

EMPOWERED BY THE SPIRIT – 2
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EPHESIANS 3:14-16

REVIEW:

- God's work requires supernatural power.
- The disciples were endued with power from on high.
- Samson shows the difference between being empowered or not.

CONTINUE:

Paul knew resisting temptation, bearing up under trials, performing duties and living a sanctified life require supernatural power. **EPHESIANS 3:20, COLOSSIANS 1:9-11**

THE VESSEL OF HONOR – 2 TIMOTHY 2:19-21

1. Everyone is a vessel or container – like a jar. Here, vessel is used figuratively to describe people.
A. ACTS 9:15-16, 2 CORINTHIANS 4:6-7, 1 THESSALONIANS 4:4

2. There are two types of vessels: Honor, dishonor. **2 TIMOTHY 2:20**

A. The vessel of honor:

- Shuns vain babblings – **V16-18 (KJV, NLT)**
- Departs from iniquity – **V19**
- Flees youthful lusts – **V22**
- Avoids strife – **V23-26**

3. The vessel of honor is empowered to live a sanctified life.

A. Sanctification is threefold and touches all three dimensions of our being: spirit, soul and body.

1 THESSALONIANS 5:23

- Positional – Occurs at regeneration.
COLOSSIANS 1:19-22 - This touches our spirit. The Blood of Jesus sanctifies.
- Progressive – Occurs over time. **2 CORINTHIANS 3:18, 7:1** – This touches our soul and body while on earth. **ROMANS 12:1-2**
- Permanent – Occurs when glorified. **ROMANS 8:21-25, 1 CORINTHIANS 15:50-58**

B. Sanctification is a work of the Word and Spirit.

JOHN 17:17-19 – The Word provides the instructions and the Spirit provides the power. The spirit needs the Word to work with.

C. Sanctification was the goal of Paul's missionary efforts. ROMANS 15:15-18 (ESV) – His goal was to get people saved and sanctified, or obedient in word and deed to Christ.

C. Sanctification is complete when all three dimensions of our being are completely freed from the effects of sin.

4. The vessel of honor is useful for his master. **2 TIMOTHY 2:21 (KJV, ESV)**

A. God uses people who flee from sin and pursue godliness.

B. We must decide what kind of vessel we will be.

C. PSALMS 92:10 – Fresh oil and daily bread are available for all.

CONCLUSION: We all are to work out our own salvation with fear and trembling. We're all responsible to get what God put on the inside of us to the outside. **PHILIPPIANS 2:12-13 (AMPC)**