

Power & Purpose (Part 2) Keys to Spirit-Led Transformation

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KEY TEXT for REVISITED

Romans 8:13-17 NKJV

For **if** you live according to the flesh you will die; **but if by the Spirit you** put to death the deeds of the body, **you will live**. For as many as are led by the Spirit of God, these are sons of God. For you did **not** receive the **spirit of bondage** again to fear, but you received the Spirit of adoption by whom we cry out, "Abba, Father." The Spirit Himself bears **witness with our spirit** that we are children of God, and if children, then heirs—heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ, **if indeed** we suffer with Him, that we may also be glorified together.

Paul's message in this part of his letter to the Romans covers aspects of empowerment, transformation, identity, and inheritance.

RECAP

The basis of all this is:

A FOUNDATION TO EXPLORE THESE KEYS TO POWER AND PURPOSE

1. God the father is all powerful

Isaiah 45:18 NLT

**For the LORD is God,
and he created the heavens and earth
and put everything in place.**

He made the world to be lived in,
not to be a place of empty chaos.

**"I am the LORD," he says,
"and there is no other.**

Jeremiah 10:12-13 NLT

**But the LORD made the earth by his power,
and he preserves it by his wisdom.**

With his own understanding
he stretched out the heavens.

When he speaks in the thunder,
the heavens roar with rain.

He causes the clouds to rise over the earth.

He sends the lightning with the rain
and releases the wind from his storehouses.

2 Peter 1:3-4 NKJV

His divine power has given to us all things that pertain to life and godliness, through the knowledge of Him who called us by glory and virtue, by which have been given to us exceedingly great and precious promises, that through these you may be partakers of the divine nature, having escaped the corruption that is in the world through lust.

2. Jesus was given even higher authority

Colossians 2:10 NLT

So you also are complete through your union with **Christ, who is the head over every ruler and authority.**

Matthew 28:18 NIV

Then Jesus came to them and said, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me.

Ephesians 1:21-22 NLT

Now **he** —[Jesus] **is far above any ruler or authority or power or leader or anything else—not only in this world but also in the world to come. God has put all things under the authority of Christ and has made him head over all things** for the benefit of the church.

3. What Gods Supreme Power did for humanity - He [God] Raised Jesus from the Dead Forever!

Paul reiterated to us and the believers at the time:

Ephesians 1:19-22 NLT

I also pray that you will understand the incredible greatness of God's power for us who believe him. This is the same mighty power that raised Christ from the dead and seated him [Jesus Christ] in the place of honor at God's right hand in the heavenly realms.

4. How does this impact or affect us / Why did He do this?

This POWER and AUTHORITY Given to Jesus is given to "those who believe"

Matthew 28:18-20 NLT

Jesus came and told his disciples,

"I have been given all authority in heaven and on earth. Therefore, go and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit. Teach these new disciples to obey all the commands I have given you. **And be sure of this: I am with you always, even to the end of the age."**

Notice how it is because of Jesus, who He is, His power and authority and us being "IN HIM" meaning He lives in us in Power and authority

NB NB NB Colossians 2:9-10 NLT

For in Christ lives all the fullness of God in a human body. So you also are complete through your union with Christ, who is the head over every ruler and authority.

5. **What does He Want from you and me?**

To fulfill our purpose. AS TRUE BELIEVERS, created by Him for us, but only achievable through His power when we are letting Him work through us.

Mark 9:23 ESV

And Jesus said to him, “If you can’t! All things are possible for one who believes.”

The devil is always prowling
Always active
Always against every human
Wanting our destruction
Believer and unbeliever!!!

So he’s not going to make it easy to live and operate in the power of God ...

