah also made life easier for others. He fed the workers, removing obstacles that would slow progress. This is the essence of leadership: **facilitating others to succeed** while staying focused on the ultimate mission.

From my 30 years in ministry, I’ve seen churches with great preaching and passionate workers fail to reach their potential due to lack of organizational leadership. A gifted preacher may inspire the congregation, but without someone to **line up tasks, motivate volunteers, and maintain focus**, the ministry struggles to thrive.

As Pastor C. Peter Wagner said:

“The Spirit gives gifts not for personal benefit but for the edification of the Church.”

Every believer has a role, and every gift matters. Leaders with the gift of leadership make it possible for the Body of Christ to move **together in unity and effectiveness**. They help define

and accomplish goals, making ministry smoother, faster, and more impactful.

Jesus Himself promised: “I will build My church, and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it” (Matthew 16:18). Leadership is spiritual. It is functional. And when God raises up those with this motivational gift, miracles happen—not just in programs, but in **hearts and lives**. Especially when leaders with the functional gift of leadership know how to tap into the power of spiritual gifts. The remainder of this chapter we are going to explore the nuisances of spiritual gifts particularly in relationship to leadership. The power of spiritual gifts is one of the secret powers of Godly leadership

3. Spiritual Gifts

Leading Beyond Your Limits

There comes a moment in every leader’s journey when you realize your natural ability isn’t enough. The budget can’t stretch far enough. The people you rely on grow weary. The strategies that once worked don’t seem to carry the same power. You’re standing in front of an impossible situation, and suddenly you understand why Jesus told His disciples, “*Without Me, you can do nothing*” (John 15:5).

I’ll never forget one particular season in ministry when our church was growing faster than our systems could handle. Volunteers were tired, our facilities were strained, and I felt like I was juggling flaming torches while walking a tightrope. Late one night, I sat alone in the sanctuary, praying, “*Lord, I don’t have what it takes to lead this.*”

Then the Holy Spirit spoke to my heart: *“That’s because I never called you to lead without Me.”*

In that moment, I understood something that changed the way I viewed leadership forever — God never expected me to lead from my own strength. He anointed me to lead through the power of His Spirit and He made available Spiritual gifts to help leaders in a supernatural way lead.

John Maxwell once said, *“Natural leadership can move people, but only spiritual leadership can move heaven.”* That’s the difference the Holy Spirit makes. The spiritual gifts are not given for entertainment or spiritual status — they’re God’s empowerment tools for leaders who want to make a supernatural impact.

Every great move of God — from the early church in Acts to modern-day revival movements — began when ordinary men and women led under extraordinary power. They were leaders who learned to depend on the gifts of the Spirit.

The apostle Paul wrote,

“The manifestation of the Spirit is given to each one for the profit of all.”— 1 Corinthians 12:7

The Spirit’s gifts are not for personal glory but for the good of others. They are heaven’s power tools, designed to build people, strengthen churches, and advance the Kingdom.

If you want to lead effectively in God’s Kingdom, you must learn to lead not just with skill and strategy — but with **spiritual power**.

The Leader's Secret Advantage

The Holy Spirit's Empowering Presence

Every leader God calls, He also equips. But His equipping doesn't come from a leadership seminar or a self-help book — it comes from His Spirit. The spiritual gifts described in 1 Corinthians 12:7–11 are the Holy Spirit's way of empowering leaders to serve beyond their natural limits.

These nine gifts are divided into three broad functions: revelation, power, and inspiration — but they all share one source: the Holy Spirit. They are not natural talents or learned skills; they are **supernatural manifestations** of God's presence at work through you.

Smith Wigglesworth, a man who walked in tremendous power, once said, *"The power of God will take you out of your own plans and put you into the plan of God."*

That's exactly what the gifts of the Spirit do. They move you out of self-reliance and into God-reliance. They are heaven's answer to human limitation.

Leadership, in the Kingdom sense, is never about charisma or charm — it's about **carrying the anointing**. Charisma may inspire for a moment, but the anointing transforms lives. Jack Hayford often said, *"The Holy Spirit doesn't just empower us to serve; He enables us to serve supernaturally."*

Let's look at how the nine spiritual gifts empower leadership effectiveness in three ways: by revealing truth, releasing power, and inspiring faith.

The Leader's Need for Revelation *revelation gifts*

Every leader needs insight — the kind that sees beyond the obvious. Strategy and intelligence are vital, but without revelation, leadership is limited to human perception. Revelation lifts the curtain between the seen and the unseen, allowing leaders to make Spirit-led decisions that align with God's purposes.

This is where the **Revelation Gifts** — the Word of Wisdom, the Word of Knowledge, and the Discerning of Spirits — come into play. These gifts empower a leader to see what others cannot see, understand what others cannot grasp, and perceive what others might miss.

John Maxwell teaches that “leadership is influence.” But what happens when your influence must guide people through uncertainty, spiritual warfare, or hidden danger? That's when revelation gifts turn ordinary leadership into divine direction.

1. The Word of Wisdom – Divine Strategy for the Future

The Word of Wisdom is not the same as natural wisdom or good judgment. It is a supernatural revelation from God concerning His plans and purposes for the future. It's heaven's insight into what's coming — not so you can boast in foresight, but so you can prepare your people for victory.

James 1:5 reminds us,

“If any of you lacks wisdom, let him ask of God, who gives generously to all without finding fault.”

The Word of Wisdom takes that principle further: it's when God gives a *specific piece* of His infinite wisdom to solve a future challenge or guide His people through an upcoming season.

Moses received it when God instructed him how to deliver Israel from Egypt. Noah received it when God told him to build the ark. Paul received it when he warned the sailors not to set sail in Acts 27.

As a leader, there will be moments when the Holy Spirit gives you an idea, a prompting, or a clear direction that seems unusual — but later, you realize it was divine strategy. That's the Word of Wisdom in action.

Kenneth Hagin once said, *“The Word of Wisdom is the Holy Spirit's GPS for the believer. It reveals the map when your eyes can't see the road.”*

Spirit-led leaders don't just react to problems — they anticipate them through revelation.

2. The Word of Knowledge – Supernatural Insight into the Present or Past

The Word of Knowledge is a supernatural revelation of facts that are humanly impossible to know — often concerning current or past situations. It's the Holy Spirit revealing hidden information to accomplish God's purpose.

Jesus used this gift frequently in His ministry. In John 4, He told the Samaritan woman at the well about her past and present relationships — knowledge He could not have known naturally. That revelation opened her heart to receive Him as Messiah.

As a leader, the Word of Knowledge can help you identify hidden issues in your team, understand the root of a problem, or discern what's really going on beneath the surface of a situation. It can bring healing, reconciliation, or repentance when truth comes to light in love.

This gift is not for manipulation or control; it's for restoration and wisdom. When exercised humbly, it helps a leader navigate complex challenges with divine precision.

Charles Spurgeon once shared how, while preaching, he suddenly pointed to a man in the crowd and declared, "There's a man sitting there who is stealing from his employer." The man later repented, confessing that the Spirit had exposed him for his own redemption. That's the Word of Knowledge — not to embarrass, but to redeem.

3. Discerning of Spirits – Seeing Beyond the Surface

The Discerning of Spirits is perhaps one of the most crucial gifts for modern leaders. In a world filled with confusion, manipulation, and spiritual warfare, leaders must know the source behind what they're seeing and hearing.

This gift provides supernatural perception into the spiritual realm — distinguishing whether something is of God, of the human spirit, or of a demonic source.

Too many leaders fall into traps because they lack discernment. They misread people's motives, underestimate spiritual opposition, or mistake emotional energy for divine anointing. The discerning of spirits protects leaders and their ministries from deception.

John Bevere once said, *“Discernment is not knowing right from wrong; it’s knowing right from almost right.”*

That’s why the discerning of spirits is essential in leadership — it helps you perceive the truth when appearances are deceiving.

Spirit-led leaders don’t make decisions based solely on charisma, opportunity, or emotion — they wait for clarity from the Holy Spirit. They learn to sense when something isn’t right, even when it looks good on paper.

Application

When these revelation gifts are in operation, a leader can make decisions not from pressure, but from peace. Revelation enables you to lead from the inside out. You become a leader who doesn’t merely respond to problems but receives divine solutions.

The Holy Spirit wants to reveal things to you — about your ministry, your business, your team, and your calling. But you must position yourself to listen.

“Call to Me and I will answer you, and tell you great and unsearchable things you do not know.” — Jeremiah 33:3

Revelation doesn’t make you superior — it makes you more surrendered. It reminds you that leadership in God’s Kingdom is not about knowing everything, but about knowing the One who does.

The Leader's Power to Act ***power gifts***

There comes a moment in every leader's journey when wisdom alone won't do. When you've strategized, prayed, delegated, and still the mountain stands unmoved. That's when God calls you to *act* — not in your own strength, but in His power.

The Apostle Paul wrote, *"The manifestation of the Spirit is given to each one for the profit of all"* (1 Corinthians 12:7). Among these manifestations are the **power gifts** — faith, healings, and miracles. These are the gifts that **do something**. They move situations from impossible to possible. They turn setbacks into testimonies. They are Heaven's power tools for leaders who refuse to settle for what's natural when the supernatural is available.

John Maxwell often says, *"A leader is one who knows the way, goes the way, and shows the way."*

But what happens when the way forward is blocked by impossibility? That's when a Spirit-empowered leader steps into divine partnership and says, *"Lord, I'll act when You empower me."*

1. The Gift of Faith (*special faith*) — The Leader's Confidence in the Impossible

There's ordinary faith — the kind every believer uses daily. But then there's **the gift of faith** — the God-kind of confidence that rises above fear and logic and declares, *"It shall be done!"*

Kenneth Hagin described it this way:

“The gift of faith is a supernatural endowment by the Spirit whereby a believer is empowered to believe God for the impossible.”

This gift isn't just belief — it's **divine certainty**. It's the kind of faith Daniel had when he slept peacefully among lions. It's what Elijah carried when he declared rain in a drought. And it's what every Spirit-filled leader needs when leading through crisis.

I once knew a pastor who faced financial ruin in his church. The bank called in the loan, the congregation was discouraged, and his leadership team suggested downsizing. But in prayer, the Lord quickened his spirit — “I am your source.” He stood before the congregation and declared by faith, “We will not downsize God's vision to fit man's resources!” Within two months, an unexpected donor paid off the entire debt.

That's the gift of faith — not just believing *in* God, but believing *like* God.

As a leader, this gift equips you to **see beyond what is visible**. You speak faith when others see failure. You call things that are not as though they were. Your confidence becomes contagious. The people you lead begin to believe again.

Smith Wigglesworth once said,

“I'm not moved by what I see. I'm not moved by what I feel. I'm moved only by what I believe.”

That's the heartbeat of a Spirit-led leader walking in the gift of faith.

Gifts of Healings — The Leader's Compassion in Action

Leaders who walk in the Spirit don't just manage problems — they **minister to pain**. Whether it's emotional, physical, or spiritual, the anointed leader becomes a channel of God's healing grace.

Notice the phrase Paul used: “*Gifts of healings*.” Both words are plural. Why? Because healing flows in many forms — emotional healing, relational restoration, deliverance from oppression, and, yes, physical healing too.

In leadership, you'll encounter people who are wounded — by betrayal, burnout, or broken dreams. The Holy Spirit gives *gifts of healings* so you can minister to their hurt with power, not just sympathy.

Jack Hayford once said,

“The Holy Spirit does not just make us feel better — He makes us whole.”

When the gifts of healings operate in your leadership, your words carry restorative power. Your prayers shift atmospheres. You lay hands on the sick, and the power of Christ flows. You speak life into discouraged hearts, and they rise again with strength.

I'll never forget visiting a young leader in the hospital after a devastating accident. His doctors said he might never walk again. We prayed, and the Holy Spirit's presence filled the room like fire and peace intertwined. Weeks later, that young man walked into church unassisted. Doctors couldn't explain it — but we could. The gifts of healings were at work.

When you lead in the Spirit, healing is part of your leadership DNA. You don't just build teams — you **restore souls**. You don't just manage conflict — you **mend hearts**. That's the anointing in action.

3. The Working of Miracles — The Leader's Breakthrough Power

If the gift of faith believes for the impossible, and the gifts of healings restore what's broken, then the **working of miracles** brings divine intervention into real time.

Notice Paul's wording again — *“the working of miracles.”** It's active. It requires participation. This is the leader rolling up his sleeves with the Holy Spirit and saying, *“Let's make this mountain move.”*

Miracles often begin where human effort ends. God uses the willing — those who dare to act when others stand still.

Reinhard Bonnke used to say,

“God will move mountains, but don't be surprised if He hands you a shovel.”

That's the essence of the working of miracles — divine cooperation.

Moses had to stretch out his rod before the Red Sea parted. Elisha had to throw salt into the spring before the waters were healed.

Jesus had to tell the servants, *“Fill the waterpots with water,”* before the wine flowed.

In each case, someone obeyed, and Heaven responded.

Spirit-empowered leaders don't wait for perfect conditions. They move in obedience, knowing that **miracles follow motion**. They act on the Word. They expect divine results. And through their obedience, others witness the reality of God.

Miracles in leadership may not always look like walking on water. Sometimes, it's the miracle of reconciliation in a divided team. The miracle of provision in a tight budget. The miracle of a hardened heart turning back to God.

Every time God does what only He can do, a miracle has occurred.

The Faith–Action Connection

Faith, healing, and miracles are a divine trilogy — they often work together. Faith believes, healing manifests, and miracles confirm.

A leader who operates in these gifts walks in *divine momentum*. They don't just talk about power — they demonstrate it. They lead from the front lines of the supernatural, where impossibility bows to God's authority.

John Maxwell wrote,

“People don't follow you because of what you know. They follow you because of what you show.”

And Spirit-led leaders *show* the power of God through acts of faith that inspire others to trust the same God who works through them.

The Leader's Voice of Inspiration

vocal gifts

Words have power — and Spirit-filled leaders know it. They can cut through chaos, bring clarity in confusion, and breathe hope into weary hearts.

When the Holy Spirit empowers your voice, your words carry eternal weight. The **vocal gifts** — prophecy, tongues, and interpretation — transform a leader's speech from mere communication to *divine impartation*.

1. Prophecy — Speaking God's Word with Boldness

Prophecy is not fortune-telling. It's *forth-telling* — declaring the heart and will of God for the moment.

Paul said, “*But he who prophesies speaks edification and exhortation and comfort to men*” (1 Corinthians 14:3).

True prophecy builds people, not egos. It strengthens, not shames. It encourages, not intimidates.

In leadership, prophetic insight allows you to **speak with divine timing**. You say the right word, at the right moment, with Heaven's authority. That word can shift a room, change a life, or set a ministry in motion.

Charles Spurgeon once shared how, in mid-sermon, he suddenly called out a man's hidden sin — not to embarrass him, but to lead him to repentance. That man gave his life to Christ that day. That's the prophetic edge of Spirit-led leadership — Spirit-inspired words that pierce hearts and bring transformation.

As a leader, your prophetic voice might sound like a word of encouragement that revives a weary team. Or a bold declaration that sets a new vision in motion. When the Spirit speaks through you, Heaven gets the final word.

2. Tongues and Interpretation — The Language of Heaven

Few subjects stir debate like speaking in tongues — yet for Spirit-filled leaders, it's one of the greatest tools of renewal and revelation.

Paul said, *“He who speaks in a tongue edifies himself”* (1 Corinthians 14:4). That means every time you pray in the Spirit, you're charging your inner man like a battery connected to divine power.

When tongues are accompanied by interpretation, they edify the whole body. It's Heaven's way of sending a message earthward. In a leadership setting, these gifts can bring **direction, confirmation, or encouragement** when human understanding reaches its limit.

Oral Roberts once said,

“When I pray in tongues, I'm talking to God about things the devil knows nothing about.”

That's power. That's intimacy. That's partnership with the Spirit.

Spirit-led leaders use the language of Heaven not as a spectacle, but as a lifeline. They pray in the Spirit for wisdom, for vision, for strength. And when interpretation comes, they share the message in love and clarity so the body of Christ is built up.

Tongues keep the leader's heart sensitive, tuned in, and surrendered. It's how you stay "plugged in" to the source.

3. The Spirit-Filled Voice

When you speak as a Spirit-filled leader, people don't just hear *you* — they sense *Him*.

Your words carry presence. Your leadership carries peace. Your decisions carry discernment.

That's what makes the difference between a gifted communicator and an *anointed* communicator. The first can inspire. The second can transform.

Spirit-filled leaders live so dependent on the Spirit that His absence would be unmistakable.

The Spirit-Led Leader Leadership in Supernatural Partnership

Every great leader knows the difference between *leading alone* and *leading in partnership with God*. The spiritual gifts are not just tools to wow people — they are instruments of **kingdom influence**. They allow leaders to see, act, and speak with divine precision.

Maxwell reminds us,

"Everything rises and falls on leadership. But leadership is not just about position — it's about influence. True influence is multiplied when it flows through the Spirit."

Consider the early church in Acts. Ordinary fishermen became world-changers because they allowed the Holy Spirit to operate through them. Peter preached boldly, Stephen demonstrated

courage, Paul healed the sick, and all of them relied on the gifts, not their natural strength.

Spirit-led leaders have four key characteristics:

1. **Sensitivity to the Spirit** – They listen more than they speak. They sense God’s timing and direction.
2. **Availability for God’s Power** – They don’t hoard the gifts; they release them for others’ benefit.
3. **Courage to Act Supernaturally** – They step out in faith when the situation demands more than human effort.
4. **Commitment to Build Others** – Every gift, revelation, or miracle is aimed at edifying the team or congregation.

Hagin said it best:

“God never gives gifts for selfish use. They are always given to build the Body and accomplish His purpose through the leader.”

For leaders, this means your greatest tool isn’t your education, experience, or charisma — it’s your availability to God’s Spirit. The gifts are supernatural multipliers of your leadership. They expand your influence beyond natural limits.

Leading With Revelation

The revelation gifts (Word of Wisdom, Word of Knowledge, Discerning of Spirits) allow leaders to **make informed decisions with divine insight**.

