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Ephesians 4:17-32

Your Superpower: A Power that Dwarfs any Fictional Superhero's

The New Man (Ephesians 4:17-24)

"This I say, therefore, and testify in the Lord, that you should no longer walk as the rest of the **Gentiles walk**, in the **futility of their mind**, having their understanding darkened, being **alienated from the life of God, because of the ignorance** that is in them, because of the **blindness of their heart**; who, being past feeling, have given themselves over to lewdness, to work all uncleanness with greediness. But you have not so learned Christ, if indeed you have heard Him and have been taught by Him, as the truth is in Jesus: that you **put off, concerning your former conduct**, the old man which grows corrupt according to the deceitful lusts, and be **renewed in the spirit of your mind**, and that you **put on the new**

man which was created according to God, in true righteousness and holiness.” Ephesians 4:17-24 NKJV

- ☑ No longer walk as a Gentile who are alienated from Yahweh because of Ignorance
- ☑ Futility of your mind
- ☑ Blindness in your heart
- ☑ Put off the old conduct of the old man
- ☑ Put on new conduct of the new man
- ☑ renew the Spirit of your mind

Futile Thinking—the downward spiral to a debased mind!

It all begins when **you suppress the truth in unrighteousness—and you will not glorify Yahweh as God. Professing to be wise in your own eyes, you actually become a fool!**

First you become:

- (1) futile in your thoughts
- (2) foolish hearts are darkened.

Then God gives you over to:

- (3) lusts of your heart (Because they would rather)
- (4) exchange the truth of God for the lie

For this reason:

- (5) God gives you up to vile passions.
- (6) God gives you over to a debased mind
- (7) being filled with all sorts of unrighteousness

Romans 1:18-32

“For the wrath of God is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men, **who suppress the truth in unrighteousness**, because what may be known of God is manifest in them, for God has shown it to them. For since the creation of the world His **invisible attributes** are clearly seen, being understood by the things that are made, even His eternal power and Godhead, so that they are without excuse, because, although they **knew God, they did not glorify Him as God**, nor were thankful, but became **(1) futile in their thoughts, and their (2) foolish hearts were darkened.** Professing to be wise, they became fools, and changed the glory of the incorruptible God into an image made like corruptible man—and birds and four-footed animals and creeping things. **Therefore** God also gave them up to uncleanness, **in the (3) lusts of their hearts,** to dishonor their bodies among themselves, who **(4) exchanged the truth of God for the lie,** and worshiped and served the creature rather than the Creator, who is blessed forever. Amen.”

Romans 1:18-25 NKJV

“For this reason **(5) God gave them up to vile passions.** For even their women exchanged the natural use for what is against nature. Likewise also the men, leaving the natural use of the woman, burned in their lust for one another, men with men committing what is shameful, and receiving in themselves the penalty of their error which was due. And even as they did not like to retain God in their knowledge, **(6) God gave them over to a debased mind,** to do those things which are not fitting;” Romans 1:26-28 NKJV

Yuk!

(7) “being filled with all unrighteousness, sexual immorality, wickedness, covetousness, maliciousness; full of envy, murder, strife, deceit, evil-mindedness; they are whisperers, backbiters, haters of God, violent, proud, boasters, inventors of evil things, disobedient to parents, undiscerning, untrustworthy, unloving, unforgiving, unmerciful; who, knowing the righteous judgment of God, that those who practice such things are deserving of death, not only do the same but also approve of those who practice them.” Romans 1:29-32 NKJV

Reversing the debased mind: Renew your mind

- (1) Become a living sacrifice
- (2) Understand that doing so is nothing extraordinary
- (3) Do not conform to the world
- (4) By doing the work of transforming your mind
- (5) By meditating on Yahweh's ways and words

"I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that you present your bodies a **living sacrifice**, holy, acceptable to God, which is your **reasonable service**. And **do not be conformed** to this world, but be **transformed by the renewing of your mind**, that you may prove what is that good and acceptable and perfect will of God." Romans 12:1-2 NKJV

Meditate of these things to renew your mind!

"Finally, brethren, whatever things are true, whatever things are noble, whatever things are just, whatever things are pure, whatever things are lovely, whatever things are of good report, if there is any virtue and if there is anything praiseworthy—**meditate on these things**. The things which you learned and received and heard and saw in me, these do, and the God of peace will be with you." Philippians 4:8-9 NKJV

The Power of the WORD

“For the word of God is living and powerful, and sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing even to the division of soul and spirit, and of joints and marrow, and is a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart. **And there is no creature hidden from His sight,** but all things are naked and open to the eyes of Him to whom we must give account.” Hebrews 4:12-13 NKJV

New Man—New Creations—sound mind

- (1) Be of sound mind
- (2) No longer live for yourself
- (3) When you see others—do not see them in the flesh!
- (4) If you are in Christ THEN you are a NEW CREATURE as the old has passed away!
- (5) All things have become new
- (6) Now because he has reconciled us to himself through Christ (God was in Christ reconciling the world to Himself, not imputing their trespasses.)
 - (a) We now have the ministry of reconciliation (we can do impart what He Imparted!)
 - (b) And we are to become Ambassadors — as though God were pleading through us to do the same work He did: that we might become the righteousness of God in Him

“For we do not commend ourselves again to you, but give you opportunity to boast on our behalf, that you may have an answer for those who boast in appearance and not in heart. For if we are beside ourselves, it is for God; **or if we are of sound mind**, it is for you. For the love of Christ compels us, because we judge thus: that if One died for all, then all died; and He died for all, **that those who live should live no longer for themselves**, but for Him who died for them and rose again. Therefore, from now on, **we regard no one according to the flesh**. Even though we have known Christ according to the flesh, yet now we know Him thus no longer. **Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; old things have passed away; behold, all things have become new.** Now all things are of God, who has reconciled us to Himself through Jesus Christ, and has given us the ministry of reconciliation, that is, that God was in Christ reconciling the world to Himself, not imputing their trespasses to them, and has committed to us the word of reconciliation. Now then, we are ambassadors for Christ, as though God were pleading through us: we implore you on Christ’s behalf, **be reconciled to God**. For He made Him who knew no sin to be sin for us, that we might become the righteousness of God in Him.” II Corinthians 5:12-21 NKJV

How? It is no longer I who live...

