



Gospel Growth

IN VIRTUE

THE POWER FOR VIRTUE

We cannot fulfill life's purpose of developing and displaying the excellencies of Jesus Christ in our own strength. The power for virtuous living comes from Christ and His indwelling Spirit alone. Therefore, we must access that power by dependent obedience.

The power for virtuous living is found in **Christ** alone. (John 15:1-5)

A power that is available

Christ's spirit **dwells in** the Christian by the Holy Spirit. (John 14:16-17, 16:7, 1 John 4:13)

Christ's spirit dwells in the Christian by the Holy Spirit to produce **virtuous living**. (Gal. 5:22-23, Rom. 8:8-11)

A power that is accessed

The Spirit's power is accessed by **depending** on the Spirit's help. (Rom. 8:13, Gal. 3:3, Eph 5:18)

The Spirit's power is accessed by **following** the Spirit's leading. (Gal. 5:16-18, 25)

Morally excellent character and conduct is the Spirit's fruit powerfully produced in and through us. Confess your inability and your dependence on God every morning. Use transition times during the day to refocus your dependence on Him. In the moment of temptation, confess your dependence and obey the Spirit.

PURSUING GOSPEL GROWTH

- What are some things that keep us from acknowledging our inability and trusting Christ for power?
- Should you ever feel that it is impossible for you to have righteous character and conduct? Why?
- What role do our daily devotions play in accessing God's power for righteousness? Is this enough for the day?