We are living in a time described in the Word by Paul to Timothy

2 Timothy 3:1-5 NLT

The Dangers of the Last Days

You should know this, Timothy, that in the last days there will be very difficult times. For **people will love only themselves and their money.** They will be **boastful and proud, scoffing at God, disobedient to their parents, and ungrateful.** They will consider **nothing sacred.** They will be **unloving and unforgiving;** they will **slander others** and have **no self-control.** They will be **cruel and hate what is good.** They will **betray their friends,** be **reckless,** be **puffed up with pride,** and **love pleasure rather than God.** They will **act religious,** but they will **reject the power [of God]** that could make them godly. **Stay away from people like that!**

KEYS TO

**LIVING IN THE POWER OF GOD
FOR THE PURPOSES OF GOD?**

Here are 10 points again

Part 2 we will cover 7 points from 3-10

Using the analogy of food and a banquet as Jesus often did:

1. **Hunger** - the desire and need to eat
2. **Revelation** - the understanding of why and what to eat
3. **Regular diet** - the frequency and quantity of eating and specifically what
4. **Less junk food** - knowing what not to eat and why
5. **Feast at the right banquet** - Not just eating whatever your eye sees or your body or appetite wants (lust)
6. **Dance with right groom** - who or what is the object of our affection

7. **Knowing where your food comes from** - Knowing the Truth and source of our food / avoiding being deceived
8. **Knowing that eating right will be good for us** - The nature of our Father/ Fathers heart that he will not give us stones for bread or snakes
9. **Knowing truth** - God's word alone, Not any other source or opinion or expert
10. **Believe God** - Really believe !! (Then it will be easy to act without worry, fear, anxiety, intimidation, etc.)

Recapping 1-3

1. **Hunger** - the desire and need to eat

DO YOU WANT TO BE LIVING IN GODS POWER AND AUTHORITY? Or are you content to be "just saved" as one escaping the flames?

Recall the scripture...

2 Timothy 2:20-22 ESV

Now in a great house there are not only vessels of gold and silver but also of wood and clay, **some for honorable use, some for dishonorable**. Therefore, **if anyone cleanses himself from what is dishonorable, he will be a vessel for honorable use**, set apart as holy, useful to the master of the house, ready for every good work.

So flee youthful passions and pursue righteousness, faith, love, and peace, along with those who call on the Lord from a pure heart.

Isaiah 55:1 NIV

Invitation to the Thirsty

"Come, all you who are thirsty,

come to the waters;

and you who have no money,

come, buy and eat!

Come, buy wine and milk

without money and without cost.

Notice God want US to be THIRSTY - HE does not make people thirsty

Deuteronomy 8:3 NLT

Yes, he humbled you by letting you go hungry and then feeding you with manna, a food previously unknown to you and your ancestors. **He did it to teach you that people do not live by bread alone; rather, we live by every word that comes from the mouth of the LORD.**

Hunger is a teacher!!! From God

Spiritual Hunger is key and is from God as this give us the appetite for Gods Word!

Deuteronomy 32:1-4 NLT

[God Speaking through Moses]

"Listen, O heavens, and **I will speak!**

Hear, O earth, the words that I say!

Continuing...

Deuteronomy 32:44-47 NLT

So Moses came with Joshua son of Nun and recited all the words of this song to the people.

When Moses had finished reciting all these words to the people of Israel, he added: **“Take to heart all the words of warning I have given you today. Pass them on as a command to your children so they will obey every word of these instructions. These instructions are not empty words—they are your life! By obeying them you will enjoy a long life in the land you will occupy when you cross the Jordan River.”**

Jesus said:

Matthew 5:6 NIV

Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness,

for they will be filled.

Notice again - You need to deal with this is you are not hungry or thirsty for God!

2. Revelation - the understanding of why and what to eat

Matthew 16:15-17 NIV

“But what about you?” he asked. “Who do you say I am?”

Simon Peter answered, “You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God.”

Jesus replied, **“Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah, for this was not revealed to you by flesh and blood, but by my Father in heaven.”**

John 1:33 NIV

And I myself did not know him, but the one who sent me to baptize with water told me, ‘The man on whom you see the Spirit come down and remain is the one who will baptize with the Holy Spirit.’