- Word of Wisdom: Helps a leader anticipate challenges and opportunities before they arise.
- Word of Knowledge: Uncovers hidden information that can prevent disaster or guide strategy.

- Discerning of Spirits: Protects from deception, bad counsel, and spiritual opposition.

A leader operating in these gifts can see *the unseen*, *understand the unknown*, and *sense spiritual realities*, creating a climate of confidence and direction for the team.

Leading With Power

The power gifts (Faith, Healings, Miracles) allow leaders to **act decisively in impossible situations**.

- Gift of Faith: Inspires confidence in the team when the challenge seems insurmountable.
- Gifts of Healings: Restore wounded people and broken relationships, strengthening team cohesion.
- Working of Miracles: Breaks natural limitations and demonstrates God's authority in tangible ways.

Maxwell often says,

“Leaders who demonstrate courage and competence inspire confidence. Leaders who demonstrate supernatural power inspire faith.”

Spirit-led leaders don't just give pep talks; they **demonstrate what faith looks like in action**. They create breakthroughs that the team could not have achieved through natural means alone.

Leading With Inspiration

The vocal gifts (Prophecy, Tongues, Interpretation) allow leaders to **communicate in ways that inspire and edify**.

- Prophecy: Gives timely words that encourage, exhort, or comfort the team.
- Tongues & Interpretation: Connects leaders directly with God, providing spiritual insight and refreshing the leader and the team alike.

Speaking by the Spirit is not just eloquence; it's **divine influence in action**. Every word carries authority, encouragement, and alignment with God's purposes.

A.W. Tozer reminded leaders,

"If the Holy Spirit was withdrawn today, 95 percent of what we do would continue unnoticed. But the Spirit-filled leader's work would stop and the difference would be unmistakable."

Spirit-led leadership is distinguished not by effort but by **effectiveness in the supernatural realm**.

Leading With the Power of Heaven

The nine gifts of the Spirit — revelation, power, and vocal — are **not just spiritual curiosities**. They are God's provision for **effective, transformational leadership**.

Think about it: leaders with wisdom see the right path. Leaders with faith take the first step on that path. Leaders with healing bring restoration along the journey. Leaders who prophesy communicate vision. Leaders who move in tongues remain connected to God's heart. Leaders who operate in miracles demonstrate that nothing is impossible for God.

When all these gifts operate together, leadership becomes **dynamic, supernatural, and enduring**.

As Kenneth Hagin once said,

“The gifts of the Spirit are the secret weapons God uses to accomplish the impossible through ordinary people.”

And John Maxwell reminds us,

“The greatest leaders are those who can empower others to rise above their own limitations.”

Spirit-led leadership is not about power for prestige. It’s about **power for purpose**. It’s about multiplying your influence, building others, and glorifying Christ in everything you do.

Concluding Thoughts

The question is simple: *Will you be a leader who relies on natural ability, or a leader who walks in supernatural partnership with God?*

The spiritual gifts are available. They are powerful. They are meant to elevate your leadership. But they only operate when you yield, when you step out in faith, when you place your influence in the hands of the Spirit.

Imagine a leader who:

- Sees the unseen through revelation gifts.
- Moves mountains through power gifts.
- Inspires and builds through vocal gifts.

That is a Spirit-empowered leader. That is the kind of leader who changes the world. That is the leader God intends you to be.

Maxwell said it best:

“Leadership is influence. Nothing more, nothing less. And the Spirit multiplies that influence beyond natural limits.”

The gifts of the Spirit are your **secret advantage**, your **divine multiplier**, and your **heaven-sent toolkit**. Earnestly desire them. Cultivate them. Lead through them. And watch as God moves through you to accomplish what human effort alone could never achieve.

Finally, always remember, the purpose of these gifts is **service to God and His people**. Leaders are called not to exalt themselves, but to ensure that **God’s work is fruitful, efficient, and effective**. Every believer can potentially be used by God with one or more of these Spiritual gifts, however, these gifts only work by the Holy Spirit and only as He wills. They are not just natural talents or abilities, but they are supernatural gifts that the Holy Spirit gives to a believer to minister in ways that are not possible by mere natural effort. He will equip leaders with the power of these gifts to better lead to serve God, the kingdom, and His people.

Leaders, take note: gifts of the Spirit are not optional — they are **essential for effective, Kingdom-level influence**. They are not reserved for the “super-spiritual” elite. Every believer, and especially every leader, must position themselves to receive and release the gifts.

- Desire them with humility.
- Pursue them with prayer.
- Be available to God’s will.

Maxwell says,

“Leaders who never stretch into the supernatural limit of their influence will never fully see what God can do through them.”

Leaders who ignore the Spirit’s gifts are like athletes refusing to use the full strength of their muscles. They may function, but they will never reach their full potential.

Practical Steps for Spirit-Empowered Leadership

1. **Daily Surrender** – Begin each day asking God to empower you for leadership beyond your natural abilities.
2. **Study the Gifts** – Know what the nine gifts are and how they operate. Recognize the difference between natural talent and spiritual gifting.
3. **Position Yourself for Use** – Be willing to step out and be used at any time. Availability is the key to manifestation.
4. **Lead by Example** – Demonstrate faith, encouragement, and supernatural action. Others will follow your Spirit-led example.
5. **Team Empowerment** – Identify and release gifts in your team. Spirit-led leadership multiplies influence by enabling others to operate in their gifts.

When leaders learn to combine natural skill with supernatural gifting, they create **momentum that cannot be stopped**. They build teams, impact communities, and glorify God through leadership that exceeds human limitation.

CHAPTER FOUR

Power Secret #4

The Power of God's Word

“For the word of God is living and powerful, and sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing even to the division of soul and spirit, and of joints and marrow, and is a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart.” — Hebrews 4:12 (NKJV)

There is no force on earth more powerful than the Word of God. Empires have risen and fallen. Philosophies have come and gone. Leaders have made speeches that stirred nations, but **only God's Word changes hearts.**

The Word of God created the universe, calmed storms, healed the sick, and raised the dead. It still speaks today with the same creative and transformative power it had when God first said, *“Let there be light.”*

“The Bible is not the book of the month or the book of the year. It is the book of the ages.” — A.W. Tozer

Philosophy asks questions but never satisfies the soul. Science discovers how the world works, but not why it exists. Great thinkers can inspire minds, but only God's Word can **transform lives.** It exposes the motives of our hearts, convicts us of sin, and renews our minds to think as God thinks. As Billy Graham once said,

“The Word of God hidden in the heart is a stubborn voice to suppress.”

The Bible: God’s Leadership Manual

The Bible isn’t just a book—it’s **the mind of God in print**. It contains over 800,000 words across 66 books, yet every verse carries divine authority. It is the leader’s ultimate sourcebook, revealing timeless principles for life, integrity, and influence.

If you want to be a godly leader—one who leads with wisdom, courage, and clarity—then the Word of God must become your constant companion.

Psalms 119:105 declares, “Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path.”

In leadership, there are moments when the path ahead seems dark and uncertain. That’s when God’s Word becomes your light. It shows the next step when you can’t see the whole journey. It anchors your convictions when culture pressures you to compromise. It strengthens your resolve when opposition rises against you.

Why the Word of God Is Powerful

Hebrews 4:12 reveals the supernatural potency of God’s Word—it is **living and active**, sharper than any two-edged sword.

The writer compares Scripture to the most powerful weapon of his time: the Roman sword. It was sharp on both sides, cutting with precision and strength. But God’s Word is sharper still—it penetrates the human heart with surgical accuracy. It exposes sin not to condemn, but to heal. It divides truth from deception, the spiritual from the soulish, the eternal from the temporary.

“The Word of God is like a lion. You don’t have to defend it. Let it loose—it will defend itself.” — Charles Spurgeon

The Word of God is alive because the Author still lives. Jesus said, “*Heaven and earth will pass away, but My words will never pass away.*” (Matthew 24:35). Every time you read the Bible, you’re not just reading ink on a page—you’re hearing the voice of the living God.

THE WORD OF GOD WILL STAND FOREVER

“The grass withers and the flowers fade, but the word of our God will stand forever.” — *Isaiah 40:8 (ESV)*

Look around you for a moment—everything you see is temporary. Buildings crumble, technology becomes obsolete, cultures shift, and even memories fade. Yet there is one thing that will **never pass away**: the Word of God.

In an age of uncertainty and moral confusion, where truth seems negotiable and leaders change direction with every cultural wind, **God’s Word remains the one unshakable constant**. It has stood the test of time. Kingdoms have risen and fallen, skeptics have mocked it, dictators have tried to destroy it—but it still stands.

As A.W. Tozer once said, “The Word of God well understood and religiously obeyed is the shortest route to spiritual perfection. And we must not select a few favorite passages to the exclusion of others. Nothing less than a whole Bible can make a whole Christian.”

God's Word: The Eternal Foundation

Unlike grass that withers or flowers that fade, **the Word of the Lord endures forever.** God's promises do not expire; His truth does not evolve. His Word is not fragile or outdated—it is eternal, authoritative, and relevant for every generation.

For the leader who wants to make a lasting impact, this truth changes everything. Leadership built on charisma will fade. Leadership built on strategy will shift. But leadership built on **Scripture will stand the test of time.**

“Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will never pass away.” — *Matthew 24:35 (NIV)*

When you lead from the Word, you're leading from an eternal source of wisdom. It's not your opinion—it's divine truth. It's not your emotion—it's revelation. The Word gives you something that every leader needs: **a steady compass when the storms of life hit.**

Building on a Firm Foundation

Jesus illustrated this principle perfectly in Matthew 7:24–27—the parable of the wise and foolish builders. The wise builder dug deep and built his house on the rock. The foolish one built on shifting sand. When the storm came, only one structure remained.

The difference wasn't in the storm—it was in the foundation.

Leaders face storms of criticism, pressure, temptation, and change. The only leadership that endures is the leadership **anchored in the Word of God.**

“The Bible is the compass of every leader who dares to navigate through the unpredictable seas of culture.” — *John Maxwell*

When you build your leadership, your ministry, or your organization on Scripture, you’ll be unshaken when the winds of adversity blow. The Word will hold you firm, not because of your strength, but because **God watches over His Word to perform it.**

THE WORD DOES NOT CHANGE

In a rapidly changing world, the constancy of God’s Word is your greatest leadership advantage. Hebrews 13:8 reminds us, “*Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever.*”

Trends come and go. Public opinion shifts. What’s popular in one generation is offensive in the next. But **truth doesn’t change with time.**

“God’s truth is not subject to popular vote.” — *Adrian Rogers*

Leaders must resist the temptation to shape their message around culture. Instead, they must shape culture around the message of God’s unchanging Word.

God’s Word is an anchor in a sea of uncertainty. It stabilizes your emotions, aligns your decisions, and renews your perspective. It’s not just a book—it’s your blueprint for life and leadership.

When the pressure mounts, when opinions clash, when your confidence is shaken—return to the unchanging truth of Scripture. You’ll find that it **outlasts the noise of the moment.**

GOD WATCHES OVER HIS WORD

“You have seen correctly, for I am watching over my word to perform it.”

— *Jeremiah 1:12 (NIV)*

This is one of the most empowering truths for any leader: **God Himself guarantees His Word.** He does not watch over our opinions, emotions, or plans—He watches over *His Word*.

When you speak God’s Word, you’re not speaking wishful thinking—you’re releasing divine authority. Heaven backs what God has spoken.

“All God’s promises find their Yes and Amen in Christ.”
— *2 Corinthians 1:20*

As leaders, our credibility is built not on clever words but on **God’s Word.** That’s why it’s so vital to fill your mouth with Scripture. Speak the Word into your team, your vision, and your future. When you declare God’s truth over your circumstances, you’re aligning with His power and inviting His performance.

Leadership principle: **God will never fail to fulfill His Word—but He is not obligated to fulfill ours.** This means our words must agree with His. When they do, His authority flows through our leadership.

THE WORD WILL NOT RETURN VOID

“So is my word that goes out from my mouth:
It will not return to me empty,
but will accomplish what I desire
and achieve the purpose for which I sent it.”

— *Isaiah 55:11 (NIV)*

God compares His Word to rain and snow. Both come down from heaven and accomplish a purpose—they water the earth, bring growth, and produce fruit. In the same way, **God’s Word never fails.**

The Word you preach, teach, and live will bear fruit in due season. Sometimes it takes time—just as seeds take time to grow—but the result is certain.

“The Word of God is not chained.” — *2 Timothy 2:9*

Even when circumstances seem barren, the Word is still working beneath the surface. As leaders, this gives us confidence to keep sowing truth, even when results aren’t immediate. Every time you speak Scripture, you plant something eternal in the hearts of those you lead.

APPLYING THIS POWER FOR GODLY LEADERSHIP

1. Build Your Leadership on Scripture, Not Strategy

Strategies change, but Scripture never fails. Before making decisions, filter every idea and initiative through God’s Word.

2. Speak the Word with Confidence

As Jeremiah 1:12 reminds us, God performs His Word. Declare His promises over your ministry, your team, and your challenges.

3. Lead with Eternal Perspective

When you understand the Word will outlast everything else, you stop leading for applause and start leading for eternity.

4. Stay Anchored in Unchanging Truth

Resist cultural compromise. The leader who stands on

the Word when others bend to opinion will always have divine favor and clarity.

5. **Live What You Teach**

Integrity in leadership begins when the Word you preach is the Word you practice. People follow authenticity more than authority.

6. **Believe the Word You Declare**

Faith activates the Word's power. James 1:6–8 warns that doubt disrupts divine results. Believe God will do what He said—and lead from that conviction.

THE UNSTOPPABLE WORD

No force on earth can silence the voice of God. Empires have tried to burn it. Critics have tried to discredit it. Yet His Word continues to heal, save, and transform lives across the globe.

By His Word:

- Sinners become saints.
- The broken become whole.
- Leaders become servants of the King.

“You can’t improve on the Word of God. You can only believe it, obey it, and watch it work.”

— *Charles Stanley*

The same Word that spoke galaxies into being is the Word that empowers your leadership today. So, as you lead—lead with the confidence that the **Word of God will stand forever**, and when you stand upon it, you’ll stand firm no matter what comes your way.

CHAPTER FIVE

Power Secret #5

The Power of Being Led by the Spirit

“For as many as are led by the Spirit of God, these are sons of God.” Romans 8:14

The Greatest Influence of My Life

Over the years, I’ve been blessed by many incredible people—mentors, pastors, and leaders who shaped my faith and leadership journey. I thank God for their voices, wisdom, and example. But as I look back, one truth stands above them all: **no one and nothing has influenced my life more than the supernatural presence of the Holy Spirit.**

“The Holy Spirit is not a power to be harnessed; He is a Person to be followed.” — **Charles Stanley**

When Jesus returned to the Father, He didn’t leave us to figure out life on our own. He promised, *“I will ask the Father, and He will give you another Helper, that He may be with you forever”* (John 14:16). That Helper is the Holy Spirit—the promise of the Father and the greatest gift given to every believer.

He is **the greatest Teacher, the wisest Counselor, and the most faithful Companion** you will ever know. The Holy Spirit doesn’t just walk beside you—He lives within you. He is the unseen Presence guiding you through every decision, every challenge, and every opportunity.

Learning to Follow His Lead

Being led by the Holy Spirit isn't an optional upgrade to the Christian life—it's the essence of it. To be led by the Spirit means to listen, to yield, and to obey. It's learning to recognize His voice amid the noise of culture, the pull of emotions, and the logic of human reasoning. It is crucial for every believer to know how to be led by the Spirit of God, but an absolute requirement for Godly leaders.

“If you are not Spirit-led, you will be circumstance-led.”

— **Smith Wigglesworth**

Leadership built on intellect alone will always fall short. God never intended for His leaders to rely on talent, emotion, or circumstance. He gave us His Spirit to guide us beyond human limitation and into divine revelation.

When we learn to walk in step with the Holy Spirit, our leadership becomes more than strategy—it becomes supernatural. We begin to lead not from our own wisdom, but from the wisdom of God Himself.

“The mark of a Spirit-led leader is not how loudly they speak, but how closely they listen.” — **John Bevere**

A Daily Relationship, Not a Momentary Experience

The Holy Spirit's guidance is not reserved for special moments in church or ministry. It's meant to shape **every moment of your life**—how you lead, how you love, how you respond, and how you make decisions.

If you rely solely on what you see, feel, or reason, you'll drift with the currents of the natural world. But when you learn to follow the Spirit's direction, you move with heaven's rhythm.

“Since we live by the Spirit, let us keep in step with the Spirit.”

— **Galatians 5:25**

To live and lead by the Spirit is to experience the abundant life Jesus promised. It is to walk in divine wisdom when others are confused, to move in peace when others panic, and to lead with courage when others fear.

Jesus said, *“My sheep hear My voice, and I know them, and they follow Me”* (John 10:27). The Holy Spirit still speaks today—and the leaders who listen will always be those who lead with power, purpose, and fruitfulness.

Key Leadership Application

To apply this Power Secret in your own leadership:

1. **Develop sensitivity to His voice** — Spend time in prayer and the Word daily. The more you know His truth, the more clearly you'll hear His guidance.
2. **Pause before you decide** — Don't rush decisions. Wait on the Holy Spirit's prompting.
3. **Yield your plans** — Invite the Holy Spirit to interrupt your agenda. Divine detours often lead to supernatural outcomes.
4. **Lead from Presence, not pressure** — Spirit-led leaders don't lead to impress people; they lead to please God.

“When you follow the leading of the Holy Spirit, you never have to fear missing the will of God.”

— **Reinhard Bonnke**

How to Be Led by the Spirit

“For all who are led by the Spirit of God are the children of God.” — Romans 8:14 (NLT)

So, the million-dollar question is, How can we be led by the Spirit of God? It is one of the most life-changing lessons any believer can learn – **how to be led by the Holy Spirit**. It’s not only essential for spiritual growth—it’s vital for godly leadership. Yet, many sincere Christians struggle to discern His leading. They believe God has guided them to make certain decisions, only to find themselves confused, frustrated, and asking, *“Why didn’t that work out?”*

The truth is: God didn’t fail. The Holy Spirit wasn’t unclear. The problem lies in *our ability to recognize His voice and distinguish it from our own emotions or human reasoning*.

