

WARM UP | Who is on your team?

A man got lost while driving through the country. As he tried to read a road map, he accidentally drove off the road into a ditch. Though he wasn't injured, his car was stuck deep in mud. So the man walked to a nearby farm to ask for help.

"Warwick can get you out of that ditch," said the farmer, pointing to an old mule standing in the field. The man looked at the haggard old mule and looked at the farmer who repeated, "Yep, Warwick can do the job." The man figured he had nothing to lose, so the two men and Warwick made their way back to the ditch.

The farmer hitched the mule to the car. With the snap of the reins he shouted, "Pull, Fred! Pull, Jack! Pull, Ted! Pull, Warwick!" And the mule pulled the car from the ditch with very little effort.

The man was amazed. He thanked the farmer, patted the mule and asked, "Why did you call out all those other names before you called Warwick?"

The farmer grinned and said, "Old Warwick is just about blind. As long as he believes he is part of a team, he doesn't mind pulling."

 **READ |** Ephesians 3:20-21

BACKGROUND |

This passage reminds us of the power of the Holy Spirit that each should have working in us. Each of us has potential but Paul is writing of the power working. In physics we learn that Work = Force x Distance moved.

Translating that into this verse reveals that the Holy Spirit enables us to get things done, to advance God's Kingdom. The Holy Spirit is not a pacifier but the Comforter. The word comforter comes from 2 words.

- Com = with
- Forte = strong or strength

The Holy Spirit's main role is to strengthen and empower you.

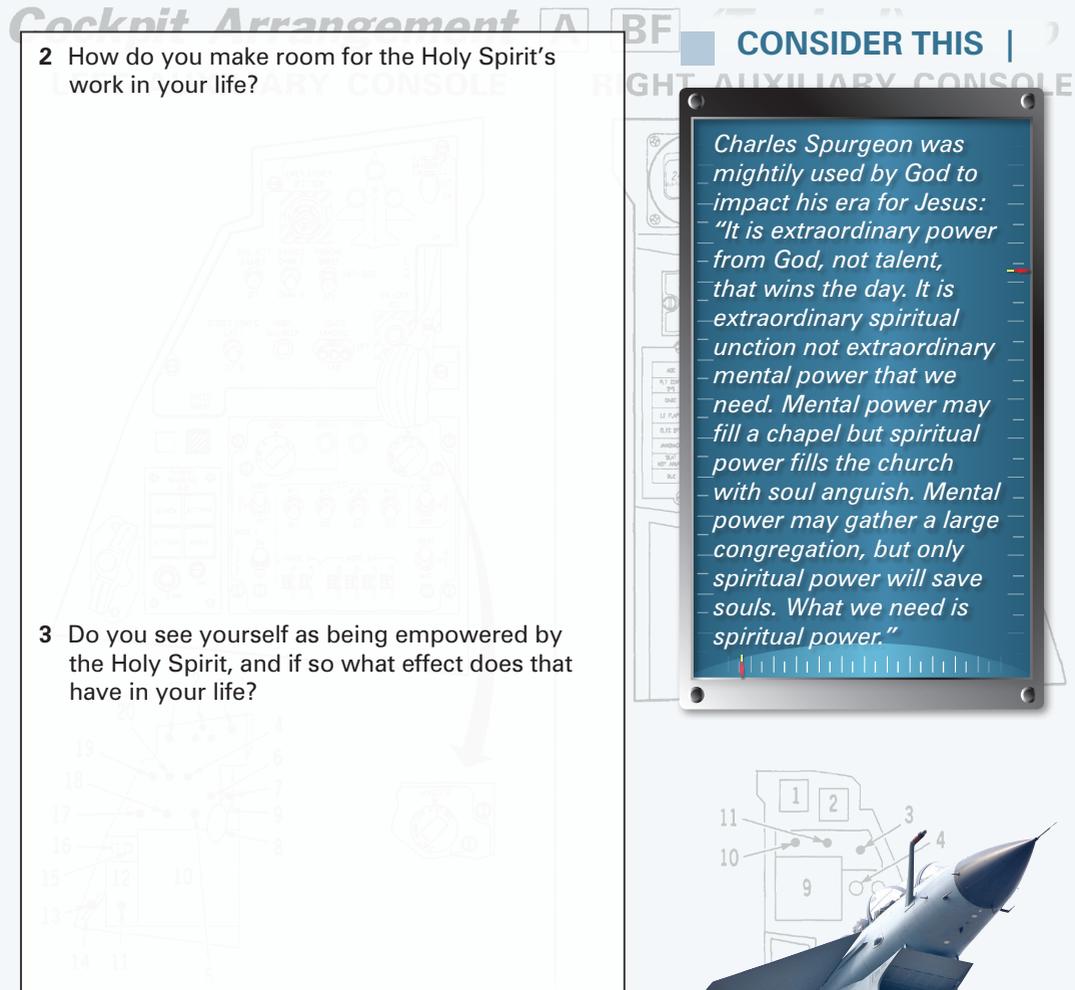


QUESTIONS |

1 How have you seen the Holy Spirit in the past?

2 How do you make room for the Holy Spirit's work in your life?

3 Do you see yourself as being empowered by the Holy Spirit, and if so what effect does that have in your life?



CONSIDER THIS |

Charles Spurgeon was mightily used by God to impact his era for Jesus: "It is extraordinary power from God, not talent, that wins the day. It is extraordinary spiritual unction not extraordinary mental power that we need. Mental power may fill a chapel but spiritual power fills the church with soul anguish. Mental power may gather a large congregation, but only spiritual power will save souls. What we need is spiritual power."

MY RESPONSE AS A PROMISE KEEPER |

What do I need to apply from what I have learned from this study?



WRAP UP |

What hinders us from moving in the power of the Spirit?

IT'S TIME FOR PRAYER |