



INSIGHTS

POSSESS

YOUR SUPER POWERS!

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As a little boy, there was something about donning a cape that made me feel incredibly powerful. Often I could be found racing—flying low, in my own young mind—through our house or yard with my Superman cape (a towel pinned around my neck) flowing in the wind behind me. As I flew with lightning speed, I was invincible and ready to defeat any foe.

In those fleeting fantasies, I had powers not only to fly, but also to see through walls and bend steel bars. There were no limits to the good I could do, nor to the admiration I would receive. I was Superkid!

Of course, I was the only one who saw it that way. The rest of the family simply saw a very energized little boy with a big imagination.

Years later after I was born

again, I found out that long before the myriad of DC comic or Marvel Super Heroes like Superman, Wonder Woman, Green Lantern, or Thor, there were some very real “superheroes”—and they were all found in the Bible! Whether a young giant-slayer, three fire-conquering Hebrews, or a man who calmed the fierce lions, each one possessed much more than ordinary powers.

These superheroes saw a sea divide, the sun stand still for hours, and fire descend from a cloudless sky. They used their powers to make poisonous waters pure, unleash lifesaving waters from a rock in the desert, influence kings to save their nation, and bring down the walls of a fortified city.

Each of these superheroes in Scripture had something in common: They knew the Source

of their power. They not only knew their God, but they also had discovered the secret of real power. Faith unlocked the power for the supernatural.

These were people whose thinking was not common. Their minds had not only been changed to operate outside the natural limits they had known, but they had also filled their minds with the possibilities and thoughts of God Himself. These men and women of God are the proof we need that our own “superhero status” is not as out of reach as we may have believed. But it will take some shifting in our minds.

Faith that makes superheroes out of ordinary people like you and me is more than merely a belief in God. It is faith that gives us eyes to see beyond the natural appearance of things.

The eyes of faith see through the veil of the world to behold

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the power and reality of God's spoken words in the unseen realm. Then the hands of faith lay hold of that spiritual reality and pull it into the seen realm to be experienced with our natural senses.

The movers and shakers throughout Scripture took God-given ideas and made them their priority—and in so doing, unleashed amazing power.

Consider the lives of some who stand out:

- Noah received and heeded God's revelations and warnings, and because of his obedience, preserved God's ultimate plan for man and the world. As a result, Noah also obtained a place of righteousness

before God.

- Daniel's faith in God's ability to preserve him stopped the mouths of lions.
- The three young men named Shadrach, Meshach, and Abed-Nego refused to compromise and by faith were delivered out of the power of a raging fire.
- Many others fastened their faith onto the supernatural promises they had received from God and pulled them into the natural realm to become a present reality.

That is really the key—fastening our faith onto the great and precious promises God has given us. The Holy Spirit has come to dwell in us, revealing the inner nature of the new creation we've become in Christ. We have supernatural ability and power infused into our innermost being.

Jesus said, "But I promise you this—the Holy Spirit will come upon you and you will be filled with power" (see Acts 1:8).

The Greek word translated "power" is a word used to describe a force of nature, such as a hurricane-force wind or a tornado. It would also describe the full might of an advancing army.

The Holy Spirit coming upon each son or daughter of God turns us into a force of nature—a divine advancing army pushing back the enemies of darkness.

This word is also where we get the English words "dynamo" and "dynamite." It denotes *explosive power*. And this "super power" resides within the inner being of every believer!

This same power is referred to in 2 Peter 1:3 (NLT):

By his divine power, God has given us everything we need for living a godly life. We have received all of this by coming to know him, the one who called us to himself by means of his marvelous glory and excellence.

We are the containers God has fashioned to hold and distribute His power. His promises are the windows into understanding His will. Fastening our faith onto those promises unleashes the force of His words.

Look at how the *Passion Translation* states the next verse:

As a result of this, he has given you magnificent promises that are beyond all price, so that through *the power* of these tremendous promises we can experience partnership with the divine nature, by which you have escaped the corrupt desires that are of the world.

—2 Peter 1:4 TPT

Faith that fastens to these promises brings power and partnership with God's own nature. His nature is now *our* nature. We have what it takes to overcome every kind of corruption coming against us on every level.

We know that God's divine nature within changes us radically. It begins when

we are born of the Spirit. This new nature becomes our new operating system and the source of our personal power. The result is a deep reformation in how we think.

There is more to this divine process than changing only *what* we think. It also involves embracing the change in *how* we think. When we allow our internal operating system to be updated to the Holy Spirit's higher ways of thinking, doing, and operating, the *how* of our mindset is changed. And through that process, we are transformed from common people to uncommon believers.

This familiar scripture from Romans 12 is pivotal for understanding how transformation of our nature becomes transformed living:

Stop imitating the ideals and opinions of the culture around you, but be inwardly transformed by the Holy Spirit through a total reformation of how you think. This will empower you to discern God's will as you live a beautiful life, satisfying and perfect in his eyes.

