

How Powerful is God?
Part 1 – Life's Circumstances
1 Timothy 6:14,15

Introduction:

- A. How many powers can you name?
1. Go _____
 2. Pa _____
 3. Co _____
 4. Sa _____
- B. 1 Tim 6:15
1. God is the o_____ Sovereign (ruler, power, almighty)
 2. All other powers cannot exist except by God's p_____
- C. How powerful is God?
1. This is not a philosophical question but a p_____ question.
 2. God has revealed in His word the answer to this question.
 - a. Misunderstanding God's power will make you b_____
 - b. Understanding God's power and accepting it will make you b_____, enabling you to travel the path God has for you.

God is all powerful in spite of personal r_____

- A. Four influences that mold people's reasoning
1. T_____ - what has always been taught or practiced.
 2. E_____ - we tend to draw conclusions from experiences.
 3. L_____ thinking – there a levels of logic.
 4. God's w_____ - must be the judge of our traditions, experiences, and logic.
- B. God has the plan of bringing about the appearing of the Lord Jesus (1 Tim 6:14b,15a).
1. Some reason that it won't happen because it has been too l_____ since the promise was made (2 Pet 3:3)
 2. But God says that what He declares, He will bring it to p_____ (Is 48:10,11).
 3. Accept and act on His word!

God is all powerful in spite of personal c_____

- A. What does God do when believers make sinful choices? – He d_____ us
1. Because He l_____ us (Heb 12:6)
 2. In order to keep us from being c_____ along with the rest of the world (1 Cor 11:32)
- B. What happens if we do not respond to God’s discipline? – He will increase it until we r_____. So why delay?
1. Jonah refused to preach to the people of Nineveh
 2. Moses refused to be the speaker of God’s word to the people of Israel.
- C. God wants to use every believer in bringing about the appearance of Jesus.
1. You can miss out on being used by God (e.g. Moses as the public speaker to Israel – Ex 4:10-15)
 2. 2 Tim 2:21 – if a _____ cleanses himself from sinful things, that person will be a vessel of honor, useful to the Master, and prepared for every good work.

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- A. Other people’s choices can affect your circumstances
1. Un_____ choices make your circumstances better.
 2. S_____ choices against you make your circumstances worse (e.g. abuse, slander, stealing, murder, persecution)
- B. How does God’s power work in your bad circumstances?
1. Jms 1:2 – God will use it to g_____ you spiritually.
 - a. You can fail the test by getting mad at God or being bitter toward others. God will then have to d_____ you.
 - b. You can pass the test by knowing that God will not w_____ this hurt but will grow you to be more like Jesus (Rom 8:28).
 2. As your faith shines through it all, God will use it to bring about the appearance of Jesus.
 - a. By e_____ other believers to let their faith shine in bad circumstances and so
 - b. By bringing others to f_____ in Christ.

Conclusion – Isaiah 55:6-9