

# Empowering the Disciple

1. The Great Commission, Part Two
  - A. The Great Commission according to Matthew – Matthew 28:18-20 (967)
  - B. The Great Commission according to Luke – Acts 1:4-9 (1055)
    - 1) They were to wait for the Holy Spirit
    - 2) The Spirit would give power
  - C. The coming of the Spirit in Acts 2 marks a dramatic change in the effectiveness of the disciples
2. Our Power as Disciples
  - A. Our power is that same power that raised Christ from the dead – Ephesians 1:18-21 (1133)
  - B. Our power is the result of God living in us – Ephesians 3:14-21 (1135)
    - 1) We are strengthened by the power of the indwelling Spirit
    - 2) Christ dwells in us – Galatians 2:20 (1129)
    - 3) The power of His love equips us
    - 4) God is able to do more than we can ask or even imagine
  - C. The Spirit overcomes fear with God's power – 2 Timothy 1:7 (1155)
  - D. Christ's power is demonstrated in our weakness – 2 Corinthians 12:9-10 (1126); 2 Corinthians 4:7 (1121)
  - E. God's power gives us everything we need – 2 Peter 1:3-4 (1180)
3. Connecting to our power – John 15:1-5 (1046)
  - A. Constant connection to God is essential to bearing fruit
  - B. Apart from remaining in Him, we can do nothing
  - C. How do we stay in constant connection?
    - 1) We must be studying the Word of God (Bible) – 2 Timothy 2:15 (1156)
    - 2) We must be in prayer continually– 1 Thessalonians 5:17 (1148)
    - 3) We must maintain fellowship through confession of sin – 1 John 1:3, 9 (1183)