—Romans 12:2 TPT

The process of changing *how* we think is where the spiritual changes we experienced when we were born again become changes in our priorities, behaviors, and experiences.

How we think begins to be fed through the filter of our new inner nature, infused with God by the Holy Spirit. For example, when faced with a seemingly impossible situation, our transformed minds move to obtain a new

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point of view—*God's* perspective. When His words fill our minds and imagination, everything needed becomes possible as the answer comes into view. We can see it!

The Secret Power of Spiritual Imaginations

Our imagination is a powerful gift from God. It is where the pictures of His power, love, and peace become clear, transforming thoughts. Isaiah 26:3 (TPT) speaks of this process beautifully: "Perfect, absolute peace surrounds those whose imaginations are consumed with you; they

confidently trust in you."

Your assignment is to keep yourself focused on God's plans and promises in order to experience the things He has designed for you. When you're surrounded by apparent contradictions, His Word will fill your mind and your imagination to see a different outcome.

Whatever you focus on is like a compass in your soul. Without even realizing it, you continually make choices that

move you in the direction of your dominant thoughts. Your mindset then sets everything within you in action to bring those imaginations into reality. This internal process is continually operating in your life, whether you are aware of it or not, and it is your choices that determine whether that process will produce the good things God has promised or the destruction the enemy has planned against you.

All of this highlights the importance of your decision to stop imagining the worst outcome and to begin retasking your mind to focus on the goodness of God based on His will for you.

Proverbs 4:21-27 (TPT) gives God's blueprint for success in this process:

Fill your thoughts with my words until they penetrate deep into your spirit. Then, as you unwrap my words, they will impart true life and radiant health into the very core of your being. So above all, guard the affections of your heart, for they affect all that you are. Pay attention to the welfare of your innermost being, for from there flows the wellspring of life. Avoid

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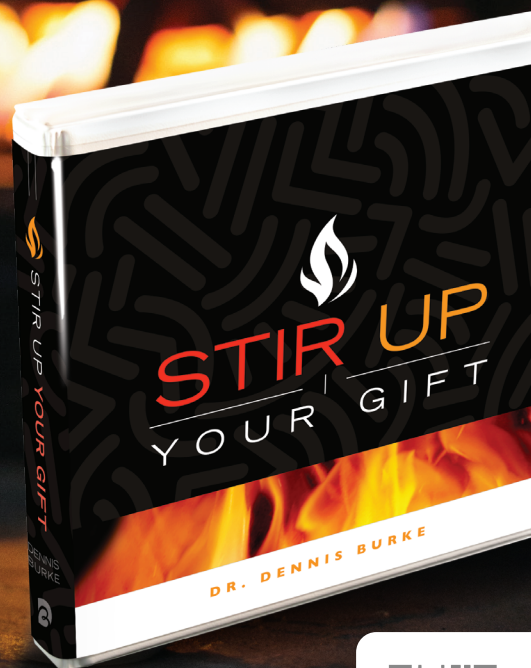
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and the road will be safe and smooth before you. Don't allow yourself to be sidetracked for even a moment or take the detour that leads to darkness.

Do you want to *possess* and *exercise* your God-given super powers to their

fullest extent? This is how you do it. And *as* you do it, be assured—there are mighty exploits for God right up ahead on His path for you. *Believe* for them; *see* them; and then prepare to *walk* in them as you pursue the fulfillment of His great plan!

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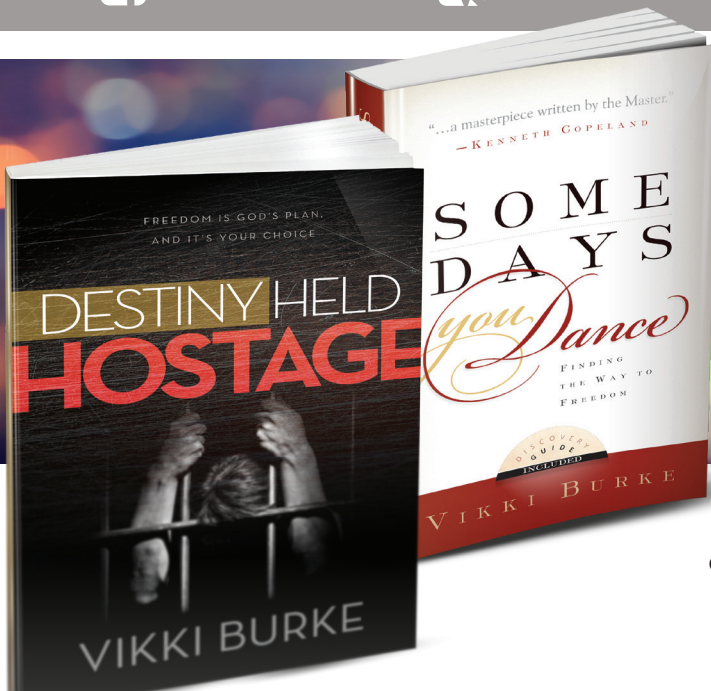
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