

GOD'S POWER IS FOR GOD'S PURPOSE

Family Devotion — Lesson 66

MEMORY VERSE — 2 KINGS 2:9

“And Elisha said, I pray thee, let a double portion of thy spirit be upon me.”

- The prophet Elijah asked Elisha what he could do for him before he departed up to God. Elisha asked for a double portion of his spirit (power). The spirit was God's power, influence, and authority. Read 2 Kings 2:10-15 to see what happened.
- God did not give power to people just to do cool and amazing things. There was a purpose.
- There are a few reasons why Elisha got God's power:
 - 1) Elisha asked (2 Kings 2:9).
 - 2) Elisha would be able to prove that he was God's prophet so the people would know to follow him.
 - 3) Elisha could perform miracles to promote the God of Israel and bless the people.
- Today, God's power in our lives comes from the Holy Spirit of God. The moment you were saved was the very moment you received the Holy Spirit (Eph. 1:13).
- Here are just a few reasons why God gives a believer His Spirit:
 - 1) To seal a believer's salvation unto the day of redemption (Eph. 4:30).
 - 2) To open a believer's understanding to the Scriptures (1 Cor. 2:11-14).
 - 3) To let a believer know he is a child of God (Rom. 8:16).
 - 4) To walk in the Spirit and not in the flesh (Gal. 5:16).
 - 5) To have spiritual fruit (Gal. 5:22-23).
- Where God guides, He provides. Read Matthew 28:19-20.



QUESTIONS TO DISCUSS

- Where do God's people get their power from?
- Have you ever seen God's power work in someone's life? How about your life? Explain.
- Do you think God would command someone to do something if He knew they could not do it?



PRAYER TIME

- Thank God for giving you the Holy Spirit.
- Ask God to help you use His power to glorify Jesus Christ.



CHALLENGE

- Ask your mom or dad to tell you how God has showed His power in their lives and then find a Bible verse that goes along with it.