Pastor **Andrew Wommack** once said,

“The Holy Spirit is always speaking, but most of the time we’re too busy or too distracted to hear Him.”

Learning to be led by the Spirit is not about hearing a voice from the clouds—it’s about cultivating sensitivity to the quiet, steady guidance of the Spirit within.

Three Categories of Believers

When it comes to being led by the Holy Spirit, believers tend to fall into **three categories**:

1. Those Who Walk in the Spirit

These are believers who have learned to recognize and respond to the Holy Spirit’s inner witness. They live lives marked by

peace, wisdom, and divine direction. Their testimonies inspire faith in others because their decisions bear the fruit of God's guidance.

2. Those Who Live by Emotions

This is perhaps the largest group. These believers love God deeply but have been conditioned—often unknowingly—to follow the impulses of their emotions rather than the quiet direction of the Spirit. When things go well, they soar with joy. But when challenges arise, fear, insecurity, and frustration quickly take over.

They might say, *“God told me to do this,”* but in reality, they may be mistaking an emotional urge for divine direction. The enemy often manipulates feelings to create confusion. The result? Spiritual highs and lows that leave them exhausted and uncertain.

Pastor **Kenneth Hagin** described it this way:

“The voice of the body is feeling. The voice of the mind is reason. But the voice of the spirit is conscience—and that’s where God speaks.”

When we confuse emotional impulses with the inner witness, we open the door to instability. The key is to train our hearts to recognize the difference.

3. Those Who Don't Expect Divine Guidance

Some believers simply don't believe that God speaks personally today. They see Him as distant—Someone who saved them but now expects them to figure out life on their own. They trust that

Heaven awaits them but live without any sense of fellowship or daily direction from the Spirit.

But nothing could be further from the truth. From Genesis to Revelation, Scripture shows us a God who **desires relationship and ongoing communication** with His people. Jesus promised in John 16:13,

“When the Spirit of truth comes, He will guide you into all truth.”

God never intended His children to wander through life guessing their next steps. He gave us His Spirit to *lead, guide, and counsel* us in all things.

The Inner Witness vs. Soulish Emotions

“The spirit of man is the lamp of the Lord, searching all the inner depths of his heart.”— Proverbs 20:27

The inner witness is the foundational way the Holy Spirit leads believers. It’s not dramatic or loud—it’s that *deep sense of knowing* inside your heart. It’s peace that persists even when logic disagrees. It’s conviction that strengthens when doubt shouts. It is what I call – the still small voice on the inside.

It is that little voice deep inside you – it is your spirit. It is saying don’t do that or yes go for it. Have you ever done something wrong? Maybe you said something ugly or mean or didn’t keep your word or lost your temper with your spouse or children. I have, and when I have I get this really bad feeling inside of me. I am very uncomfortable. Something inside of me just keeps bugging me. It is that still small voice inside of me letting me know something is not right. I know right away what it is, but in

mind I try and justify my actions. But until I repent and apologize that small voice inside of me just keeps bugging me.

If you want to hear the voice of God when you are needing direction or asking for help concerning an important decision you'd better learn to hear and obey His voice of correction. The voice that corrects is the same voice that directs.

The Holy Spirit doesn't guide through confusion or chaos. He leads through *clarity, consistency, and calm confidence* in your spirit. The spirit of God is speaking to you, the only question is are you listening?

Dr. **Tony Evans** explains it this way:

“The Holy Spirit is like a divine GPS—He doesn't argue with you, He just keeps recalculating until you finally follow His route.”

When God illuminates your spirit, He's giving you light—direction that searches your inward parts and shows you truth. That “light” is often a sense of *peace or unrest*. Colossians 3:15 tells us to “let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts.” In Greek, that word *rule* means *to act as an umpire*. In other words, let peace call the shots.

If something feels pressured, rushed, or fear-based—it's not the Spirit. The Holy Spirit guides through peace, never panic.

The Holy Spirit Bears Witness With Your Spirit

“The Spirit Himself bears witness with our spirit that we are God's children.” — Romans 8:16

When life gets overwhelming, it's your spirit—not your emotions—that the Holy Spirit strengthens. You may feel weak

on the outside, but deep within, there's a divine assurance whispering, *"You are still My child. I am still with you."*

God doesn't usually speak to you through your soul, your mind and emotions or your flesh what you see, feel, or hear. He bears witness with your Spirit.

The Spirit doesn't just confirm your salvation—He also affirms your decisions. When you're thinking correctly, walking in truth, or pursuing God's direction, your spirit will sense peace and confidence. When you're veering off course, that peace disappears.

The faster you learn to tell the difference between emotional impulses and spiritual impressions, the more effective your walk—and your leadership—will become.

"Peace is the language of the Spirit; pressure is the language of the flesh."

Led by the Spirit, Not by Your Emotions

Emotions are powerful—but they are terrible leaders. God gave us feelings to enrich life, not to govern it. Spirit-led leaders learn to use emotions as indicators, not navigators.

Many well-meaning Christians misinterpret excitement, fear, or frustration as divine direction, but just because something *feels right* doesn't mean it *is* right. Likewise, God's leading may not always feel comfortable—it often challenges our comfort zones.

When you allow your emotions to lead, you'll end up on a spiritual roller coaster—up one day, down the next. But when

you're led by the Spirit, you find consistency, strength, and stability even in the middle of storms.

Pastor **Rick Warren** said it best:

“Maturity is when you live your life by your commitments, not your emotions.”

The Holy Spirit desires to mature us—to bring us from spiritual infancy to stability. His goal isn't just to move us from place to place, but to form Christ within us until His voice becomes unmistakable.

The Spirit-Led Life Produces Spiritual Maturity

The Holy Spirit's first assignment is not to make us *successful* but to make us *stable*. He develops our character until the quiet voice of our spirit becomes stronger than the noise of temptation, fear, or pressure. That's why spiritual growth often feels like God is taking you *through* rather than *around* difficulty. He's training your spirit to trust Him more deeply.

The Apostle Paul wrote in Galatians 5:25,

“If we live by the Spirit, let us also keep in step with the Spirit.”

This “keeping in step” is daily, deliberate, and intimate. It's walking so closely with the Spirit that His whispers become your way of life.

How to Apply This in Leadership

For those called to lead—whether in ministry, business, or family—the ability to discern the Holy Spirit's voice is indispensable. Here's how Spirit-led leadership looks in action:

1. **Pause Before You Decide.**

Don't rush major decisions. Quiet your soul, pray in the Spirit, and listen for the inward peace or unrest that signals God's direction.

2. **Let Peace Be Your Compass.**

If you lose peace, don't proceed. The Holy Spirit leads through calm assurance, not anxiety or urgency.

3. **Align with Scripture.**

The Spirit will never lead contrary to God's Word. Test every "leading" against the Bible—truth confirms truth.

4. **Resist Emotional Leadership.**

Don't let mood, pressure, or fear dictate your next move. Spirit-led leaders act from conviction, not reaction.

5. **Cultivate a Listening Heart.**

Create time daily to fellowship with the Holy Spirit.

As Pastor **Bill Johnson** says,

"The Holy Spirit is in me for my sake, but He's on me for the sake of others."

When you learn to listen to Him, your leadership becomes more compassionate, confident, and effective.

How Is Being Led by the Spirit Different?

"Those who are led by the Spirit of God are the children of God." — **Romans 8:14 (NIV)**

Every believer faces competing voices—culture, emotions, ambition, and even logic—all vying for control of our direction. Yet to live and lead effectively for God, we must learn to discern **the voice of the Spirit above all others.**

Being led by the Spirit stands in sharp contrast to being driven by human impulses, worldly systems, or personal desires. Spirit-led living is not simply about making good decisions; it's about making **God decisions**.

“The difference between being good and being godly is who’s leading the way.” — **T.D. Jakes**

1. The Spirit vs. The Flesh

“Walk by the Spirit, and you will not gratify the desires of the flesh.” — **Galatians 5:16 (NIV)**

The flesh craves self-gratification; the Spirit produces selflessness and obedience to God. When the flesh leads, we chase pleasure, pride, and comfort—only to find emptiness and regret. When the Spirit leads, we pursue righteousness, humility, and peace—and find joy and fulfillment.

Paul described this inner conflict clearly: “*The flesh desires what is contrary to the Spirit, and the Spirit what is contrary to the flesh*” (Galatians 5:17). The battle is real—but victory belongs to those who follow the Spirit’s lead.

“If you’re not fighting your flesh, you’re probably following it.”
— **Craig Groeschel**

Spirit-led leaders don’t allow impulse or emotion to set the agenda. They lead from a place of **surrender, not self**.

2. The Spirit vs. The World

“Do not conform to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind.” — **Romans 12:2**

The world urges conformity—fit in, play it safe, follow the trends. But the Holy Spirit calls us to transformation. Worldly leadership seeks recognition; Spirit-led leadership seeks redemption. The world measures success by popularity, numbers, and influence. The Spirit measures success by obedience, fruitfulness, and faithfulness.

“Worldly leadership is about climbing ladders. Spirit-led leadership is about carrying crosses.” — **Rick Warren**

Spirit-led leaders are not driven by cultural trends but by Kingdom truth. They don’t chase applause—they pursue alignment with God’s will.

3. The Spirit vs. Emotions

“Those who trust in themselves are fools, but those who walk in wisdom are kept safe.” — **Proverbs 28:26 (NIV)**

Emotions are powerful but unreliable guides. They can be up one moment and down the next. The Holy Spirit, however, provides **consistent, God-centered guidance**.

Spirit-led leaders recognize their feelings without being ruled by them. They refuse to make permanent decisions based on temporary emotions.

“Don’t let your emotions make decisions your faith should be making.” — **Tony Evans**

When the Spirit leads, you’ll experience peace even when circumstances are uncertain, and confidence even when the path ahead seems unclear.

4. The Spirit vs. Human Wisdom

Human reasoning has limits. The brightest minds can only see what's visible—but the Spirit reveals what's **eternal and unseen**.

“No eye has seen, no ear has heard, and no human mind has conceived the things God has prepared for those who love him. These are the things God has revealed to us by his Spirit.”
— **1 Corinthians 2:9–10 (NIV)**

Spirit-led leaders are not anti-intellectual; they are **supernaturally guided**. They value knowledge but depend on revelation. They don't just ask, “What's logical?” They ask, “What's the Lord saying?”

“The Holy Spirit can give you one idea that changes everything.” — **Bill Johnson**

What Does It Mean to Be Led by the Spirit?

To be “*led by the Spirit*” means to live under the **influence, direction, and control** of the Holy Spirit in every aspect of life. It's a daily posture of surrender—allowing God's voice to shape your decisions, relationships, and leadership.

Being led by the Spirit is not mystical—it's both **deeply spiritual and intensely practical**. It means aligning your inner life with God's will so that your outer actions reflect His heart.

1. Submitting to God's Guidance

Spirit-led leadership begins with **surrender**. It's acknowledging that you don't have all the answers and that God's wisdom is infinitely greater than your own.

“Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding.”

— **Proverbs 3:5 (NIV)**

Being led by the Spirit means seeking God’s direction in prayer, through His Word, and in every decision—big or small. It’s a daily choice to let His voice override your own reasoning.

2. Walking in the Spirit’s Power

“So I say, walk by the Spirit, and you will not gratify the desires of the flesh.”

— **Galatians 5:16 (NIV)**

To walk in the Spirit is to live a life that reflects the **fruit of the Spirit**—*love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control* (Galatians 5:22–23).

Spirit-led leaders don’t just talk about power—they walk in purity, peace, and purpose. They resist sin not by willpower, but by **Spirit power**.

“When you walk in the Spirit, you won’t have to fight the flesh—it will already be crucified.”

— **Andrew Wommack**

3. Receiving Wisdom and Truth

“When He, the Spirit of truth, comes, He will guide you into all truth.”

— **John 16:13 (NIV)**

The Holy Spirit doesn’t just comfort us—He **clarifies truth**. He opens our understanding of Scripture, reveals God’s will, and teaches us how to apply biblical principles in real life.

When human wisdom hits a wall, divine revelation breaks through. Spirit-led leaders make decisions not by assumption, but by **illumination**.

“The Holy Spirit will never lead you contrary to the Word of God.”— **Kenneth Hagin**

4. Being Directed in Purpose and Mission

In Acts 13:2, the Holy Spirit told the early church, “*Set apart for me Barnabas and Saul for the work to which I have called them.*” The Spirit doesn’t just inspire us—He assigns us.

Spirit-led leaders are **mission-minded**, not ego-driven. They follow God’s timing and trust His strategy. When the Spirit leads, purpose becomes clearer, doors open naturally, and divine appointments unfold.

“The Holy Spirit doesn’t just point the way—He paves the way.”
— **John Maxwell**

5. Living with Peace and Assurance

“Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts.”
— **Colossians 3:15 (NIV)**

One of the surest indicators of being led by the Spirit is peace. When you are walking in the Spirit’s direction, there is a deep inner assurance—even if the road ahead is uncertain.

“Peace is the umpire of the heart—it lets you know when you’re safe in God’s will.” — **Joyce Meyer**

The Holy Spirit not only leads us, He reassures us that we belong to God: “*The Spirit Himself testifies with our spirit that we are God’s children*” (Romans 8:16).

Leadership Application

To walk and lead by the Spirit means to:

- **Pause and pray** before making key decisions.
- **Trust the peace of God** as your internal compass.
- **Stay sensitive** to His promptings, even in small things.
- **Let Scripture confirm** what the Spirit speaks.
- **Lead with humility**, knowing divine guidance is your greatest advantage.

“A Spirit-led life is not a life of perfection, but a life of direction.”

— **Bill Johnson**

Closing Thoughts

Being led by the Spirit is not mystical—it’s relational. It’s learning to walk so closely with God that His direction becomes as natural as breathing. The Spirit’s voice won’t shout; it will *witness*. It won’t confuse; it will *confirm*.

As you grow in this awareness, your leadership will rise to a new level—rooted not in charisma or cleverness, but in divine guidance.

*“The Holy Spirit is not a force to control;
He’s a Friend to follow.”*

CHAPTER SIX

Power Secret #6

The Power of Anointing to Lead

“Now it is God who strengthens us together with you in Christ and who anointed us. He has also sealed us and given us the Spirit in our hearts as a down payment.”— 2 Corinthians 1:21-22

Understanding the Anointing to Lead

God desires for Christian leaders to be **successful** and to impact the world for His Kingdom. But what does success in leadership truly mean? Of course, understanding practical leadership skills—communication, strategy, and management—helps leaders function effectively. These are important. Yet, there is something far greater that distinguishes **ordinary leadership from extraordinary, God-empowered leadership: the anointing of God.**

The anointing is not optional; it is essential for leaders who want to reach their full potential and make the maximum impact God intends. Leadership without the anointing can succeed in a limited sense, but **without God’s empowerment, true Kingdom impact is impossible.**

What Is the Anointing?

Anointing is a **powerful biblical concept** that signifies God’s divine empowerment, favor, and calling on a person’s life. It represents being **set apart for a special purpose**, whether for a king, a prophet, or a believer called to fulfill God’s will.

The word **anoint** originates from the act of applying oil as a symbol of **consecration, blessing, and empowerment**. In the Old Testament, priests, prophets, and kings were anointed to signify **God's appointment and authority**. In the New Testament, Jesus is called the **Anointed One**, fulfilling God's ultimate promise of salvation and redemption.

The anointing is **not reserved for a select few**. Every Christian receives empowerment through the Holy Spirit to fulfill God's calling in their life (1 John 2:27):

“But the anointing that you received from Him abides in you, and you do not need anyone to teach you; but as the same anointing teaches you concerning all things, and is true, and is not a lie, and just as it has taught you, you will abide in Him.”

This verse reminds us that God's presence and power dwell **within us**, guiding, strengthening, and equipping us for His work. Anointing is a **divine gift**, accessible to all believers who seek God's guidance and empowerment.

Anointing: Beyond Position and Titles

The anointing to lead is not merely about a **position or title**. A leader can hold a title and still operate in weakness or inefficiency if not anointed. True leadership is about **being chosen and empowered by God**.

In the Old Testament, those called to kingship or prophetic office were anointed to signify that **God had appointed them and empowered them for His purposes**. This anointing gave them both **position and power**.

For example, David's anointing as king demonstrates this truth:

“So he sent and brought him in. Now he was ruddy with beautiful eyes and a good appearance. And the Lord said, ‘Arise, anoint him, for this is he.’ Then Samuel took the horn of oil, and anointed him in the midst of his brothers. And the Spirit of the Lord came upon David from that day forward.” — 1 Samuel 16:12-13

David’s anointing was **God’s empowerment, not a human endorsement**. It enabled him to fulfill his leadership calling with divine strength, wisdom, and courage.

The New Testament Perspective

In the New Testament, the anointing of leadership is described in Ephesians 4:11-12:

“And He Himself gave some to be apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, and some pastors and teachers, for the equipping of the saints for the work of ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ.”

God provides anointing to equip leaders to:

1. **Fulfill their callings**
2. **Serve others effectively**
3. **Build up the body of Christ**

The anointing is God-given and not something that comes from education, skill, or experience alone. It is divine empowerment for Kingdom impact.

The Source and Basis of the Anointing

The Anointing Comes from God

It is important to understand that **the anointing is from God**. It is not a product of human desire, ambition, or self-appointment. The prophet Samuel reminded Saul of this truth:

“Has not the Lord anointed you to be king over His people?” — 1 Samuel 10:1

Jesus Himself declared:

“The Spirit of the Lord is upon Me, because He has anointed Me to preach the gospel to the poor; He has sent Me to heal the brokenhearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives, and recovery of sight to the blind, to set at liberty those who are oppressed.” — Luke 4:18

God calls and raises leaders through His own power. True anointed leadership is therefore **God-centered, not self-centered**.

The Basis for Anointing: Heart Over Ability

The anointing is not based on intelligence, education, experience, or outward appearance. God’s focus is on the **attitude of the heart**.

