

DENYING THE POWER

2 Timothy 3:1-5 – Form of Godliness, but deny power

1. Have A Form of Godliness

- a. Two flashlights look the same but one is different
- b. We are to provide light

i. Matthew 5:14-16 (paraphrase)

1. *We are the light and a flashlight doesn't provide light for itself. God is looking for the light to be shown.*
2. *Let your light shine for God's glory*

2. Denying (*refuse to give or grant; refuse something offered*) the Power

- a. A light needs a source of power (one flashlight has power / other doesn't)
- b. God's power (dunamis) flows to our lives like a current
- c. What blocks that power
 - i. Things on the list in v2-4
 - ii. Resistors - electrical
 1. Restrict, block or oppose the flow of power
 2. Types of resistors (*one flash light filled with these*)
 - a. Worry, doubt, disobedience, pride, ungratefulness, undisciplined
 3. Ability to resist is measured in Ohms – Omega sign
 - a. God is alpha and omega (last)
 - i. Resistors want to have the “omega” in your life
 1. **Galatians 5:17 – desires of flesh against Spirit**
 - ii. Who/what has the “last” say so?

GET THE POWER

Acts 3:1-8

>Peter had denied the power, but we see he now knows better.

3. God's Power Flows Where He Is

- a. Man at temple for over 40 years
 - i. Denied entrance to where God was supposed to be
 - ii. Religious folks doing nothing but walking past and giving alms to make themselves feel good (not glorifying God)
 - iii. Peter and John wasn't concerned about his past “sins”
 - iv. Secure the presence of God to see His power

4. God's Power Flows Where There Is Expectancy

- a. God is ready to do something exceedingly and abundantly above all
 - i. We go to church without expectation-just going through the motions
 - ii. [Hebrews 11:6](#)
They that come to God must believe that He is and that He is a rewarder of them that diligently seek Him
 - iii. The lame man expected something
 - 1. God doesn't always answer the way we expect Him to but we just need to expect and answer
 - iv. Faith is the evidence of things hoped (expected) for

5. God's Power Flows Where Right Authority Is Recognized

- a. Peter and John don't pray for the man
 - i. Sure they were "prayed up"
- b. Used the Authority of Christ
 - i. [Name above all names and every knee must bow](#)
 - 1. If it has a name, it must subcumb to the Word of God
 - ii. Authority mandates power
 - 1. *Referee (authority) vs. linebacker (power)*
- c. We have the power as long as we know who is in authority
 - i. [Romans 8:17 – we are joint heirs with Christ](#)
 - ii. [Mark 16:17 – signs will accompany those that believed: in My name they will....](#)
 - iii. We have power over the enemy

6. God's Power Flows Where He Will Receive the Glory (Praise, Honor, Worship)

- a. Disciples asked why man was blind was it due to sin, but Jesus said so that God could get the glory
- b. Why?
 - i. God created us from His glory (power, strength, wisdom) for His glory (to justice to reality of Who He is)