

LESSONS FROM RICK JOYNER'S BOOK "THE FINAL QUEST"

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Recap of the previous lesson (Pursue Love & The Power to Love With)

In the words of Jesus:

- 1) "I can only trust you with My supernatural knowledge to the degree that you know My heart. The gifts of the Spirit that I have released to My church are but small tokens of the powers of the age to come. I have called you to be messengers of that age, and you must therefore know its powers. You should earnestly desire the gifts"
- 2) "I am about to entrust much more of the powers of the age to come to My church.
- 3) "Last-day believers will walk in all the power that I demonstrated, and more, because they will be the final representatives of all who have gone before them"
- 4) "If you do not know My love, then My power will corrupt you. I do not give you love so you can know My power, but I give you power so you can know My love. The goal of your life must be love, not power. Then I will give you power with which to love people. I will give you the power to heal the sick because you love them, and I love them, and I do not want them sick"

Today's Topic: THE HOLY SPIRIT & POWER

(75:2) *"If you do not know My love, then My power will corrupt you. I do not give you love so you can know My power, but I give you power so you can know My love.*

(76:3-7) *While hearing these words, I felt compelled to look up toward one of the thrones beside me. Immediately I saw a man I recognized. He had been a great evangelist when I was a child, and many felt that he had walked in more power than anyone since the early church. I had read about him and had listened to some of his recorded messages. It was hard not to be touched by his genuine humility and the obvious love he had for the Lord and people. Even so, I also felt that some of his teachings had gone seriously awry. I was surprised, but also relieved, to see him sitting on a great throne. I was captured by the humility and love that still exuded from him.*

As I turned to ask the Lord if I could talk with this man, I could see how much the Lord loved him. However, the Lord motioned for me to continue walking and would not permit me to speak with the evangelist.

"I just wanted you to see him here," the Lord explained, "and to understand the position that he has with Me. There is much for you to understand about him. He was a messenger to My last-day church, but the church could not hear him for reasons that you will understand in due time. He did fall into discouragement and delusion for a time, and his message was distorted. It must be recovered, as well as the parts that I have given to others which were also distorted."

Knowing everything here happened in perfect timing with all I was meant to learn, I began to think about how seeing this man must be related to what we had just talked about—the potential of power to corrupt.

“Yes. There is great danger in walking in great power,” the Lord responded. “Many of My messengers have fallen subject to this danger, and that is part of the message they are to give to My last-day church. You must walk in My power, even much greater power than these experienced. But if you ever start to think the power is My endorsement of you or even of your message, you will open the door to the same delusion. The Holy Spirit is given to testify only of Me.”

The Spirit's Power

John 15:26-27

Acts 1:8

1 Corinthians 12:7-11

The Spirit's Protection against Corruption

Romans 8:14 (be led by Him)

Ephesians 5:17-21 (the more filled you are with Him, the more He will 'control' you)

Revelation 19:10 (it is all about Jesus)