When Samuel was sent to anoint a new king from Jesse’s sons, he initially judged by appearance. God corrected him:

“Do not look at his appearance or at the height of his stature, because I have rejected him. For the Lord does not see as man sees; for man looks at the outward appearance, but the Lord looks at the heart.” — 1 Samuel 16:7

David was a man **after God's own heart** (Acts 13:22), and it was this alignment with God's will that qualified him for leadership. God looks for leaders who are:

- Humble
- Obedient
- Faithful
- Committed to His purpose

It is not natural ability or charm that qualifies a leader; it is **a heart attuned to God**.

Characteristics of Anointed Leaders

Anointed leadership exhibits four key characteristics:

1. **Calling** – An anointed leader carries a divine assignment. People sense God's purpose in their life and ministry.
2. **Character** – The leader demonstrates Godly integrity, earning the trust and respect of others.
3. **Competence** – An anointed leader is able to execute tasks effectively; their results validate their calling.
4. **Conviction** – Anointed leaders are firm in their principles and convictions, standing for what is right even under pressure.

When these qualities are visible, people naturally follow, and the leader becomes a channel of God's influence and empowerment.

The Role of the Holy Spirit in the Anointing

The anointing is closely tied to the **presence and power of the Holy Spirit**. 2 Corinthians 1:21-22 confirms this:

“Now it is God who strengthens us together with you in Christ and who anointed us. He has also sealed us and given us the Spirit in our hearts as a down payment.”

The Holy Spirit is the **source of strength, wisdom, and authority** for anointed leaders. This includes:

- **Empowerment** for vision and strategy
- **Guidance** in decision-making
- **Boldness** to take risks and step into God’s calling
- **Fruitfulness** in ministry and leadership

Anointing without the Spirit is empty; leadership without empowerment from God is limited.

Examples of Anointed Leadership

1. David – Anointed as a shepherd boy to become king. The Spirit came upon him, empowering him to defeat Goliath and unify Israel.

2. Moses – God empowered him to lead Israel out of Egypt despite his self-doubt. His anointing brought miracles and signs.

3. Jesus Christ – The ultimate leader, anointed to bring salvation, heal the brokenhearted, and proclaim liberty. His leadership was marked by divine power, compassion, and authority.

These examples illustrate that the **anointing is practical, empowering, and results-driven**, not just symbolic.

Walking in the Anointing

1. Embrace Your Anointing

Every Christian has access to anointing through the Holy Spirit. Leaders must **embrace God's empowerment** and step into their calling with confidence.

“But the anointing which you have received from Him abides in you, and you do not need anyone to teach you...” — 1 John 2:27

Trust that the Spirit within equips you for leadership, guiding, and empowering you for every responsibility.

2. Develop Character and Integrity

Anointing works best in a **heart surrendered to God**. Leaders should cultivate:

- Humility
- Faithfulness
- Spiritual maturity
- Integrity

People follow leaders who reflect God's nature, not just those with titles or skills.

3. Cultivate Competence and Skill

While the anointing provides supernatural power, God still values **competence and preparation**. An anointed leader is one who works diligently, studies wisely, and hones skills that complement divine empowerment.

Leadership involves a balance of **God's power and human preparation**.

4. Stand Firm in Conviction

Anointed leaders are **resolute and unwavering**. Conviction allows them to make difficult decisions, resist compromise, and uphold truth and righteousness.

“Blessed is the man who walks not in the counsel of the ungodly...” — Psalm 1:1

Conviction ensures that the anointing is not wasted on compromise or fear.

5. Serve with the Anointing

Anointing is not for self-promotion. It is **for service, not status**. Ephesians 4:11-12 reminds leaders that the anointing equips them **to serve and build others**.

True leadership flows from:

- Serving others
- Equipping teams
- Empowering followers to fulfill their own calling

6. Foster Your Anointing Through Prayer and Obedience

Prayer and obedience are **essential to sustaining the anointing**. Leaders must cultivate a personal walk with God, listening to His guidance, and walking in obedience daily.

“If you remain in Me and My words remain in you, ask whatever you wish, and it will be done for you.” — John 15:7

Consistency in prayer and obedience deepens the anointing and expands its effectiveness.

Conclusion

A Challenge for Leaders

The anointing to lead is God's gift, provided through the Holy Spirit. It empowers leaders to fulfill their calling with **authority, effectiveness, and impact**. Leaders today are called to:

1. **Trust the anointing** God has placed on their lives.
2. **Cultivate the qualities** of calling, character, competence, and conviction.
3. **Serve others boldly**, allowing the Spirit to guide their every step.

As you embrace your anointing, remember: **God does not call the qualified; He qualifies the called**. Step forward in confidence, knowing that the Spirit within empowers you to lead effectively, transform lives, and advance God's Kingdom.

“Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid; do not be discouraged, for the Lord your God will be with you wherever you go.” — Joshua 1:9

Trust in the anointing, nurture it through prayer and obedience, and let God use you to lead with power.

Chapter Seven

Power Secret #7 - The Power of Faith

Introduction

Every great leader—biblical or modern—has one thing in common: **faith**. Not human optimism or wishful thinking, but a deep, unshakable trust in God’s power, character, and promises. Jesus called it *“the God kind of faith”* (Mark 11:22).

Faith is heaven’s currency. It moves mountains, parts seas, opens doors, and conquers giants. Without it, no leader can fulfill God’s calling. With it, nothing is impossible.

“Have faith in God. Truly I tell you, if anyone says to this mountain, ‘Be lifted up and thrown into the sea,’ and does not doubt in his heart, but believes that what he says will happen, it will be done for him.”— Mark 11:22–23

Faith is not a one-time event—it is a way of life. The kind of faith that pleases God believes before seeing, acts before understanding, and persists before results appear.

“Faith sees the invisible, believes the incredible, and receives the impossible.”

Every leader who has made a lasting difference—whether Moses leading Israel, Nehemiah rebuilding the walls, or modern leaders building ministries and businesses—has had to *believe* before they could see.

Faith separates the ordinary from the extraordinary, the natural from the supernatural, and the fearful from the faithful. In the rest of this chapter, we will explore how to unlock this power

secret of leadership and show you **how to put faith into practice as a leader**—how to make faith not just a belief, but a lifestyle that shapes your leadership and impacts everyone you influence.

The God Kind of Faith

Faith. A simple word—yet one of the most profound forces in the universe. For centuries, philosophers, theologians, and believers of every background have wrestled with its meaning. But faith is far more than a concept to be discussed; it is the divine connection between the human heart and the limitless power of God.

Faith: The Unseen Bridge Between God and Man

Faith – the God kind of faith is the unseen bridge between what is and what can be—the very foundation upon which all spiritual life and godly leadership are built.

At its core, faith is a deep and abiding trust in God that transcends reason, defies fear, and perseveres when logic fails. It is the confident assurance that God’s Word is true, even when circumstances scream otherwise.

*“Faith is not a feeling—it is the confident assurance that God’s Word is true,
no matter what we see.”*

Many people call themselves “persons of faith,” but few truly understand the kind of faith that moves mountains—the God kind of faith.

What Is the God Kind of Faith?

To many, faith simply means believing in something—or someone—without proof. But the *God kind of faith*, is much deeper than mental agreement or positive thinking. It is not based on what we see, but on what God has said. It is believing in our heart and speaking with our mouth, fully persuaded that God's Word will come to pass. It's divine faith that flows from God Himself. It was this faith that spoke the universe into existence, calmed storms, opened blind eyes, and raised the dead.

“Have faith in God. For assuredly, I say to you, whoever says to this mountain, ‘Be removed and be cast into the sea,’ and does not doubt in his heart, but believes that those things he says will be done, he will have whatever he says.” — Mark 11:22–23

When Jesus said, “Have faith in God,” the literal translation from the Greek is *“Have the God kind of faith.”* It means to have the same quality of faith God has—the creative, commanding, miracle-working kind.

Faith is a spiritual law. Just as gravity governs the physical realm, faith governs the spiritual. It's how God operates and how He calls us to live. Faith is the divine law that brings heaven's reality into the earth. It activates the promises of God and transfers them from potential into manifestation. Without faith, nothing in the Kingdom of God works.

“But without faith it is impossible to please Him, for he who comes to God must believe that He is, and that He is a rewarder of those who diligently seek Him.” — Hebrews 11:6

Faith is not optional—it is essential. It pleases God because it honors His Word and demonstrates trust in His nature.

Faith: The Unseen Force that Moves the Visible World

Faith is not passive belief; it is power in motion. It is the unseen force that connects us to the infinite promises of God and releases His creative power into our lives. When we truly grasp its significance, faith becomes the light that guides our steps, the strength that sustains us, and the courage that propels us forward into the unknown.

“Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen.” — **Hebrews 11:1**

Faith dispels fear.

Faith ignites hope.

Faith turns the impossible into the possible.

When we lean into God’s promises, faith becomes the unshakable foundation upon which we build our lives and leadership. It empowers us to live boldly, persevere through trials, and walk in victory—even when we cannot yet see the outcome.

“Faith turns the impossible into the possible.”

Faith in Action: The Leadership of the Bible

Faith is more than a personal conviction—it’s a leadership principle. The Bible is, without question, the greatest leadership manual ever written. It is filled with stories of men and women who led not by human strength, but by divine faith.

- **Moses** persevered through impossible odds because he believed the God who called him would also sustain him.
- **Daniel** demonstrated integrity in the face of persecution because his faith anchored him to a higher authority.
- **David** faced giants with courage, not because of his skill with a sling, but because of his confidence in God.
- **Esther** risked her life for her people, trusting in God's divine timing and favor.

And then there is **Jesus**—the ultimate model of faith-filled leadership. He led with power and authority, yet with humility and compassion. Every miracle He performed, every word He spoke, and every act of love He demonstrated flowed from His perfect faith in the Father.

Every great leader in Scripture was led by faith. They didn't wait to see before believing; they believed before seeing.

“Faith-filled leaders see victory before others even see the battlefield.”

These examples are not distant stories—they are divine blueprints for us today. True leadership is not about control, charisma, or credentials—it's about trust. Faith-driven leaders depend fully on God, lead with humility, and serve with love.

Faith and Leadership Today

Even in our modern world, faith remains a vital force in leadership. A recent Gallup study revealed that employees tend to have greater respect and trust for leaders who live out their faith authentically. People are drawn to leaders who are

anchored in values, guided by conviction, and motivated by something higher than personal ambition.

Faith in leadership is not about religious posturing or imposing beliefs—it's about embodying principles that reflect God's heart: integrity, compassion, humility, and courage.

When our leadership is rooted in faith, we become instruments of transformation, shaping workplaces, churches, and communities where people thrive and purpose flourishes.

*“Faith-filled leadership is not about power or position—
it's about influence that flows from character.”*

As Christian leaders, our faith must shine through every decision, conversation, and act of service. It calls us to lead with authenticity, to make hard choices with integrity, and to inspire others not merely through our words, but through lives that mirror the character of Christ.

Faith: The Moral Foundation of True Leadership

In a world marked by rapid change, moral confusion, and cultural instability, leaders are constantly tested. The pressures of compromise, ambition, and fear threaten to erode integrity.

Amid this chaos, faith stands as an unshakable anchor. It reminds us that leadership is not just about skill—it's about the heart.

“Trust in the Lord with all your heart, and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways acknowledge Him, and He shall direct your paths.” — Proverbs 3:5–6

Leadership without faith is like a ship without a rudder—drifting aimlessly, vulnerable to every storm. But faith-centered leadership is guided by divine direction. It calls us to look beyond personal success and serve a higher purpose.

Faith-driven leaders are courageous advocates of righteousness, compassionate listeners, and steadfast stewards of truth. They create environments where integrity flourishes, trust is cultivated, and excellence becomes an act of worship.

“Leadership without faith is like a ship without a rudder.”

Faith That Transforms the Leader and the Led

Faith doesn’t just make us better leaders—it transforms those we lead. When people see a leader who trusts God in adversity, walks in peace under pressure, and treats others with dignity and grace—they are inspired to believe again.

Faith produces fruit: hope in the discouraged, courage in the fearful, and unity in the divided.

Organizations led by faith-filled leaders become more than systems—they become **communities of purpose**. Workplaces become ministries. Decisions become testimonies. Success becomes stewardship.

*“Faith-driven leaders don’t just build organizations—
they build legacies of hope.”*

When leaders choose to lead by faith, they build not just successful organizations—they build legacies of hope, character, and eternal impact.

A Call to Lead by Faith

The world today is hungry for trustworthy leaders—men and women who will not bow to fear or compromise their convictions. This is the hour for faith-filled leaders to rise.

If you are a leader—or aspire to be one—this is your invitation: Let faith be the foundation of your leadership. Let it shape your character, guide your decisions, and anchor your heart.

Embrace humility.

Seek divine guidance.

Stand boldly for what is right.

And never forget that true leadership flows from the inside out—from a heart fully surrendered to God.

Faith-driven leadership is not the easiest path—but it is the most powerful one. It requires courage, patience, and continual dependence on God. Yet those who walk this path discover something extraordinary: leading by faith doesn't just change organizations—it changes lives.

“For we walk by faith, not by sight.”— 2 Corinthians 5:7

And that is the ultimate purpose of leadership: to glorify God by influencing others toward His truth, His love, and His Kingdom.

In the rest of this chapter, we will explore **how to put faith into practice as a leader**—how to cultivate, exercise, and strengthen the God kind of faith that empowers you to lead with confidence, courage, and divine authority.

You Have Faith

First, you need to know and understand you have faith. Too many believers live as though faith were some elusive quality — something a few “super-Christians” possess, while the rest of us are left hoping to find it someday. But that is not what the Bible teaches. You already have faith!

Ephesians 2:8 declares, “*For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God.*” Everything in this verse — grace, salvation, and faith — is a **gift** from God. Grace is His gift. Salvation is His gift. And the faith to receive **His gift** too.

You didn’t manufacture it. You didn’t earn it. God **imparted** His very own faith to you when you were born again. The faith that saved you wasn’t human, emotional, or psychological — it was supernatural. It came from God Himself.

Faith: God’s Own Gift

Romans 12:3 says, “*God hath dealt to every man the measure of faith.*” But notice carefully — Paul wasn’t writing to unbelievers. He said, “*to every man that is among you.*” Who was “you”? The Church — the believers in Rome.

Not every man in the world has the God kind of faith, because 2 Thessalonians 3:2 says plainly, “*For all men have not faith.*” **But** every man or woman who is born again has been given **the measure of God’s faith**.

When you were saved, faith was born inside of you. God didn’t give you a cheap imitation; He placed **His own nature of faith** inside your recreated spirit. Just as you inherited your parents’

DNA when you were born physically, you inherited your Heavenly Father's faith when you were born spiritually.

Faith That Overcomes

This God-kind of faith isn't weak or unstable. It's the same faith that spoke the worlds into existence. It's the faith that raised Jesus from the dead. And that faith now resides in you.

John wrote, *"For whatsoever is born of God overcometh the world: and this is the victory that overcometh the world, even our faith"* (1 John 5:4).

Notice that John didn't say "whosoever," but *"whatsoever."* In other words, **anything** that's born of God has victory encoded into its spiritual DNA. You are a new creation (2 Corinthians 5:17), born of God — and therefore, born to win.

The moment you believed that Jesus is the Christ, you became one of those world-overcomers. Verse 5 drives it home: *"Who is he that overcometh the world, but he that believeth that Jesus is the Son of God?"*

Pastor Tony Evans said, *"Faith is acting like God is telling the truth."* You don't need to feel powerful — you just need to act on what you already believe.

The Difference Between Human Faith and God's Faith

Human faith believes in what it can see, touch, or understand. It says, "I'll sit on this chair because I can see it and trust it to hold me." That's natural, mental faith — and it's limited to the senses.

But **God's faith** operates in a different realm. It believes before it sees. It speaks before it feels. It acts before it understands.

God's faith says, "I believe it because God said it — and that settles it."

When Jesus said in Mark 11:22, "*Have faith in God*," the literal translation is, "*Have the God kind of faith*." He was inviting us to use the very same kind of faith the Father used when He spoke creation into existence. That's the faith that lives inside you right now.

Faith Is Alive in You

God's faith has been implanted into your spirit. It's alive. It's powerful. And it's waiting to be used and developed.

Paul wrote, "*The just shall live by faith*" (Romans 1:17). Notice he didn't say "visit faith" or "try faith." He said live by it. Faith is not an occasional tool you use in emergencies — it's the believer's lifestyle. It's the air of the spirit.

That faith in you is powerful enough to:

- Move mountains (Mark 11:23)
- Heal the sick (James 5:15)
- Supply your needs (Philippians 4:19)
- Overcome fear (2 Timothy 1:7)
- And defeat every attack of the enemy (Ephesians 6:16)

As Pastor Kenneth Hagin used to say, "*You don't need more faith; you just need to use the faith you've got.*" **We need to develop the faith we have.**

The Challenge

Start using and developing the measure of faith God has given you. Feed it. Speak it. Act on it. Faith unused is faith that atrophies. You can increase or develop your faith.

Faith is like our muscles. We all have muscles. You can't say you don't have muscles, but not everyone has fully developed their muscles to the same strength. We all have the potential to be a Mr. or Ms. Universe. However, it depends on how and whether you choose to develop the muscles you have.

How do you develop your muscles? With the right diet and the right exercise. It is the same for our faith. To develop your faith you need the right spiritual diet and the right spiritual exercise. Jesus identified those with no faith, little faith, and great faith. We all have the potential to be people of great faith. How do we become people of great faith? Let's look at the what the source of faith is and how we can develop our faith.

The Source of Faith

Faith doesn't appear out of thin air. It isn't positive thinking, wishful dreaming, or the result of intense determination. Faith has a divine origin — it comes from **God Himself** and is rooted in His **Word**. Romans 10:17 says it plainly: *“So then faith comes by hearing, and hearing by the Word of God.”* The God kind of faith begins when the will of God is known. You cannot believe beyond your knowledge of His Word.

