

Power... the Jesus Way

The Scriptures and the Power of God

Big Idea:

Power can be W_____ creatively.
Motivated by Godly L_____.
Power can be W_____ destructively.
Motivated by I_____.

Big Question:

How do we use power?

Usually not simple

Secular and religious powers
Romans (Pilate) and Jews (Herod)
The rulers of the Gentiles lord it over them... Not so with you. - Jesus, Matthew 20
Pharisees and Sadducees
Is there life after death, or is this all there is?

Power according to Jesus

That same day the Sadducees, who say there is no resurrection, came to Him with a question... "Now then, at the resurrection, whose wife will she be of the seven, since all of them were married to her?"
Jesus replied, "You are in error because you do not know the Scriptures or the power of God. At the resurrection people will neither marry nor be given in marriage; they will be like the angels in heaven. But about the resurrection of the dead—have you not read what God said to you, 'I am the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob'? He is not the God of the dead but of the living."
When the crowds heard this, they were astonished at His teaching.

Matthew 22:23, 28-33

Acknowledge that you may be (are) in error.

To Not Know the Scriptures

The Scriptures help us understand life in light of God.
Thy word is a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path.

Psalms 119:105

... from infancy you have known the Holy Scriptures, which are able to make you wise for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus. All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness, so that the servant of God may be thoroughly equipped for every good work.

2 Timothy 3:14-17

That chapter begins with these words:

But mark this: *There will be terrible times in the last days. People will be lovers of themselves, lovers of money, boastful, proud, abusive, disobedient to their parents, ungrateful, unholy, without love, unforgiving, slanderous, without self-control, brutal, not lovers of the good, treacherous, rash, conceited, lovers of pleasure rather than lovers of God—having a form of godliness but denying its P_____. Have nothing to do with such people.*

R_____ - Devotions. Daily Bible Reading Plan.
S_____ - Life group. Study Bible.
M_____ - Journal writing. Lectio divina.
Scripture memory songs.

To Not Know the Power of God

To not know that God is.. powerful... all powerful...
To know the way that God wields God's power =
M_____ by love.
...in a way that gives us free will and
R_____.

What power do you have? What is your motive?

Knowing the Scriptures leads us to knowing the power of God.

Next Steps

- 1) Be open to the possibility that you are in error. That can be the first step of learning.
- 2) Begin/continue using a daily Bible reading plan.
- 3) Ask God to move love ahead of any and every other motive you have in your relationships with others.

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