

NOT WITH YOUR OWN POWER, BUT WITH GOD'S SPIRIT

"So he said to me, "This is the word of the Lord to Zerubbabel: 'Not by might nor by power, but by my Spirit,' says the Lord Almighty." (Zechariah 4:6)

Even though the message in Zechariah 4:6 was conveyed to Zerubbabel, it still can be applied to all believers (cf. 2 Tim. 3:16 - All writings inspired by God are indeed useful for teaching, for reproofing mistakes, for correcting behavior and for educating people in truth). Armed power, political power or human power cannot carry out the work of God. We can only carry out God's work if we are empowered by the Holy Spirit (cf. Jg 6:34; Isa 31:3). We too can grow and bear fruit of righteousness because God has provided seed and multiplied it in our lives (2 Cor. 9:10 - He who provides seed for the sower, and bread to eat, He will also provide seed for you and multiply it). and grow the fruits of your righteousness). Jesus began His ministry with the power of the Holy Spirit (Luke 4:1,18 - Jesus, who was filled with the Holy Spirit, returned from the Jordan River, and was led by the Holy Spirit into the wilderness; the Spirit of the Lord is upon Me, because He has anointed me to preach the good news to the poor; and he has sent me), on the day of Pentecost in the history of the early church, the church was empowered by the Holy Spirit and every disciple of Christ at that time was anointed as his witness who is alive (Acts 1:8; 2:4). Only if the Holy Spirit continues to rule and control our lives can we carry out God's will for us. That is why Jesus baptizes His followers with the Holy Spirit. We must grow and bear fruit in the life of His word. God's word to Zerubbabel said, not by might nor by might, but by my spirit says the Lord (Zechariah 4:6). The Lord Jesus not only assigned each of His disciples to produce a lot of fruit, but He also wants to accompany us in carrying out His duties. That's why each of us needs to be filled with the Holy Spirit. A kind heart is a heart that has been completely plowed so that it becomes tender to God. Against God's Word we can believe every word and believe it. "For Christ is "yes" to all of God's promises. That is why by Him we say "Amen" to glorify God. For he who has confirmed us together with you in Christ is God who has anointed" (2 Cor 1:20-21). If God's word says something for us, then we who are anointed by the Holy Spirit can make ourselves according to His word. If our hearts are filled with the Holy Spirit, then God's words can grow and bear fruit in us, some thirtyfold, some sixty-fold, and some a hundredfold (Mark 4:20 - And finally what is sown in good soil, those who hear and respond to the word and bear fruit, some thirty times, some sixty times, and some a hundred times. When the Lord's disciples were praying after Peter and John were released from before the religious court, the place where they were gathered together was shaken and they were all filled with the Holy Spirit, and they preached the word of God boldly (Acts 4:31). Peter and John could be released from the demands of the religious court not because of their might and not because of their strength, but by the power of the Holy Spirit. The disciples also preached the word of God boldly not because of their might and not because of their strength, but because of the power of the Holy Spirit. Therefore, let us also be filled with the Holy Spirit, so that we can boldly proclaim God's word in these last days, Amen!

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