When you feed on the Word of God, faith rises naturally in your spirit — just as strength rises when you feed your body. The Bible is not merely a book of information; it is a **living source of revelation**. Each time you read and meditate on it, something supernatural happens: the Holy Spirit breathes fresh life into your spirit and ignites faith that empowers you to believe and act. So, the diet our faith needs is the WORD OF GOD. Jesus said, *“**Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceeds from the mouth of God.**”* (Matthew 4:4)

As Smith Wigglesworth once said, *“I am not moved by what I see. I am not moved by what I feel. I am moved only by what I believe. And I believe God.”* This is the attitude of those who have learned the source of faith. Faith is not built on what the eyes see or the emotions feel, but on what God has said.

Faith Must Be Released

Faith must also be **acted upon**. The Word of God was never meant to be studied only; it was meant to be **lived**. James 1:22 commands us, *“Be doers of the Word, and not hearers only, deceiving your own selves.”*

When you act on the Word, you give life to your faith. James 2:17 makes it clear: *“Faith without works is dead.”* One translation says, *“Faith without corresponding action will not work.”* That means believing God’s promises must lead to doing something about them. When you put faith into action you are “exercising your faith”.

Jesus said in John 3:21, *“He that doeth truth cometh to the light, that his deeds may be made manifest, that they are wrought in God.”* Faith shines brightest not in our declarations alone but in our obedience. Acting on the truth brings the power of God into visible manifestation.

As Pastor Charles Capps used to say, *“Faith is released by words, but it is perfected by action.”* You can’t talk one way and act another. If you say you believe God’s Word, your actions must agree with what you say.

Acting on God’s Word

Faith begins by planting God’s Word in your heart. That means intentionally meditating on what He says until it becomes more

real to you than what you see, hear, or feel. Then, as an act of your will, choose to believe it. Speak it with conviction and act accordingly.

You can't keep talking doubt and unbelief while expecting faith results. You can't act like the Bible isn't true and still expect it to work for you. **Faith requires alignment**—between your heart, your mouth, and your actions.

The Bible says, *“God is our refuge and strength”* (Psalm 46:1). So talk strong. Act strong. Walk strong. Even when you feel weak, speak what God says, not what your feelings shout. Your faith will begin to rise to the level of your confession.

The Bible says, *“By His stripes you were healed”* (1 Peter 2:24). So act healed. Speak health. Thank God for His healing power before you see or feel the result. That's not denial — that's faith! Faith receives what God has already provided through Christ.

The Bible says, *“My God shall supply all your need according to His riches in glory by Christ Jesus”* (Philippians 4:19). So speak as though your needs are met, because according to God's Word, **they already are**. Faith does not wait for manifestation to believe — faith believes, and then manifestation follows.

Kenneth E. Hagin put it this way: *“Faith begins where the will of God is known.”* Once you know what God says, the only proper response is to act like it's true — because it is.

Confession of Faith

The key that unlocks faith are the words we speak. 2 Corinthians 4:13 says, *“And since we have the same spirit of faith, according to what is written, “I believed and therefore I spoke,” we also*

believe and therefore speak". The spirit of faith is believing in the heart and speaking it with our mouth. Here is a powerful confession of faith you should learn, memorize and speak:

"I am not moved by what I see.
I am not moved by what I feel.
I am moved only by what I believe.
The victory is mine! I have it now!
I can see it through the eye of faith!"

This confession is not wishful thinking — it is a declaration of alignment with heaven. It reminds your heart that God's promises are more reliable than human circumstances.

Faith takes God at His Word, acts like it's true, talks like it's true, and lives like it's true — until what is unseen becomes seen. That is the God kind of faith.

A Challenge to the Believer

Every believer must decide what voice they will trust most — the voice of God's Word or the voice of circumstance. Faith comes when you hear God's voice above the noise of doubt, fear, and reasoning.

Pastor Tony Evans once said, *"Faith is acting like something is so, even when it's not so, in order that it might be so — simply because God said so."* That's what it means to live by faith.

If you will fill your heart with the Word, speak it continually, and act in agreement with it, your faith will grow stronger and your results more consistent. Faith is not a momentary burst of belief — it is a lifestyle of trusting God, speaking His promises, and stepping forward before the evidence appears.

So, ask yourself:

- Am I feeding on the Word daily?
- Am I speaking in line with what God says?
- Am I acting as though His promises are already true in my life?

The source of faith is God's Word. But the strength of faith is in obedience. The moment you act on what God has said — even when you don't see the outcome — you release heaven's power into your situation.

That's the difference between ordinary faith and the God kind of faith.

The next time you face a mountain, don't complain about it, or even pray about it — speak to it with the spirit of faith. That's what Jesus told us to do in Mark 11:23. You have enough of God's very own faith in you right now to overcome anything the world, the flesh, or the devil can throw at you.

It's time to believe it, declare it, and walk in it.

You Are a Faith Being

God is a faith being. He creates, commands, and operates by faith. And you, being born of Him, are designed to function the same way. Faith is your native language as a child of God.

Ephesians 6:10 tells us, *“Be strong in the Lord, and in the power of His might.”* When you put on the full armor of God, you're literally clothed in His strength. Verse 16 says, *“Above all, taking the shield of faith, wherewith ye shall be able to quench all the fiery darts of the wicked.”*

That means your faith is stronger than anything the devil can fire at you. Every doubt, fear, and temptation must fall powerless when your shield is up. But if you lift your faceplate and start wondering, “Did it really work?” — you’ve lowered your shield. Doubt gives the enemy an open door.

Never forget: **wonderment will never replace faith.** Faith doesn’t question; it believes and acts. When you stand your ground in faith, the devil cannot tell the difference between you and Jesus — because you’re wearing His armor, speaking His Word, and using His Name.

As Pastor Mark Batterson once said, “*Faith is taking the first step before God reveals the second.*” When you do, you discover the power of God already working inside you.

Start saying, “I have the faith of God living in me.”

How to Put Faith into Practice as a Leader

Faith is not meant to remain an abstract idea—it is meant to be *lived*. The God kind of faith is active, not passive. It moves, speaks, and acts.

Faith-filled leaders don’t just talk about trust—they demonstrate it through their decisions, attitudes, and perseverance. True faith is not confined to Sunday morning worship; it is woven into the way we lead every day.

“Faith that is not practiced is faith that is wasted.”

Here are four powerful ways to activate faith in your leadership:

1. Hearing and Obeying God’s Word
2. Speaking Faith-Filled Words

3. Acting Boldly in Obedience
4. Persevering Until the Promise Comes

1. Hear and Obey God's Word

Faith begins where the will of God is known. You cannot believe for what you do not understand. Every faith decision starts with hearing God's Word. (Romans 10:17)

When you read the Bible, you are not just learning principles—you are hearing the voice of your Commander. Faith grows when you make His Word your daily source of direction and confidence. Read it, hear it, speak it, and meditate upon it.

Abraham heard God say, *“Leave your country and go to the land I will show you.”* He didn't know the route or the destination—but he trusted the voice. That simple act of obedience turned a nomad into a nation.

“Faith begins where the Word is believed—and it grows where the Word is obeyed.”

Real-Life Example: A Pastor's Step of Faith

When Pastor John Osteen felt God prompting him to start a church in Houston with no financial backing, many said it was impossible. Yet he obeyed. That small gathering in a feed store became Lakewood Church—now one of the largest congregations in America. His obedience to God's voice transformed thousands of lives.

Reflection Questions

1. How consistently am I listening for God's direction through His Word?

2. What recent step of obedience has strengthened my faith?
3. Is there an instruction from God I've delayed acting on?

2. Speak Faith-Filled Words

Faith must be spoken. What you say determines what you see. Words are spiritual containers—they carry either faith or fear. A leader's speech sets the atmosphere of faith within a team or ministry. Faith-filled leaders refuse to speak defeat when God has promised victory. Job 22:28 says, *You shall declare a thing, And it will be established for you; ”.*

“Faith speaks what God says, not what fear feels.”

Before facing Goliath, David declared, *“The Lord will deliver you into my hand.”* His faith was expressed through his words before it was proven by his actions. What you say today determines the battles you win tomorrow.

Real-Life Example: A Business Leader's Declaration

A Christian entrepreneur once faced bankruptcy after a major client canceled a contract. Instead of declaring failure, he began to confess daily, *“God supplies all my needs according to His riches in glory.”* Within months, new doors opened—bigger than before. His words of faith created the foundation for a comeback.

Reflection Questions

1. Do my words align with faith or fear?
2. How can I use my speech to build courage in others?
3. What promises of God should I be declaring daily?

3. Act Boldly in Obedience

Faith without action is powerless. Believing alone is not enough—faith acts. (James 2:18) Faith is demonstrated through courageous obedience. When God speaks, leaders must respond—even when the path isn't clear.

“Faith acts on God’s Word as if it were already done.”

When Jesus said, “Come,” Peter stepped out of the boat. He walked on water—not because conditions were calm, but because his focus was on Christ. True faith always takes the next step, even when it feels uncertain.

Real-Life Example: Missionary Faith in Action

Hudson Taylor, founder of the China Inland Mission, once faced severe lack while serving in China. Yet he refused to ask people for money—he asked God. Time after time, provision arrived just in time. His bold obedience inspired countless missionaries to trust God fully.

Faith doesn't wait for guarantees—it moves on God's word.

Reflection Questions

1. What bold step of faith is God asking me to take right now?
2. What fears or excuses hold me back from action?
3. How can I demonstrate courageous faith to those I lead?

4. Persevere Until the Promise Comes

The God kind of faith doesn't quit. It endures through seasons of silence and delay. (Hebrews 10:36) Faith that gives up too soon

never sees results. Between promise and fulfillment lies the testing ground of patience.

“Enduring faith turns waiting into worship and trials into testimonies.”

Joseph received a dream at seventeen—but it took thirteen years of betrayal, imprisonment, and obscurity before he stood before Pharaoh. Through every setback, he kept believing. When his moment came, he was ready to lead because his faith had been refined.

Real-Life Example: Building Faith Over Time

When Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. faced threats, opposition, and imprisonment, he didn’t abandon his faith in God’s promise of justice. His perseverance inspired a movement that changed history. Faith sustained him when results were unseen.

Reflection Questions

1. How do I respond when my faith is tested?
2. Do I trust God’s timing even when progress is slow?
3. What has God taught me through seasons of waiting?

Putting It All Together

Faith is the invisible force that connects us to the power and promises of God. It is the foundation of godly leadership, the compass that keeps us steady, and the spark that ignites transformation. It is the master key of leadership. It is how we see beyond limitations, believe in God’s promises, and lead with divine confidence.

It's time to silence the voice of reason and tune your heart to the frequency of faith.

Faith doesn't explain—it expects.

Faith doesn't calculate—it conquers.

Faith doesn't wait—it wins.

When you lead by faith—hearing, speaking, acting, and persevering—you reflect the very nature of God. You lead not by sight, but by revelation. You don't just manage people—you move hearts. You don't just pursue goals—you fulfill divine purpose.

“Faith-filled leaders don't wait for perfect conditions; they move at God's command.”

Faith transforms not just circumstances—but the leader himself. It produces confidence, peace, and unshakable resolve. It invites the supernatural into ordinary leadership. The Power of Faith is the 7th Secret Power of Godly Leadership

Reflection and Leadership Challenge

1. Which of the four practices—hearing, speaking, acting, or persevering—needs strengthening in my life?
2. How does my faith influence the way I make decisions and lead others?
3. What mountain in my leadership do I need to speak to by faith this week?

“Faith doesn't just change circumstances—it changes the leader.”

CHAPTER EIGHT

5 Power Lines

for Spirit Empowered Leadership

Introduction

We have just finished sharing all about the 7 Power Secrets of Godly leadership. These power secrets when discovered and put into practice take leadership to a whole new level. Leadership becomes “supernatural”. When a leader takes the natural leadership abilities, processes, and systems they have mastered and couple them with the power of the Holy Spirit, gifts of the spirit and the anointing to lead they step into a higher dimension of leadership. However there is another important fundamental component needed to access these power secrets – it is what I call - “The Transmission Power Lines”.

Imagine standing on a hill overlooking a city at night. As the sun fades, the skyline bursts to life—thousands of lights flicker on across homes, businesses, and streets. Every glowing bulb, every humming machine, every illuminated sign is alive because power is flowing through an invisible network of lines stretched high above the ground.

These power lines don’t create the electricity—they **carry** it. The real source of power lies at the generating station miles away. But without those lines—those strong, steady, well-connected channels—the power would never reach the people who need it.

In the same way, **Spirit-empowered leadership** is not about generating your own power—it's about **carrying the power of God** to others. The Holy Spirit is the divine power plant, but your character is the set of power lines that transmits His strength, wisdom, and presence into your life and your leadership.

Let's look at the five essential "power lines"; 1. Integrity, 2. Authenticity, 3. Humility, 4. Courage, and 5. Perseverance all of which keep the power of God flowing into and through you as a leader:

1. Integrity

The Strength of the Lines

Integrity is the tensile steel of leadership—the inner strength that keeps the power lines from snapping when the storm hits. When hurricane winds rage and branches strike against the lines, the power grid is tested. Weak cables break, poles collapse, and entire neighborhoods go dark.

So, it is with leadership. When the winds of criticism blow, when temptation weighs heavy, or when the pressure to compromise mounts—integrity is what determines whether your leadership stands or falls. Without integrity, influence may sparkle for a season, but it cannot endure. The moment character fractures, trust evaporates, and the flow of the Spirit's power is disrupted.

As Billy Graham wisely said, *"Integrity is the glue that holds our way of life together."* Without that glue, even the most gifted leader eventually unravels.

Integrity: The Core Conductor of Power

Integrity is not simply about being honest—it is about being whole. The word comes from the Latin *integer*, meaning *entire* or *complete*. A leader with integrity is the same in public as in private, in the spotlight as in the shadows. There are no hidden wires, no secret disconnects, no false fronts.

It is the bedrock of Spirit-empowered leadership because it allows the current of God’s power to flow freely to and through a leader’s life without short circuits caused by hypocrisy, deceit, or double-mindedness.

True integrity is alignment—between your **actions and your beliefs**, your **private life and your public role**, and most importantly, between your **heart and God’s Word**.

Pastor Charles Stanley put it well:

“A person of integrity is one who is the same in private as they are in public. When you have integrity, you don’t have to remember what you said. Truth is consistent.”

The Bible’s View of Integrity

Scripture leaves no room for ambiguity on the value of integrity. Proverbs 11:3 declares:

“The integrity of the upright guides them, but the unfaithful are destroyed by their duplicity.”

Integrity, then, is not merely a moral ornament—it’s a **guiding principle**. It is the internal compass that keeps a leader’s direction true when the path is uncertain. The leader without it becomes like a downed power line—dangerous, unstable, and disconnected from the source.

Integrity ensures that a leader's influence flows in alignment with heaven's current. It is what allows the Holy Spirit to transmit His wisdom, authority, and love to us and through us without distortion.

John Maxwell summarizes it this way:

“Image is what people think we are. Integrity is what we really are.”

And in the end, leadership is **not** about impressing people—it's about **impacting them with authenticity**.

Honesty in All Things

Honesty is the clearest expression of integrity—it's what keeps the line strong and unbroken. A leader's words should be truthful whether in the pulpit, the boardroom, or the quiet conversation no one else will hear.

Proverbs 12:22 reminds us, *“The Lord detests lying lips, but He delights in those who tell the truth.”*

Honesty isn't just about avoiding lies—it's about embracing transparency. Leaders of integrity admit mistakes, keep their promises, and refuse to manipulate truth for personal gain. They understand that even a “small lie” weakens the cable of credibility.

Rick Warren once said, *“The greatest gift you can give your team is your honesty. It builds trust faster than talent.”*

A leader's word should be as dependable as the sunrise. When people know they can trust your words, they'll follow your leadership even through the darkest nights.

Faithful in the Small Things

The real test of integrity doesn't come when the crowds are watching—it comes in the unseen, everyday moments. Jesus said in Luke 16:10,

“If you are faithful in little things, you will be faithful in large ones.”

Integrity is proven in the small, quiet choices:

- Choosing not to cut corners when no one will notice.
- Treating employees with respect when you hold all the power.
- Refusing to gossip even when the opportunity is tempting.
- Following through on commitments, even when inconvenient.

Every small decision either strengthens or weakens your power line. When you are faithful in the “minor voltages,” God can trust you with greater currents of influence.

Pastor Andy Stanley put it simply:

“Your character is more important than your career. Who you are will ultimately determine what you can sustain.”

Faithfulness in small things is the maintenance work that keeps your leadership grid from corroding over time.

Daniel: A Model of Unbreakable Integrity

Few biblical figures demonstrate integrity under pressure like **Daniel**. Taken captive to Babylon, surrounded by idolatry and compromise, Daniel remained unbent and unbroken. His

enemies tried to find fault in him, but Daniel 6:4 records, *“They could find no corruption in him, because he was trustworthy and neither corrupt nor negligent.”*

Even when threatened with death in the lions’ den, Daniel’s integrity did not waver. His character was not situational—it was constant. He didn’t adjust his convictions based on convenience. His integrity was the steel cable that kept the current of God’s favor flowing through his life and leadership.

Like Daniel, Spirit-empowered leaders today must refuse to compromise truth even when it costs them comfort, position, or popularity. When your convictions are anchored in God’s Word, no storm can sever the line.

Integrity Connects You to the Source

Without integrity, a leader becomes spiritually disconnected—like a downed wire sparking without purpose. The lights may flicker for a while, but without reconnection to the Source, the power fades.

Integrity keeps your leadership securely connected to God, the power plant of all spiritual strength. It allows His power to move through you freely, touching lives, inspiring faith, and transforming environments.

Leadership expert John Wooden said,

“Be more concerned with your character than your reputation, because your character is what you really are, while your reputation is merely what others think you are.”

When character is strong, the current flows strong. When integrity holds, influence multiplies.

Integrity Keeps the Current Flowing

Integrity doesn't make you perfect—it makes you real. It doesn't eliminate pressure—it makes you strong enough to withstand it. The storms of leadership will come, but leaders of integrity stand tall and unshaken.

