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# **POWER:**

**The capacity to get what you want or pursue what you value**

**The ability to direct or influence the behaviour of others or the course of events**



# Signs of Spiritual Power

- Love
- Humility
- Self Limitation
- Joy
- Vulnerability
- Submission
- Freedom

# Contexts of Spiritual Power

- INDIVIDUAL
- HOME/FAMILY
- WORKPLACE
- SCHOOL
- CHURCH
- MARRIAGE
- COMMUNITY

Contexts — — — —>			
<b>LOVE</b> (Power for the good of others)  <i>How are we using our influence for the good of others?</i>			
<b>HUMILITY</b> (Power under control)  <i>Who are you learning from?</i>			
<b>SELF-LIMITATION</b> (Power held back)  <i>What power are deliberately not using?</i>			
<b>JOY</b> (Power that celebrates)  <i>What are you celebrating today?</i>			



# 1. Love (Power for the good of others)

1 Cor 13:1-2

If I speak in the tongues of men or of angels, but do not have love, I am only a resounding gong or a clanging cymbal. 2 If I have the gift of prophecy and can fathom all mysteries and all knowledge, and if I have a faith that can move mountains, but do not have love, I am nothing.



**1. Love** (Power for the good of others)

**HURT PEOPLE HURT PEOPLE**

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**LOVED PEOPLE LOVE PEOPLE**

## 2. Humility (Power under control)

Acts 18: 24

Meanwhile a Jew named Apollos, a native of Alexandria, came to Ephesus. He was a learned man, with a thorough knowledge of the Scriptures. 25 He had been instructed in the way of the Lord, and he spoke with great fervor and taught about Jesus accurately, though he knew only the baptism of John.

## **2. Humility** (Power under control)

“If you’re the wisest person in the room... go & find a bigger room!”

### 3. Self-Limitation (Power held back)



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## 4. Joy (Power that celebrates)





## 5. **Vulnerability** (Power that admits weakness)



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“God is not greater than he is in this humiliation. God is not more glorious than he is in this self-surrender. God is not more powerful than he is in this helplessness. God is not more divine than he is in this humanity. The nucleus of everything that Christian theology says about ‘God’ is to be found in this Christ event.”

*(Jurgen Moltmann)*

## **5. Vulnerability** (Power that admits weakness)

2 Cor 12:9

But he said to me, “My grace is sufficient for you,  
for my power is made perfect in weakness.”

## 6. Submission (Power that yields to another)



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Submission is power because it places us in a position in which we can receive from others. We are impoverished people indeed if our world is narrowed down to ourselves. But when, with humility of heart, we submit to others, vast new resources are opened to us. When we submit to others, we have access to their wisdom, their counsel, their rebuke, their encouragement.

## 7. Freedom (Power that sets people free)



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**FREE PEOPLE FREE PEOPLE**



## **Empower**

**To equip with an ability; enable;  
give power to, give authority to,  
invest with power**

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