Romans 3:2-3 NLT

Yes, there are great benefits! First of all, **the Jews were entrusted with the whole revelation of God.**

True, some of them were unfaithful; **but just because they were unfaithful, does that mean God will be unfaithful?**

Galatians 1:11-12 NLT

Paul’s Message Comes from Christ

Dear brothers and sisters, I want you to **understand** that **the gospel message I preach is not based on mere human reasoning.** I received my message from no human source, and no one taught me. Instead, **I received it by direct revelation from Jesus Christ.**

3. Regular diet - the frequency and quantity of eating and specifically what

Hebrews 5:12-14 NLT

You have been believers so long now that you ought to be teaching others. Instead, you need someone to teach you again the basic things about God’s word. You are like babies who need milk and **cannot eat solid food.** For **someone who lives on milk is still an infant**

and doesn't know how to do what is right. **Solid food is for those who are mature, who through training have the skill to recognize the difference between right and wrong.**

Extract "Miracles don't just happen" Lester Sumrall

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After my first message in the evening, Brother Wigglesworth approached me, introduced himself, and said, "Young man, you need to come and see me." He was now an elderly ambassador of the cross in his eighties and I was just a twenty-three-year-old single evangelist. I felt that his abruptness was a rebuke to the poor way in which I had delivered the message that evening. Taken aback I said, "Is this for real?" He assured me that it was and gave me his address. He lived in Bradford in the Midlands, and I was making my headquarters at the time at Hampstead Bible Institute in London. Two weeks later I had occasion to be in Bradford and anxiously I looked up the veteran warrior of the faith. When he answered my knock at his door I was immediately impressed with the trim, neat appearance he made. In his well-tailored suit he looked more like a prosperous banker or a Philadelphia lawyer than a gospel preacher. Whether in the pulpit or in his parlor, Wigglesworth was always immaculately groomed and looked twenty years younger than his age. He grabbed and hugged me with the strength of a young man. Then just as quickly he released me and stepped back in his abrupt way demanding, "What's that under your arm?" "It's just the daily newspaper," I explained. "I don't permit that kind of rubbish in my house," he instantly replied. "Throw it out before you come in. Hitler and Mussolini will both be in Hell soon and I don't need that garbage in my house." I laid the newspaper down and **he led me into his living room. There he read the Bible to me and then he prayed. He read the Word some more and prayed again. After this we were served lunch by his daughter, Alice Wigglesworth Salter. As we were finishing our meal he brusquely remarked, "Come back and see me again." I politely left and in two or three weeks I was back for another visit. Many times over the next several years it was my privilege to be in Smith Wigglesworth's home, and I always found him the same. We would read the Scriptures and pray together and then he would tell me of his great revival experiences in Switzerland, Sweden, South Africa, North America, and England. With tears running down his face he would tell me how much he loved his Jesus. These times were almost intoxicating spiritually. He always talked positively and told the most amazing stories I had ever heard of God's miracleworking power. On one of these frequent visits I asked, "Brother Wigglesworth, every time I come to see you, you are always the same. How can it be? Don't you ever get sick or feel discouraged?" He looked me sternly in the eye and said, "Young man, I don't ever ask Smith Wigglesworth how he feels." Then I asked, "Well, how do you get up in the morning?" Quickly he answered, "I put my feet on the floor and I dance before the Lord for ten minutes. I just dance all over the room before the Lord. And as I dance I say, 'Lord, this is because I love you, and I want to dance before you in joy for being such a wonderful Savior and giving me such a lovely day.'" After I had been in his home a number of times and had spoken with him in several conventions, including his own Easter convention in Preston, **I made my final visit to Wigglesworth's home before returning to the United States. On this visit, following our usual time of Scripture reading and prayer, he said, "You have come to see me a number of times and I am going to bless you with my spirit." I knelt and as Wigglesworth stood over me he laid his hands on my shoulders and prayed a fervent, tearful prayer. "God," he said, "let the faith that is in my heart be poured into the heart of this young man. And let the works that I have seen you do be done in his life and ministry. Let the blessing that you have given to me be his. Let the****

holy anointing that has rested upon my life rest upon his life.” In such a manner he continued to pray a long and fervent prayer. I felt the spirit of this great man flowing into my being and I knew that a new dimension of power would be in my ministry from that point onward.

Romans 10:17-18 NLT

So faith comes from hearing, that is, hearing the Good News about Christ. But I ask, have the people of Israel actually heard the message? Yes, they have:

“The message has gone throughout the earth, and the words to all the world.”