Integrity holds the weight of trust. It ensures that the power of the Spirit isn't short-circuited by hidden sin, divided motives, or moral compromise. It keeps the current flowing—**strong, steady, and unbroken**—so the light of Christ shines through your leadership.

Because when your integrity is intact, you don't just lead with authority—you lead with power.

“Integrity is the strength of the line—without it, the power of the Spirit cannot flow.”

2. Authenticity

The Insulation That Protects the Flow

If integrity is the strength of the leadership line, **authenticity** is its insulation—the protective layer that keeps the current flowing clean and pure. It prevents the high-voltage power of the Spirit from leaking, shorting, or grounding out through pride, pretense, or performance.

You can have the strongest cable in the world, but if it isn't properly insulated, the energy it carries becomes dangerous. The same current meant to bring light can spark destruction. Similarly, when a leader loses authenticity, when they begin to

perform rather than live in truth, the very power meant to bless others becomes distorted and unsafe.

Authenticity, then, is the sacred insulation that allows the Spirit's power to flow to and through a leader without corruption. It keeps your leadership safe, stable, and Spirit-led.

Authenticity: The Real You, Empowered by the Real Spirit

Authenticity is being *real*—not perfect, not polished, not pretending—just real. It's leading from who you are, not who you think people want you to be. It's allowing the same person God sees in private to show up in public.

In a world obsessed with image, platforms, and perception, authenticity has become a rare and radical virtue. Many leaders feel pressured to project confidence, strength, and certainty even when their hearts are tired, afraid, or unsure. But God doesn't anoint an image—He anoints *a person*.

Craig Groeschel puts it beautifully:

“People would rather follow a leader who is always real than one who is always right.”

Authenticity invites connection because people can relate to the real you. When followers sense authenticity, they sense safety. They realize, *“If my leader can be human and still love God passionately, maybe I can too.”*

That's when ministry happens—not through perfection, but through transparency touched by grace.

The Power of Being Genuine

Imagine walking under a row of power lines. You can't see the electricity inside them, but you trust that the power is there because of the way the lights shine in the distance. You trust that the lines are insulated and the current is safe.

That's what authenticity does—it builds trust. It tells people, *“The power flowing through me is real—and it's safe to draw near.”*

Inauthentic leaders, however, create static. The power might still flow, but the connection is painful. People sense something's off—an inconsistency between what's said and what's lived, between the public message and private motives. Over time, that inconsistency erodes credibility.

Jesus had no tolerance for pretense. His harshest words were for those who wore religious masks. In Matthew 23:27, He said:

“Woe to you, teachers of the law and Pharisees, you hypocrites! You are like whitewashed tombs, which look beautiful on the outside but on the inside are full of the bones of the dead.”

To the world, hypocrisy is insulation cracked wide open. The current that once illuminated now burns.

Authentic leaders, on the other hand, may not be flawless—but their flaws are surrendered to God. They live openly, repent quickly, and lead honestly. Their authenticity doesn't make them less spiritual—it makes them more relatable, and therefore, more powerful.

Authenticity and the Anointing

The Holy Spirit's anointing flows best through vessels that are real. Oil doesn't soak into marble—it soaks into clay. God's power fills honest, surrendered hearts, not polished facades.

Pastor T.D. Jakes once said,

“God cannot bless who you pretend to be. He blesses who you really are.”

When you stop pretending, you give the Spirit permission to flow freely through your life. You don't have to fake joy when you're filled with the real thing. You don't have to perform peace when you're living in it.

Authenticity removes the religious varnish and allows the true grain of grace to show. The anointing becomes more visible—not because of eloquence or appearance—but because people can see *Jesus* through your transparency.

Paul expressed this beautifully in 2 Corinthians 4:7:

“But we have this treasure in jars of clay to show that this all-surpassing power is from God and not from us.”

Paul never tried to hide his humanity. He talked openly about weakness, suffering, and failure—but always in a way that glorified Christ's strength. That's authenticity in action.

Authenticity doesn't diminish your anointing—it *deepens* it. It allows others to see that the source of your strength is not your ability, but your surrender.

The Trap of Image-Based Leadership

We live in an age where leaders are often measured by image rather than integrity. Social media rewards charisma over

character, polish over purity. Many leaders begin by pursuing God's presence but end up protecting their platform.

That's a dangerous exchange. The moment a leader starts managing an image instead of cultivating authenticity, they begin to lose insulation. The current leaks. The Spirit's power gets mixed with self-promotion, and the message loses its purity.

Pastor A.W. Tozer once warned,

“We must never mistake the glamour of leadership for the glory of God.”

Leaders who are driven by image end up performing for applause instead of living for the approval of God. The result? Burnout, cynicism, and disconnection from the Source.

Jesus modeled something completely different. He led with such authenticity that His followers didn't just hear His words—they *felt His heart*. He wept openly, prayed honestly, and lived transparently before His Father. There was no difference between Jesus in the pulpit (the hillside) and Jesus in private prayer.

That's why His leadership changed the world—because it was *real*.

Authenticity Creates Trust

Trust is the currency of leadership, and authenticity is its mint. People will forgive mistakes, but they won't forgive manipulation. They'll overlook weakness, but not deceit.

When people know you're genuine, they follow you willingly. When they sense pretense, they follow you cautiously—or not at all.

Authenticity builds bridges that no title or position ever could. It invites people to drop their guard because you've dropped yours first.

As John Maxwell notes,

“Leaders become great not because of their power, but because of their ability to empower others.”

And you empower others most when you lead transparently—when your story, your struggles, and your sincerity give them permission to believe that God can use them too.

Authenticity turns leadership from a performance into a partnership. It shifts focus from *“Look at me”* to *“Look at what God can do through me.”*

Authenticity in Scripture: The Example of Peter

Few biblical figures illustrate authenticity like **Peter**. Peter was impulsive, outspoken, and flawed—but he was *real*. When he believed, he declared it boldly; when he doubted, he admitted it. When he failed, he wept bitterly—and when Jesus restored him, he didn't hide his past.

After denying Christ three times, Peter could have disappeared into shame. Instead, he allowed the grace of God to rewrite his story. In Acts 2, this same Peter stood before thousands, proclaiming Jesus with conviction and clarity. He wasn't pretending to be perfect—he was proclaiming the power of redemption.

Peter's authenticity gave his message credibility. People listened because they knew this was the same man who had stumbled—and been restored.

Authenticity doesn't mean showcasing your failures; it means being honest about them when honesty can heal someone else. The power of authenticity is that it turns your story into someone else's hope.

The Freedom of Living Unmasked

Living without authenticity is exhausting. It takes enormous energy to maintain appearances, to keep masks in place, to say one thing while feeling another. But when you choose authenticity, you choose freedom.

Freedom to admit weakness.

Freedom to celebrate others.

Freedom to let God be strong where you are not.

Jesus calls us into that freedom. In John 8:32, He said,

“You will know the truth, and the truth will set you free.”

Authentic leaders are free leaders. They're not bound by performance or people-pleasing. They no longer need to impress because they've been embraced by grace. Their leadership flows from identity, not insecurity.

As Brennan Manning once wrote,

“The greatest gift I can give is to be who I am before God—nothing more, nothing less.”

When you lead from that posture, people see God's power flowing through you without interference. Your life becomes a conduit of the Spirit's presence—safe, stable, and effective.

The Dangers of Pretending

When leaders lose authenticity, they lose insulation. The power still flows, but it begins to arc and spark. Eventually, it burns out or causes damage.

Pretending breeds hypocrisy, and hypocrisy breeds distance—from God and from people.

King Saul is a sobering example. He began with humility but lost authenticity as he became consumed with image and control. When Samuel confronted him in 1 Samuel 15, Saul admitted, *“I have sinned. But please honor me before the elders of my people.”*

Even in repentance, Saul was more concerned with appearance than transformation. He wanted to *look* spiritual rather than *be* spiritual. That's what caused the Spirit to depart from him.

Authenticity, in contrast, is what drew the Spirit so powerfully to David. Though David also sinned, he never hid from truth. He cried out in Psalm 51:6,

“Behold, You desire truth in the innermost being.”

That's what authenticity looks like—truth in the inward parts. God can work with that. He can't fill a mask, but He can anoint a heart that's honest before Him.

Cultivating Authenticity in Leadership

Authenticity doesn't happen automatically; it's cultivated intentionally. Here are a few ways to keep your leadership insulated and the current pure:

- 1. Stay Connected to the Source.**

Spend time with God not to prepare messages, but to know Him personally. The more you encounter His presence, the less you'll feel the need to impress people.

- 2. Be Honest About Weakness.**

Vulnerability isn't a liability—it's a testimony. When you share your struggles appropriately, it opens the door for others to find healing.

- 3. Surround Yourself with Truth-Tellers.**

Every leader needs people who love them enough to speak honestly. Insulation wears thin when you only hear applause.

- 4. Reject Comparison.**

The quickest way to lose authenticity is to compare your calling to someone else's. God doesn't anoint copies. He anoints originals.

- 5. Live Repentantly.**

Keep short accounts with God. When you sin, confess quickly. Authentic leaders don't hide flaws—they bring them into the light so the Holy Spirit can heal them.

When these practices become part of your rhythm, your leadership remains well-insulated against pride, hypocrisy, and burnout.

Authenticity Keeps the Flow Safe and Pure

Think again of those high-tension power lines stretching across the sky. You can't see the electricity within them, but you trust that it's there. What allows that trust is the insulation—thick, reliable, and intact.

Likewise, people may not see the Holy Spirit flowing through your life, but they'll feel the effects—peace, joy, truth, and love. And they'll trust your leadership because they sense the current is pure and safe.

Authenticity doesn't make you more polished; it makes you *more powerful*. It doesn't elevate you above people; it brings you closer to them. It removes the barriers of pretense so the power of God can flow directly from your heart into theirs.

As Pastor Erwin McManus wrote,

“The world doesn't need more perfect leaders—it needs more honest ones.”

Authentic leaders light the way by living truthfully, loving deeply, and leading transparently. They don't just carry the power of the Spirit—they carry it safely, faithfully, and purely.

When the Insulation Holds, the Power Flows

When your leadership is insulated by authenticity, you become a safe conductor of God's power. People sense His presence

when they're around you. They're drawn to your sincerity, not your skill. They trust your words because they see your walk.

And when the storms of leadership come—when criticism strikes, disappointment hits, or temptation whispers—you don't burn out or break down. The insulation holds. The current keeps flowing.

Because authenticity keeps you real, grounded, and fully connected to the Source of all power—Jesus Christ.

“Authenticity is the insulation of leadership—it keeps the power of the Spirit pure, safe, and flowing freely through a life that's real.”

3. Humility

The Poles That Keep the Lines Elevated

If integrity is the strength of the leadership line and authenticity the insulation that protects its flow, then **humility** is the set of poles that keep those lines lifted high above the ground.

Without poles, the wires sag, tangle, and eventually touch the earth—short-circuiting the very power they were meant to carry. Likewise, when humility is missing from a leader's life, pride pulls the line of influence down to the ground level of human ego. The current still flows for a time, but it no longer travels far, and the danger of burnout or breakdown increases dramatically.

Humility keeps the line lifted, elevated, and clear. It holds leadership aloft so the power of God can flow unhindered,

reaching hearts far beyond what any human strength could accomplish.

Humility: The Posture That Lifts Leadership

True humility is not thinking less of yourself—it's thinking of yourself less. It's refusing to see yourself as the source of the power, but rather as the structure that helps carry it.

Rick Warren said it best:

“Humility is not denying your strengths. It's being honest about your weaknesses.”

Humility doesn't mean you hide your gifts or shy away from leadership—it means you recognize that every gift you have, every influence you wield, and every success you experience is *borrowed power* from God.

A humble leader remembers that the power belongs to the Source, not the system. Your position doesn't make you powerful—God's presence does.

When you understand that truth, leadership no longer becomes about control or credit; it becomes about service and surrender.

Jesus embodied that posture. Philippians 2:6–8 says:

“Though He was God, He did not think of equality with God as something to cling to. Instead, He gave up His divine privileges; He took the humble position of a servant and was born as a human being. When He appeared in human form, He humbled Himself in obedience to God and died a criminal's death on a cross.”

If the Son of God could stoop to serve, so must we. Leadership without humility ceases to look like Jesus.

Pride Pulls the Lines Down

Every storm that damages a power line begins with pressure from above or below—something that causes the poles to lean or fall. Pride works the same way. It pushes from beneath or pulls from within, bringing down what was meant to stay lifted.

Pride is subtle. It rarely announces itself with arrogance; it often disguises itself as confidence, ambition, or passion. But while humility looks up to God, pride looks down on others.

Proverbs 16:18 warns,

“Pride goes before destruction, and a haughty spirit before a fall.”

Pride doesn’t just ruin reputations—it disconnects leaders from divine power. God cannot pour His strength into a vessel that’s already full of self.

Pastor Charles Spurgeon once said,

“The higher a man is in grace, the lower he will be in his own estimation.”

In other words, the closer you walk with God, the more aware you become of how utterly dependent you are on Him. That awareness keeps the pole upright—it keeps you grounded in grace and elevated in purpose.

When humility holds your leadership high, pride has no place to land.

The Secret Strength of Low Places

In God's Kingdom, the way up is down. The path to authority runs through servanthood. The greatest leaders in Scripture were those who learned to bow before they could stand tall.

Consider **Moses**. He led millions, spoke with God face-to-face, and performed miracles no one had ever seen. Yet Numbers 12:3 says,

“Now Moses was a very humble man, more humble than anyone else on the face of the earth.”

Moses wasn't born humble—he was made humble. Forty years in the desert taught him that God doesn't use proud princes; He uses broken shepherds who lean on His staff.

Humility is the desert that prepares you for the promised land of leadership.

David learned the same truth. Before he held a scepter, he held a slingshot. Before he sat on a throne, he served in obscurity. David never demanded promotion—he waited for God to lift him. And because he waited, when he was finally elevated, he could handle the weight of the crown.

Psalms 75:6–7 reminds us,

“For promotion cometh neither from the east, nor from the west, nor from the south. But God is the judge: he putteth down one, and setteth up another.”

The humble leader doesn't climb ladders—they let God raise poles.

Humility Keeps You Elevated but Grounded

It seems paradoxical: humility keeps the lines elevated, but it also keeps you grounded. That's because true humility doesn't mean thinking of yourself as worthless—it means knowing your true worth *in relation to God*.

A power pole stands tall, but its strength lies underground. Its stability depends on how deeply it's anchored. The higher the pole, the deeper the foundation must be.

So it is with leaders. The more visible your role, the deeper your humility must go. Without that depth, influence becomes dangerous.

Jesus said in Matthew 23:12,

“Whoever exalts himself will be humbled, and whoever humbles himself will be exalted.”

Humility doesn't lower your impact—it raises your elevation without compromising your stability. The poles that stand tallest are the ones sunk deepest in surrender.

Pastor Andrew Murray captured it perfectly:

“Humility is nothing but the disappearance of self in the vision that God is all.”

When your eyes are fixed on God's greatness, there's no room for self-glorification—only gratitude that He chose to use you at all.

Humility Protects the Flow of Power

Humility not only lifts leadership—it **protects** it. It keeps the flow of the Spirit from becoming contaminated by ego or ambition.

When power lines sag, they begin to touch trees, rooftops, and metal signs. Sparks fly, and fires start. When leaders sag into pride or self-importance, spiritual fires of conflict, division, and burnout erupt.

But humility keeps the line clear. It prevents interference by keeping the leader low before God and high above offense.

A humble leader doesn't need to win every argument. They don't need to be seen, celebrated, or thanked. They don't lead for applause—they lead from assignment.

Jesus modeled this perfectly. On the night before His crucifixion, knowing all authority had been given to Him, He knelt to wash His disciples' feet. John 13:3–5 tells us,

“Jesus knew that the Father had given Him authority over everything... so He got up from the table, took off His robe, wrapped a towel around His waist, and began to wash the disciples' feet.”

That's real power—power under control. Authority expressed through humility.

As Pastor John Stott once said, “At every stage of our Christian development, and in every sphere of our Christian discipleship, pride is the greatest enemy and humility our greatest friend.”

Humility keeps the Spirit's current flowing smoothly—pure, controlled, and purposeful.

The Humility of Christ: Our Model for Leadership

No leader has ever demonstrated humility like Jesus. Though He was the Creator, He served His creation. Though He was the King, He wore a servant's towel.

Philippians 2 shows that humility is not weakness—it's strength under submission. Christ's humility wasn't about insecurity; it was about intentional surrender.

He knew who He was—"the Son of God"—and precisely because of that, He chose to stoop.

In John 10:18, Jesus said of His life,

"No one takes it from me, but I lay it down of my own accord."

That's humility—not being forced low, but willingly lowering yourself for the sake of others.

Humility in leadership means choosing the towel over the title, service over spotlight, and obedience over outcome. It means being more concerned with faithfulness than fame.

And here's the paradox of the Kingdom: when you humble yourself, God doesn't leave you low—He lifts you.

James 4:10 promises,

"Humble yourselves before the Lord, and He will lift you up."

The poles of humility never collapse under pressure because they're supported by God's own hands.

Humility Builds Trust and Unity

Humility not only connects you to God—it connects you to people. Nothing builds trust faster than humility, and nothing destroys it faster than pride.

A humble leader listens. They admit when they're wrong. They defer credit. They elevate others. And in doing so, they make room for others to rise.

C.S. Lewis said,

“Humility is not thinking less of yourself; it's thinking of yourself less.”

When humility marks a team or church, unity thrives. Pride competes; humility collaborates. Pride seeks to be heard; humility seeks to understand. Pride divides; humility multiplies.

In Ephesians 4:2–3, Paul urges us,

“Be completely humble and gentle; be patient, bearing with one another in love. Make every effort to keep the unity of the Spirit through the bond of peace.”

When leaders model humility, it trickles down through the entire organization. Suddenly, people stop fighting for recognition and start fighting for one another.

That's the kind of leadership that draws heaven's attention and earth's respect.

The Long-Term Elevation of Humility

Humility doesn't always bring quick results—but it always brings lasting fruit.