Hebrews 6:7-8 NIV

Land that drinks in the rain often falling on it and that produces a crop useful to those for whom it is farmed receives the blessing of God. *But* land that produces thorns and thistles is worthless and is in danger of being cursed. In the end it will be burned.

[Meaning that if we are not drinking regularly of the Scripture and spiritual food we will NOT PRODUCE and we will be worthless in Gods sight and INDANGER]

Recall the Bowls of clay and wood. Worthless bowls. Still in the house but not of much value !!!]

4. **Less junk food** - NB - knowing what not to eat and why

Remember the passage :

2 Timothy 3:1 NLT

The Dangers of the Last Days

You should know this, Timothy, that **in the last days there will be very difficult times.**

LIKE JUNK FOOD OVERLOAD

News, Rumours, Opinions, the “wise”, man being clever, man’s opinion on God ...

The lessons from Israelites in the dessert Paul links as a prophetic word about Jesus and the warnings about what they ate “spiritually”

The Israelites dying in the wilderness because of disobedience and not following what God said ...

1 Corinthians 10:6-8 NLT

These things happened as a **warning to us, so that we would not crave evil things as they did,** or worship idols as some of them did. As the Scriptures say, **“The people celebrated with feasting and drinking, and they indulged in pagan revelry.”** And we must not engage in sexual immorality as some of them did, causing 23,000 of them to die in one day.

1 Corinthians 3:18-23 NIV

Do not deceive yourselves. If any of you think you are wise by the standards of this age, you should become “fools” so that you may become wise. **For the wisdom of this world is foolishness in God’s sight.** As it is written: **“He catches the wise in their craftiness”;** and again, **“The Lord knows that the thoughts of the wise are futile.”** So then, **no more boasting about human leaders!** All things are yours, whether Paul or Apollos or Cephas or the world or life or death or the present or the future —all are yours, and **you are of Christ, and Christ is of God.**

Psalms 1:1-3 NLT

Psalms

BOOK ONE (Psalms 1–41)

Oh, the joys of those who do not follow the advice of the wicked, or stand around with sinners, or join in with mockers.

But they delight in the law of the LORD, meditating on it day and night.

They are like trees planted along the riverbank, bearing fruit each season.

Their leaves never wither, and they prosper in all they do.

- 5. Feast at the right banquet** - Not just eating whatever your eye sees or your body or appetite wants (lust)

Isaiah 55:2-3 NIV

Why spend money on what is not bread, and your labor on what does not satisfy?

Listen, listen to me, and eat what is good, and you will delight in the richest of fare.

Give ear and come to me;

listen, that you may live.

I will make an everlasting covenant with you, my faithful love promised to David.

Luke 15:16-17 NIV

He longed to fill his stomach with the pods that the pigs were eating, but no one gave him anything.

“When he came to his senses, he said, ‘How many of my father’s hired servants have food to spare, and here I am starving to death!’

The “Feasting” at the banquet of this world results in starvation and death!

You may pursue it in the beginning thinking it will bring joy, happiness and satisfaction, but in the end we actually starve - since we are spiritual and the only thing that brings true life is truth and found in God the one and only true savior and Lord of all!

- 6. Dance with right groom** - who or what is the object of our affection

The devil also would love to become the permanent companion of any who he can entice away from becoming part of the bride of Christ!!

Dancing with the devil is "dancing with danger"

And spiritually is akin to engaging in risky, hazardous, or potentially harmful activities, habits, addictions or freshly pursuits!.

Several synonyms and expressions that capture a similar meaning:

1. ****Flirting with disaster****
2. ****Playing with fire****
3. ****Tempting fate****
4. ****Skirting the edge****
5. ****Courting danger****
6. ****Dicing with death****
7. ****Walking a tightrope****
8. ****Living on the edge****
9. ****Gambling with danger****
10. ****Teetering on the brink****

These phrases all convey the notion of voluntarily engaging in risky behaviors or situations, much like the metaphorical idea of dancing with the devil.