In the short term, pride may seem to elevate faster. Pride builds towers; humility plants poles. Towers rise quickly but crumble under their own weight. Poles rise slowly but stay standing through generations.

1 Peter 5:5–6 says,

“All of you, clothe yourselves with humility toward one another, because,

‘God opposes the proud but gives grace to the humble.’

Humble yourselves, therefore, under God’s mighty hand, that He may lift you up in due time.”

Humility trusts God’s timing. It believes that the One who called you knows when to raise you and when to hide you.

Some of your most anointed seasons will be the ones where no one sees you—because those are the moments when God is driving your pole deeper, preparing you for greater reach.

Remember: the higher the call, the deeper the humility required.

Maintaining the Poles: How to Cultivate Humility

Just as power poles require regular maintenance to stay upright and strong, humility must be nurtured continually. Here are practical ways to keep humility alive in your leadership:

- 1. Stay Near the Cross.**

Nothing keeps pride in check like the sight of the cross. When you remember what Jesus endured for you, it’s impossible to boast.

- 2. Practice Gratitude Daily.**

Gratitude shifts the focus from what *you’ve done* to what

God has done. Every success becomes a reason to worship, not a reason to boast.

3. **Serve Someone Who Can't Repay You.**

Acts of hidden service keep your heart soft. When you serve without recognition, you remind yourself why you lead.

4. **Listen More Than You Speak.**

Humility learns. Pride assumes. Create space for others' voices, and you'll find God speaking through them more often than you expect.

5. **Stay Accountable.**

Surround yourself with people who love you enough to confront you. Accountability is the rope that keeps the pole from leaning.

6. **Celebrate Others' Success.**

The surest sign of humility is the ability to rejoice when someone else gets the promotion, platform, or praise you desired.

When you live these disciplines, humility ceases to be an act—it becomes an atmosphere.

The Power of Lifted Leadership

Picture again the skyline at dusk. Miles of shining lines stretch across the horizon, suspended by poles that rise from the ground like sentinels of strength.

Those poles don't draw attention to themselves—they simply hold the lines high so the power can reach its destination.

That's what humble leaders do. They lift the lines. They keep the current high, clear, and far-reaching. They don't compete with the Source—they cooperate with it.

And as long as humility holds, the power flows—lighting homes, cities, and nations with the radiant presence of Christ.

“Humility lifts the lines of leadership high enough for God’s power to flow far enough.”

4. Courage

The Transformers That Amplify the Power

Every electrical grid depends on transformers. Power may be generated at the plant, but it can't reach homes or businesses effectively unless it's stepped up and distributed through transformers. These metal giants don't create energy — they amplify it. They take the existing current and multiply its reach, ensuring that what started at the source arrives with full force at its destination.

In the same way, **courage is the transformer of Spirit-empowered leadership.**

Without courage, the current of God's power remains localized — contained within private faith and safe convictions. But courage amplifies the flow. It steps up the voltage of conviction so that truth, love, and righteousness reach people who might otherwise remain untouched.

Integrity keeps the line strong.

Authenticity keeps the current pure.

Humility keeps the line elevated.

But courage? **Courage turns up the power.**

Courage: The Voltage of the Spirit-Filled Life

Courage doesn't originate in personality or temperament. It is not the same as confidence. Courage is **faith under pressure**. It's what happens when the Holy Spirit takes a truth you believe and electrifies it into a conviction you're willing to act on — no matter the cost.

As A.W. Tozer once wrote: "Faith is the gaze of a soul upon a saving God."

Courage is what happens when that gaze refuses to turn away, even when opposition rises.

Every Spirit-empowered leader will face moments that test the voltage of their faith — moments when fear whispers, "*Stay quiet. Step back. Don't risk it.*"

But courage, ignited by the Spirit, speaks louder: "*Stand firm. Speak truth. Trust God.*"

Joshua heard it when he stood at the edge of the Jordan, staring into the unknown. Three times God told him, "Be strong and courageous." Not because Joshua felt brave — but because he was about to need more voltage than ever before.

Courage steps up the faith you have so that it can carry the power of God to those who need it most.

When Fear Pulls the Plug

Fear is the silent thief of power. It doesn't cut the line — it simply lowers the current. It convinces leaders to play it safe, to settle

for comfort instead of calling, to choose caution over conviction.

Fear whispers:

“What if you fail?”

“What if they reject you?”

“What if you lose everything?”

But faith replies:

“Even if I fail, God is faithful.”

“Even if they reject me, I am accepted by Him.”

“Even if I lose everything, I still have Jesus — and He is enough.”

When leaders allow fear to dictate their decisions, the voltage of their leadership drops. The lights dim. The current weakens. But when courage rises, it steps up the power, illuminating darkness with the brilliance of God’s truth.

Pastor John Maxwell says,

“Everything worthwhile is uphill. Courage is what keeps you climbing.”

Every mountain of ministry, every challenge in leadership, every battle of faith requires that uphill courage — the kind that refuses to quit when the climb gets steep.

The Holy Spirit — The Source of Supernatural Boldness

Courage is not a natural human trait — it’s a supernatural result of the Holy Spirit’s presence.

In Acts 4, Peter and John stood before the Sanhedrin — the same council that had crucified Jesus. Yet the same men who once ran from fear now stood fearless. Why?

Acts 4:8 gives the key:

“Then Peter, filled with the Holy Spirit, said to them...”

That phrase changes everything. *Filled with the Holy Spirit.*

Moments earlier, Peter had denied even knowing Jesus to a servant girl. Now he’s declaring Him boldly before religious authorities with threats of imprisonment hanging over his head.

That’s not natural courage — that’s **Spirit-powered courage**.

The Spirit transforms trembling followers into bold witnesses. It’s the same courage that fueled Stephen as he faced his accusers, Paul as he endured beatings and shipwrecks, and Esther as she risked her life for her people.

They weren’t fearless — they were **faithful in spite of fear**.

Transformers Don’t Create Power — They Amplify It

Every transformer has a simple yet profound function: it doesn’t create electricity; it multiplies its capacity. It takes what already exists and increases its impact.

That’s what courage does in leadership. It doesn’t create faith — it amplifies it. It takes the faith you already have and steps it up to meet the level of challenge before you.

Faith believes God *can*.

Courage acts like God *will*.

When David stood before Goliath, his faith believed God was able. But courage made him step forward with a sling and a stone.

When Daniel opened his window to pray, faith knew God was sovereign. But courage made him kneel anyway.

When Paul returned to cities where he had been beaten, faith trusted God's call. But courage made him go back.

Each of them carried the same current of faith — but courage transformed it into a force that changed history.

In every generation, God raises leaders who refuse to let fear lower the voltage of their obedience.

Courage Multiplies Influence

Courage doesn't just amplify power — it multiplies influence. People follow courage. They're drawn to leaders who live fearlessly for what matters most.

A.W. Tozer once said, "A scared world needs a fearless church."

That truth burns brighter than ever today. In a culture flooded with compromise, courage stands out like a city on a hill. It's not the loudest voice or the most aggressive stance that changes hearts — it's the quiet conviction of leaders who stand when others bow.

Think of Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego. When everyone else knelt before the golden image, they stood tall. And because they stood, even a pagan king declared,

"There is no other god who is able to rescue in this way!"
(Daniel 3:29).

Their courage didn't just protect them — it turned an empire's attention toward the one true God.

That's the multiplying power of courage: one act of obedience can electrify an entire generation.

The Cost of Courage

Courage always costs something. You can't carry a cross without sacrifice.

When you choose courage, you choose to stand alone at times, to face misunderstanding, criticism, or even loss. But you also choose to walk in the company of Christ.

Dietrich Bonhoeffer, who stood courageously against Nazi tyranny, wrote,

“When Christ calls a man, He bids him come and die.”

That's the cost of courage — dying to comfort, dying to reputation, dying to fear. But in dying, something greater comes alive: the unstoppable life of Christ within you.

Leaders who shrink back to save themselves lose influence. But those who lay down their lives for truth and righteousness gain eternal impact.

Jesus said in Matthew 16:25,

“For whoever wants to save their life will lose it, but whoever loses their life for me will find it.”

The price of courage is high, but the reward is immeasurable.

Courage Keeps the Current Flowing When the Storm Hits

During storms, transformers often take the hardest hits. Lightning strikes, winds roar, and lines tremble. Yet without those transformers holding their ground, entire regions go dark.

Leadership is no different. Storms will come. Criticism will strike. Opposition will howl. But when courage holds its position, the power keeps flowing.

Paul's life was a masterclass in courageous endurance. Beaten, imprisoned, shipwrecked — yet never broken. In 2 Corinthians 4:8–9 he wrote:

“We are hard pressed on every side, but not crushed; perplexed, but not in despair; persecuted, but not abandoned; struck down, but not destroyed.”

Courage doesn't eliminate pain — it outlasts it. It's not about denying fear but defying it.

The world doesn't need fearless leaders. It needs Spirit-filled leaders who keep believing when the sky grows dark and the winds threaten to topple everything they've built.

Courage doesn't run from the storm — it stands firm and keeps the current alive.

The Courage of Christ: Our Perfect Example

The courage of Jesus is the highest form of leadership bravery. He faced rejection, betrayal, and death — and yet He never flinched.

In Luke 9:51, it says,

“As the time approached for Him to be taken up to heaven, Jesus resolutely set out for Jerusalem.”

He *resolutely set out* — knowing what awaited Him. That’s divine courage.

He confronted hypocrisy in the temple, stood silent before Pilate, and carried His cross through the streets of scorn. And when nails pierced His hands, He still whispered forgiveness.

That’s what courage looks like at its fullest voltage — power under pressure, love under fire, obedience under suffering.

If we want to lead like Jesus, we must ask the Spirit to form that same courage within us — the kind that loves too deeply to retreat and obeys too completely to hesitate.

Courage in Everyday Leadership

Courage doesn’t always roar. Sometimes it whispers.

It’s the quiet pastor who preaches truth even when culture pushes back.

It’s the business leader who refuses unethical gain.

It’s the young believer who chooses purity over popularity.

It’s the missionary who leaves comfort for calling.

It’s the parent who keeps praying, believing, and loving when the prodigal is still far away.

Every act of courage amplifies God’s presence in the world. Every time you stand, speak, or stay faithful, heaven increases the voltage through your life.

And the world takes notice. Because when darkness falls, even the faintest courage shines like lightning.

How to Cultivate Courage

Courage doesn't grow in comfort. It grows through intentional spiritual discipline — by staying connected to the Source and allowing the Spirit to continually “step up” your faith.

Here are five ways to cultivate courage in leadership:

1. **Stay Full of the Spirit.**

Courage is the fruit of Spirit-filled living. The more you yield to the Spirit, the bolder your obedience becomes.

2. **Feed on God's Word.**

Scripture is the transformer core of courage. The Word renews your mind and fuels your faith with divine voltage.

3. **Remember God's Faithfulness.**

Reflecting on past victories reminds you that the God who was faithful then will be faithful now.

4. **Surround Yourself with the Brave.**

Courage is contagious. Walk with those who dare greatly, and their faith will strengthen your own.

5. **Act Before You Feel.**

Courage is rarely a feeling — it's a choice. Take the step, open your mouth, confront the issue. The feeling often follows the action.

When you practice these disciplines, courage stops being an event and becomes your atmosphere — a transformer that amplifies God's power wherever you go.

When Courage Amplifies Revival

Every revival in history has been sparked by courage. Someone dared to believe God could do more. Someone dared to speak, pray, and act when others stayed silent.

From Peter preaching at Pentecost to Martin Luther nailing his theses, from William Seymour leading the Azusa Street outpouring to modern pastors preaching Christ in hostile lands — courage amplified the power of the Spirit until it spread across continents.

The same is true today. God is still looking for transformers — leaders through whom He can amplify His power to reach this generation.

He's not looking for the most talented, popular, or polished. He's looking for the **courageous**. Those who will say, "Here I am, Lord — send me," even when it costs them everything.

When courage stands firm, revival flows freely.

The Amplified Life

Picture once again the vast network of power lines stretching toward the horizon. The current surges from the source, carried by strong cables, protected by insulation, lifted by poles — and then it passes through massive transformers.

The moment it does, something happens: the current leaps in strength. It surges with multiplied voltage, reaching homes, cities, and industries with life-giving energy.

That's what happens when courage enters the life of a Spirit-empowered leader. God's power within you is stepped up. Your influence expands. Your faith becomes contagious.

You're no longer just carrying the current — you're amplifying it. You're transforming it into a force that touches lives far beyond your immediate reach.

“Courage doesn't create power — it amplifies it. When the Spirit steps up your faith, your influence becomes unstoppable.”

5. Perseverance

The Grid That Keeps the Power Flowing

If integrity is the strength of the lines, authenticity the insulation, humility the poles, and courage the transformer, then **perseverance is the grid** — the expansive network that ensures the current of God's power reaches every home, heart, and nation. Without the grid, the strongest lines, the purest insulation, the tallest poles, and the highest voltage would all be wasted. The energy would stop where it is, never fulfilling its intended purpose.

Perseverance keeps the power moving, unbroken and unstoppable, through every mile, every obstacle, and every storm. It is the connective tissue of leadership — the framework that links vision to impact, effort to fruitfulness, and faith to fulfillment.

The Lifeblood of Leadership

Perseverance is more than endurance. It's not just gritting your teeth or holding on in tough times. It is **faith in motion over the long haul**. It's the deliberate choice to keep going, even when the immediate results are invisible, and the world seems indifferent.

Pastor Charles Stanley once said,

“God is not in a hurry, but He is always on time. Perseverance allows us to align with His timing.”

Leadership without perseverance is like power with no grid: it may light a single house for a moment, but it won't illuminate the city. Perseverance ensures that what God starts in your life reaches its intended destination — no matter the obstacles, delays, or opposition.

Hebrews 12:1–2 reminds us:

“Let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us, fixing our eyes on Jesus, the pioneer and perfecter of faith. For the joy set before Him, He endured the cross, scorning its shame, and sat down at the right hand of the throne of God.”

Even Jesus modeled perseverance. Though His path was fraught with betrayal, suffering, and rejection, He never abandoned the mission. He ran the course marked out for Him with unwavering determination. The power of God flowed through every step because He never quit.

Perseverance Sustains the Flow During Storms

Storms are inevitable. Every leader will face seasons of doubt, discouragement, and attack. Just as storms batter power lines, testing the strength of cables, poles, and transformers, adversity tests the mettle of Spirit-empowered leaders.

Without perseverance, storms break the line. Without perseverance, pressure becomes a reason to stop instead of a reason to grow. Without perseverance, the power that God intends to flow through your life is interrupted, leaving those around you in darkness.

But perseverance **keeps the current moving**, even when the winds howl. It prevents the line from snapping under strain and ensures that the light reaches every dark corner.

Pastor John Maxwell puts it this way:

“Small disciplines repeated consistently over time lead to greatness.”

Perseverance isn’t about a single heroic moment; it’s about **the accumulation of faithful actions over time**. The consistent application of God’s principles — even when unseen — builds a network of influence that cannot be broken.

The Hidden Work of Perseverance

One of the most remarkable aspects of perseverance is its hidden nature. Power grids don’t make headlines. Transformers don’t get applause. No one notices the miles of underground cables, the quiet maintenance crews, or the hours spent calibrating voltage. Yet without this hidden work, the system fails.

Spirit-empowered leadership works the same way. Many leaders toil in unseen places: counseling the hurting, making sacrificial decisions, praying through late nights, mentoring quietly. These acts may never be publicly recognized, but they keep the power flowing.

Galatians 6:9 exhorts us:

“Let us not become weary in doing good, for at the proper time we will reap a harvest if we do not give up.”

Perseverance is about trusting the unseen. It’s about maintaining faithfulness in the ordinary, hidden moments, knowing that God is orchestrating impact far beyond what the human eye can see.

Perseverance and Vision

A power grid is useless without a clear direction — without a plan that determines where energy should flow. Similarly, perseverance requires vision. It is the combination of staying power and foresight that keeps leaders moving forward.

Proverbs 29:18 says,

“Where there is no vision, the people perish.”

When you persevere in alignment with God’s vision, your leadership transcends survival and moves toward transformation. The grid of perseverance connects every node — every person, every ministry, every decision — into a coherent system that magnifies God’s purpose.

Moses spent 40 years preparing to lead the Israelites, and another 40 years in the desert leading them. Had he abandoned

the mission early, the promise of God would have died with him. Perseverance allowed God's plan to move from promise to fulfillment.

Perseverance keeps the line of leadership **connected to God's intended destination**, no matter how long the journey takes.

Perseverance in the Face of Opposition

Leadership will always encounter resistance. From Satan, from people, and sometimes from circumstances, opposition is constant. Without perseverance, every blow could snuff out the current.

But Spirit-empowered leaders know that opposition is not a signal to quit; it is an invitation to press further. James 1:12 reminds us:

“Blessed is the one who perseveres under trial because, having stood the test, that person will receive the crown of life that the Lord has promised to those who love Him.”

Perseverance converts resistance into refinement. Every trial strengthens the line, enhances the insulation, reinforces the poles, and challenges the transformer. What could have broken you instead becomes a conduit for greater power.

Pastor Tony Evans captures this perfectly:

“God uses adversity to teach us perseverance, which prepares us for a lifetime of fruitfulness in leadership.”

Opposition is the proving ground. Perseverance ensures the current never ceases, even when storms threaten to sever it.

Perseverance Produces Spiritual Endurance

Perseverance is not just about completing tasks; it's about cultivating spiritual endurance. It is the ability to remain faithful over decades, not just days; over trials, not just triumphs.

Romans 5:3–4 teaches:

“Not only so, but we also glory in our sufferings, because we know that suffering produces perseverance; perseverance, character; and character, hope.”

Every time you choose to persevere through hardship, your character grows, your influence deepens, and your hope strengthens. This spiritual endurance ensures that the current of God's power continues flowing through your leadership network — reliably, consistently, unbroken.

Consider the apostle Paul. He endured beatings, shipwrecks, imprisonment, and relentless opposition. Yet he persevered. Why? Because his vision of God's Kingdom and his commitment to God's call kept him connected to the source. The current never stopped flowing through him, despite every obstacle.

Perseverance is the grid that ensures your impact is **sustained over a lifetime**, not extinguished by a season of difficulty.

Perseverance Strengthens the Entire System

The beauty of the grid is that every part depends on the others. A transformer may fail, but a strong grid keeps the current flowing elsewhere. Poles may lean, but the lines continue delivering power.

Likewise, perseverance strengthens the entire leadership ecosystem. When one leader continues faithfully, their faithfulness energizes others. When a ministry endures trials with persistence, it inspires other ministries to stand firm. When a pastor refuses to give up, the congregation sees resilience modeled and follows suit.

Pastor Charles Swindoll once said,

“The remarkable thing is, we can persevere because God has already gone before us. The work is not dependent on our might, but on our obedience.”

Perseverance in one life can energize a city, a nation, or a generation. The grid of leadership is vast, and every steadfast leader ensures the current of God’s power touches as many nodes as possible.

Practical Ways to Cultivate Perseverance

Perseverance is cultivated, not accidental. Here are practical ways Spirit-empowered leaders can develop this essential “grid” quality:

- 1. Anchor in Daily Prayer**

Daily prayer connects you to the source of power and strengthens your ability to endure opposition.

- 2. Maintain Consistency in God’s Word**

Scripture anchors your vision, reinforces integrity, and fuels courage. Daily study and meditation fortify perseverance.

- 3. Celebrate Small Wins**

Recognizing progress keeps the grid energized. Small victories fuel long-term endurance.

4. Develop a Support System

Encourage accountability and fellowship. Strong networks help sustain perseverance through difficult seasons.

5. Keep the End in Mind

Focus on the ultimate harvest. When the current is flowing toward eternity, temporary interruptions feel minor.

6. Stay Spirit-Filled

Perseverance is impossible without dependence on the Spirit. Allow the Spirit to empower, comfort, and sustain you.

7. Embrace Hardship as a Teacher

Every challenge is a chance to refine the lines, reinforce poles, and step up the voltage of leadership.

The Ultimate Reward of Perseverance

The grid of leadership is only effective when it is enduring. Perseverance ensures that the power you carry, the influence you exert, and the Spirit-filled leadership you embody continue beyond temporary storms.

Galatians 6:9 encourages:

“Let us not become weary in doing good, for at the proper time we will reap a harvest if we do not give up.”

There is a harvest waiting for every leader who perseveres. The fruit may be unseen now — a life impacted, a ministry matured, a generation changed — but it will come. Perseverance guarantees that the current flows uninterrupted until God’s purpose is fulfilled.

In leadership, as in electricity, **flow matters more than flash**. Sparks may impress for a moment, but a steady, continuous current illuminates for a lifetime. Perseverance ensures your leadership doesn't fizzle out but remains a conduit of God's power.

Perseverance as the Final Power Line

Picture the system now:

- Integrity keeps the line strong.
- Authenticity protects the flow.
- Humility lifts the line high.
- Courage amplifies the current.
- And perseverance ensures the energy reaches its ultimate destination.

Together, these five “power lines” create a leadership network capable of sustaining Spirit-empowered influence. One weak or missing line compromises the entire system. But when all five are present and operating under the guidance of the Spirit, **the leadership network functions flawlessly, delivering God's power to every heart, home, and nation it touches.**

Perseverance ensures that the power doesn't just move — it flows continually, persistently, and eternally. Every leader who endures keeps the light on for generations to come.

“Perseverance is the grid of leadership: it connects vision to impact, faith to fruitfulness, and God's power to the world.”

SUMMARY

The Five Power Lines United: A System of Spirit-Empowered Leadership

Now that we have explored each of the five essential power lines—**Integrity, Authenticity, Humility, Courage, and Perseverance**—it’s time to step back and see the complete system in operation. Each line plays a unique role, yet they function together in perfect harmony, like a well-designed electrical network delivering life-giving power to every corner it touches.

Individually, each power line is critical: without integrity, the lines snap under pressure; without authenticity, the current leaks and weakens; without humility, the system loses its height and reach; without courage, the current never amplifies; and without perseverance, the flow halts before the harvest is realized. But **together**, these lines create a resilient, Spirit-empowered leadership network capable of transforming lives, ministries, businesses, and entire communities.

Integrity: The Strong Steel Cables

Integrity is the backbone of leadership. It is the steel cable that holds everything together, preventing collapse under adversity. Without integrity, trust evaporates, and the current of God’s Spirit is short-circuited by hypocrisy or hidden sin. As Pastor Billy Graham said,

“Integrity is the glue that holds our way of life together.”

A leader’s life built on integrity creates a secure conduit for influence. Like reinforced power lines that withstand storms,

integrity ensures that the flow of God's power remains unbroken, even when pressures mount.

Authenticity: The Protective Insulation

Authenticity is the insulation that prevents the current from leaking or short-circuiting. When a leader is genuine, transparent, and aligned with God's truth, the flow of influence is pure and powerful. People can trust that what they see is what they get, and the Spirit's power is unhindered.

As Pastor Rick Warren wisely notes,

“Authenticity is the daily practice of letting go of who we think we're supposed to be and embracing who we are.”

Without authenticity, the current of leadership can be contaminated by pretense or hidden agendas. With authenticity, the flow remains steady and true.

Humility: The Poles That Elevate the Lines

Humility raises the lines high above obstacles, ensuring that God's power reaches farther than we could achieve on our own. Like towering poles supporting high-voltage lines, humility lifts leaders above pride, self-interest, and shortsighted ambition. It allows God to be glorified in their influence rather than self.

C.S. Lewis reminds us:

“Humility is not thinking less of yourself, but thinking of yourself less.”

Humility positions leaders to serve effectively, protects the network from collapse under ego-driven decisions, and ensures the current reaches the farthest points of impact.

Courage: The Transformers That Amplify the Power

Courage takes the current of faith and amplifies it to meet the demands of the mission. Like a transformer multiplying voltage, courage allows Spirit-empowered leaders to act boldly, speak truthfully, and stand firm in the face of opposition.

It's faith energized and made visible. John Maxwell emphasizes, "Everything worthwhile is uphill. Courage is what keeps you climbing."

Courage ensures that the power of God's leadership does not remain small or contained but surges to influence entire communities, generations, and nations.

Perseverance: The Grid That Keeps the Flow Continuous

Finally, perseverance is the grid connecting every line, transformer, and pole into a system that sustains the flow of God's power over time. It is the network that ensures the current reaches the intended destination, regardless of storms, setbacks, or delays.

As Galatians 6:9 teaches:

"Let us not become weary in doing good, for at the proper time we will reap a harvest if we do not give up."

Perseverance turns potential into reality. It guarantees that the impact of Spirit-empowered leadership is lasting and far-reaching, ensuring that every ounce of God's power invested in you continues to flow and transform lives.

The Synergy of the Five Power Lines

Consider the system as a whole:

- Integrity holds the lines together.
- Authenticity protects the current.
- Humility lifts the network high.
- Courage amplifies the voltage.
- Perseverance ensures the flow never stops.

When one line functions independently, the system is fragile. But when all five operate in harmony, the network becomes unstoppable. Spirit-empowered leadership is not merely about individual virtues; it is about a **synergistic system** where every quality amplifies and protects the others. The result? Leadership that not only survives storms but illuminates the darkness, transforms communities, and leaves a legacy of God's power flowing freely through generations.

Living as a Fully Empowered Leader

Being a Spirit-empowered leader is not a one-time achievement — it is a daily commitment to maintain and strengthen each of the five power lines. It is about asking:

- Am I holding the line with integrity today?
- Am I transparent and authentic in my relationships?
- Am I humbled enough to serve and elevate others?
- Do I have the courage to act boldly in faith?
- Am I persevering, even when the results are delayed?

When leaders intentionally cultivate these qualities, they become conduits of God's supernatural power. They influence without manipulation, lead without self-promotion, and serve

without expectation. Their lives become living grids of Spirit-empowered leadership, transmitting light and life to a dark and hurting world.

A Call to Action

Imagine your leadership life as this vast power system. Each line, pole, transformer, and grid component represents a principle that must be maintained, strengthened, and protected.

Now ask yourself: Are all your lines connected? Is the current flowing freely to and through your life? Are the storms of fear, pride, compromise, or exhaustion dimming your influence?

The call is clear: strengthen integrity, embrace authenticity, lift with humility, amplify with courage, and sustain through perseverance. When you do, you will not merely lead — you will **illuminate, energize, and transform** the lives of everyone around you.

Just as a well-designed electrical network brings life to homes, businesses, and cities, a Spirit-empowered leader with all five power lines intact brings **the unstoppable power of God into every sphere of influence**. They are crucial if you want to tap into the 7 Secret Powers of Godly Leadership.

“A Spirit-empowered leader is like a fully energized power system: integrity, authenticity, humility, courage, and perseverance working together to illuminate the world with God’s life and power.”

CLOSING CHAPTER

Stepping Into the Power Zone Becoming an Anointed Leader

Every great leader reaches a defining moment—the moment when knowledge must become conviction, and conviction must be put into motion. That moment has come for you.

You have journeyed through the seven power secrets of godly leadership—seven divine forces that transform ordinary men and women into extraordinary, Spirit-anointed leaders. You’ve studied how God empowers, equips, and commissions His leaders.

Now the question is simple:

Will you stay where you are—or will you step into the power zone of supernatural leadership?

The Call to Lead God’s Way

The world is filled with leaders—some charismatic, others clever, many competent—but few truly *anointed*. The difference between a gifted leader and an anointed leader is the difference between electricity and lightning. One is controlled by man; the other is released by heaven.

God never called you to lead only with what you have—your education, your personality, your strategies. He called you to lead with what He has—His Spirit, His wisdom, His power, His presence.

Leadership is not just about influence. It’s about *impact*—eternal, Spirit-empowered impact that changes lives, shapes

destinies, and glorifies Christ. The seven power secrets of godly leadership are not motivational ideas, they are spiritual keys that unlock the flow of divine power through ordinary people who dare to believe God can use them.

The 7 Power Secrets of Godly Leadership

1. Christ in You – The Source of All Power

This is where leadership begins: *Christ in you, the hope of glory* (Colossians 1:27).

You are not merely leading *for* Christ—you are leading *from* Christ. His life, His nature, and His power dwell within you. The moment you realize that leadership is Christ working through you, not you working for Him, everything changes.

As the Apostle Paul declared,

“I no longer live, but Christ lives in me” (Galatians 2:20).

That’s the power secret that unlocks all the others. Leadership ceases to be a burden when it becomes the outflow of Christ’s life within you. He is your wisdom, your strength, your peace, and your sufficiency.

You are not trying to *be* a great leader—you are learning to *let Christ lead through you*.

2. The Holy Spirit – The Power Within

No godly leader can lead effectively without the presence and power of the Holy Spirit. Jesus Himself refused to begin His ministry until the Spirit descended upon Him.

“You will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes upon you” (Acts 1:8).

That power is not optional; it’s essential. The Holy Spirit doesn’t just inspire leaders—He *indwells* them, *instructs* them, and *ignites* them. He turns fearful followers into fearless witnesses, timid hearts into bold warriors.

A.W. Tozer once wrote, “*If the Holy Spirit was withdrawn from the church today, 95% of what we do would go on and no one would know the difference.*”

But when the Spirit empowers a leader, heaven moves and earth takes notice.

You are not leading alone—the Spirit of the Living God lives in you and moves through you.

3. The Gifts of the Spirit – The Tools of Power

The gifts of the Spirit are God’s supernatural tools for supernatural leadership. They are divine abilities granted by the Holy Spirit to accomplish what no human skill can achieve.

Whether it’s the word of wisdom, the word of knowledge, discernment, prophecy, healing, miracles, or tongues and interpretation—each gift is a *manifestation of the Spirit for the benefit of others* (1 Corinthians 12:7).

The gifts are not decorations of spirituality—they are instruments of divine purpose.

They equip leaders to minister effectively, lead wisely, and operate beyond natural ability. When a leader embraces and

exercises these gifts, leadership becomes a demonstration of God's power, not man's performance.

4. The Word of God – The Foundation of Power

Every strong leader stands upon the solid foundation of God's Word.

The Word is not just a guidebook—it is the living voice of God, active and sharper than any two-edged sword (Hebrews 4:12). It renews your mind, anchors your heart, and equips you for every good work.

Leaders who build on Scripture lead with authority and stability because their foundation cannot be shaken.

Jesus, the ultimate leader, said,

“Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceeds from the mouth of God” (Matthew 4:4).

When you fill your heart with the Word, your leadership becomes filled with divine wisdom, direction, and discernment. The Word keeps your heart aligned and your vision clear when everything around you shifts.

5. Being Led by the Spirit – The Flow of Power

Being led by the Spirit is not a mystical experience—it's a daily lifestyle of sensitivity and obedience to God's direction.

The difference between an average leader and an anointed one is this: the average leader makes plans and asks God to bless them; the anointed leader listens for God's plan and obeys it.

“For as many as are led by the Spirit of God, they are the sons of God” (Romans 8:14).

The Spirit-led leader walks in divine timing, responds with divine wisdom, and acts with divine confidence. The Spirit doesn’t just lead you to your assignment—He leads you *through* it.

When you’re led by the Spirit, you never have to guess what’s next—you’ll simply know it’s right because peace and power confirm it.

6. The Anointing to Lead – The Mark of Power

Every true leader in Scripture carried one thing that set them apart—the anointing of God.

The anointing is the supernatural enablement of the Holy Spirit that empowers you to do what you could never do on your own. It’s what turned a shepherd boy into a king, a timid man into a prophet, and a group of fishermen into world changers.

“Now it is God who strengthens us together with you in Christ and who anointed us” (2 Corinthians 1:21).

The anointing breaks yokes, destroys burdens, and releases divine authority. When you are anointed to lead, obstacles become opportunities and opposition becomes the proving ground for God’s power.

The anointing doesn’t just come upon you for ministry—it abides within you for daily living. Protect it. Pursue it. Never substitute charisma for the anointing.

7. The Power of Faith – The Force That Activates Power

Faith is the switch that turns the power on. Everything God has provided through Christ, the Spirit, the Word, and the anointing becomes effective through faith.

“Without faith it is impossible to please God” (Hebrews 11:6).

Faith dares to believe what God says, even when circumstances say otherwise. Faith steps out before the sea parts, speaks before the miracle appears, and persists until the mountain moves.

Leaders who walk by faith don’t wait for signs—they create them through obedience.

As Smith Wigglesworth said, *“Faith is an act.”* Your faith activates heaven’s power and transforms your leadership from natural potential into supernatural performance.

The 5 Power Lines That Keep the Current Flowing

Every leader’s power must travel through dependable lines that carry the current without interruption. These are the internal virtues that keep your leadership from short-circuiting:

1. **Integrity – The Line of Truth:** Without integrity, the anointing leaks. Lead with honesty and purity of heart.
2. **Authenticity – The Line of Transparency:** People follow what’s real. Be genuine, vulnerable, and Spirit-led.
3. **Humility – The Line of Submission:** Humility keeps grace flowing. The moment you think you can lead without God, the current fades.

4. **Courage – The Line of Boldness:** Courage keeps you standing when fear whispers “quit.”
5. **Perseverance – The Line of Endurance:** Stay faithful. The flow of power often comes to those who refuse to give up.

These power lines protect and preserve the power of God flowing to and through your life. Guard them well.

Stepping Into the Supernatural

Leadership rooted only in skill may inspire people—but leadership rooted in the Spirit *transforms* them.

God is not looking for perfect leaders; He’s looking for surrendered ones—men and women who will let Him lead *through* them.

Now that you’ve learned these seven secrets and five power lines, the next step is clear:

Put them into practice.

- Let Christ live through you.
- Walk daily in fellowship with the Holy Spirit.
- Operate boldly in the gifts He’s given you.
- Stay rooted in the Word.
- Follow the Spirit’s leading in every decision.
- Guard and grow your anointing.
- Keep your faith alive, daring, and active.

The church, your family, your community, your business, and your generation need leaders like you—Spirit-filled, faith-fueled, and anointed to lead with both authority and compassion.

A Final Challenge

Don't settle for ordinary leadership when God is calling you to extraordinary impact. Don't rely on what you can do—rely on what God can do *through you*.

You are called to operate not just in your natural abilities but in the supernatural power of God. You are not a product of human effort—you are a vessel of divine empowerment.

“Not by might, nor by power, but by My Spirit, says the Lord” (Zechariah 4:6).

The leadership mantle upon your life is not just a position—it's a calling, a covenant, and a commission. Rise up and lead with power. Let the world see Christ in you, the hope of glory.

A Declaration for Anointed Leaders

Lord, I dedicate my leadership to You.

Live through me.

Lead through me.

Fill me with Your Spirit.

Let Your gifts flow freely through my life.

Keep me grounded in Your Word and guided by Your Spirit.

Anoint me to lead with integrity, humility, and bold faith.

**May my life be a channel of Your power,
and my leadership a reflection of Your glory.**

In Jesus' name, Amen.

Lead with the Fire of Heaven

This is your moment.

You've been called. You've been equipped. You've been empowered.

Now, lead with the fire of heaven.

Operate not from your strength but from His Spirit.

Carry Christ within, walk in faith, and let the power of God flow through you unhindered.

**You are more than a leader—
you are anointed.
Step into the power zone and
lead like never before.**

Prayer for Leaders

Heavenly Father, thank You for the gift of Your Son living in me. Thank You for the resurrection power, wisdom, love, and peace that Christ provides. I surrender my leadership to You today. Let every decision, action, and influence flow from Your Spirit within me. Remove fear, empower me with Your strength, and use me to bring glory to Your Name. May my leadership bear fruit that lasts for eternity, and may all I do reflect the reality of Christ in me. In Jesus' Name, Amen.

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- Tap into the power source behind every truly effective leader.
- Lead with the anointing, divine wisdom, and the presence of Christ within.
- Hear God's voice, and lead with heavenly authority.
- Unleash the gifts of the Holy Spirit for lasting influence.
- Move from natural ability to supernatural authority through the power of God's Spirit.



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