2 Corinthians 11:12-15 NLT

But I will continue doing what I have always done. This will undercut those who are looking for an opportunity to boast that their work is just like ours. These people are false apostles. They are deceitful workers who disguise themselves as apostles of Christ. But I am not surprised! Even **Satan disguises himself as an angel of light. So it is no wonder that his servants also disguise themselves as servants of righteousness.** In the end they will get the punishment their wicked deeds deserve.

James 4:17 NIV

If anyone, then, knows the good they ought to do and doesn't do it, it is sin for them.

Galatians 5:19-21 NLT

The acts of the flesh are obvious: sexual immorality, impurity and debauchery; idolatry and witchcraft; hatred, discord, jealousy, fits of rage, selfish ambition, dissensions, factions and envy; drunkenness, orgies, and the like. **I warn you, as I did before, that those who live like this will not inherit the kingdom of God.**

STOP LIVING ON THE EDGE!

Stop watching what is not uplifting?

If Jesus were with you in the flesh in any of the circumstances, situations, relationships, business meetings, planning etc and He would not approve them your are dancing with the devil!!

7. Knowing where your food comes from - Knowing the Truth and source of our food / avoiding being deceived

Isaiah 45:14 NLT

Future Conversion of Gentiles

This is what the LORD says:

"You will rule the Egyptians,
the Ethiopians, and the Sabeans.

They will come to you with all their merchandise,

and it will all be yours.
They will follow you as prisoners in chains.
They will fall to their knees in front of you and say,
'God is with you, and he is the only God.
There is no other.'"

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Isaiah 45:23 NLT
I have sworn by my own name;
I have spoken the truth,
and I will never go back on my word:
Every knee will bend to me,
and every tongue will declare allegiance to me."

Isaiah 45:24 NLT
The people will declare,
"The LORD is the source of all my righteousness and strength."
And **all who were angry with him**
will come to him and **be ashamed.**

- 8. Knowing that eating right will be good for us** - The nature of our Father/ Fathers heart that he will not give us stones for bread or snakes

1 Corinthians 10:1-5 NLT

Lessons from Israel's Idolatry

I don't want you to forget, dear brothers and sisters, about our ancestors in the wilderness long ago. **All of them were guided by a cloud** that moved ahead of them, and all of them walked through the sea on dry ground. **In the cloud and in the sea, all of them were baptized as followers of Moses. All of them ate the same spiritual food, and all of them drank the same spiritual water. For they drank from the spiritual rock** that traveled with them, and **that rock was Christ.** Yet God was not pleased with most of them, and their bodies were scattered in the wilderness.

- 9. Knowing truth** - God's word alone, Not any other source or opinion or expert

Proverbs 30:5-6 NLT

Every word of God proves true.

He is a shield to all who come to him for protection.

Do not add to his words,
or he may rebuke you and expose you as a liar.

Hebrews 5:14 NLT

Solid food is for **those who are mature, who through training have the skill to recognize the difference between right and wrong.**

2 Thessalonians 2:2-3 NLT

Don't be so easily shaken or alarmed by those who say that the day of the Lord has already begun. **Don't believe them, even if they claim to have had a spiritual vision, a revelation, or a letter supposedly from us. Don't be fooled by what they say.** For that day will not come until there is a great rebellion against God and the man of lawlessness is

revealed—the one who brings destruction.

- 10. Believe God** - Really believe !! (Then it will be easy to act without worry, fear, anxiety, intimidation, etc.)

Luke 24:25-27 NLT

Then Jesus said to them, “You foolish people! **You find it so hard to believe all that the prophets wrote in the Scriptures.** Wasn’t it clearly predicted that the Messiah would have to suffer all these things before entering his glory?” **Then Jesus took them through the writings of Moses and all the prophets, explaining from all the Scriptures the things concerning himself.**

Why is it so hard for you to believe
And if you do believe why are you not acting on this?
Change today what God has shown!!

Luke 24:31 NLT

Suddenly, their eyes were opened, and they recognized him. And at that moment he disappeared!

If not now when
If not him who
If not him why
If not with him how?

Which of these 10 keys will you start to put in place immediately?

WHAT HAS JESUS SUDDENLY OPENED YOUR EYES ABOUT TODAY?