- (1) I no longer live — but Christ lives in and through me
- (2) By putting off the old man and putting on the new man who is in His Image
- (3) What image is that? The Divine nature!

““But if, while we seek to be justified by Christ, we ourselves also are found sinners, is Christ therefore a minister of sin? Certainly not! For if I build again those things which I destroyed, I make myself a transgressor. For I through the law died to the law that I might live to God. **I have been crucified with Christ; it is no longer I who live, but Christ lives in me; and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave Himself for me.** I do not set aside the grace of God; for if righteousness comes through the law, then Christ died in vain.””

Galatians 2:17-21 NKJV

“But now you yourselves are to put off all these: anger, wrath, malice, blasphemy, filthy language out of your mouth. Do not lie to one another, **since you have put off the old man with his deeds, and have put on the new man who is renewed in knowledge according to the image of Him who created him**, where there is

neither Greek nor Jew, circumcised nor uncircumcised, barbarian, Scythian, slave nor free, but Christ is all and in all.” Colossians 3:8-11 NKJV

“by which have been given to us exceedingly great and precious promises, that through these you may be **partakers of the divine nature**, having escaped the corruption that is in the world through lust.” II Peter 1:4 NKJV

The battle two natures (the new man and the old man?)

- (1) The Old man was crucified
- (2) The Law is spiritual and the old man is carnal
- (3) I do a lot of things I know I should not do and I don't do many things I know I should do. What's up with that? Oh... It no me who does that by the old man!
- (4) The new man delights in God's laws, in his his new spirit-filled mind; the old man wars with that in his flesh!
- (5) The resolution of that is to walk in the Spirit not according to the flesh. Yes, you have the option and the power to do so. Because the carnal mind is enmity against God; for it is not subject to the law of God, nor indeed can be!

“For if we have been united together in the likeness of His death, certainly we also shall be in the likeness of His resurrection, knowing this, **that our old man was crucified with Him**, that the body of sin might be done away with, that we should no longer be slaves of sin.” Romans 6:5-6 NKJV

“For we know that the law is spiritual, but I am carnal, sold under sin. For what I am doing, I do not understand. For what I will to do, that I do not practice; but what I hate, that I do. If, then, I do what I will not to do, I agree with the law that it is good. **But now, it is no longer I who do it, but sin that dwells in me.** For I know that in me (that is, in my flesh) nothing good dwells; for to will is present with me, but how to perform what is good I do not find. For the good that I will to do, I do not do; but the evil I will not to do, that I practice. **Now if I do what I will not to do, it is no longer I who do it, but sin that dwells in me.** I find then a law, that evil is present with me, the one who wills to do good. **For I delight in the law of God according to the inward man. But I see another law in my members, warring against the law of my mind, and bringing me into captivity to the law of sin which is in my members.** ○ wretched man that I am! **Who will deliver me from this body of death? I thank God—through Jesus Christ our Lord!** So then, with

the mind I myself serve the law of God, but with the flesh the law of sin.” Romans 7:14-25 NKJV

“There is therefore now no condemnation to those who are in Christ Jesus, **who do not walk according to the flesh, but according to the Spirit.** For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus has made me free from the law of sin and death. For what the law could not do in that it was weak through the flesh, God did by sending His own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh, on account of sin: He condemned sin in the flesh, that the righteous requirement of the law might be fulfilled in us **who do not walk according to the flesh but according to the Spirit.** For those who live according to the flesh set their minds on the things of the flesh, but those who live according to the Spirit, the things of the Spirit. For to be carnally minded is death, but to be spiritually minded is life and peace. **Because the carnal mind is enmity against God; for it is not subject to the law of God, nor indeed can be.** So then, those who are in the flesh cannot please God. But you are not in the flesh but in the Spirit, if indeed the Spirit of God dwells in you. Now if anyone does not have the Spirit of Christ, he is not His. And if Christ is in you, the body is dead because of sin, but the Spirit is life because of righteousness. **But if the Spirit** of Him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, He who raised Christ from the dead will also

give life to your mortal bodies through His Spirit who dwells in you.” Romans 8:1-11 NKJV

Don’t Grieve the Spirit (Ephesians 4:25-32)

“Therefore, putting away lying, “ Let each one of you speak truth with his neighbor,” for we are members of one another. **“Be angry, and do not sin”**: do not let the sun go down on your wrath, nor give place to the devil. Let him who stole steal no longer, but rather let him labor, working with his hands what is good, that he may have something to give him who has need. **Let no corrupt word proceed out of your mouth**, but what is good for necessary **edification**, that it may **impart grace to the hearers**. **And do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God**, by whom you were sealed for the day of redemption. Let all bitterness, wrath, anger, clamor, and evil speaking be put away from you, with all malice. And be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, even as God in Christ forgave you.” Ephesians 4:25-32 NKJV

- ☑ Let no corrupt word proceed out of your mouth
- ☑ Edification
- ☑ Impartation
- ☑ Do not grieve the Holy Spirit

No corrupt words

- (1) quick to listen and slow to speak
- (2) The tongue is a small part of the body but is filled with the power of life and death.
- (3) It's like the rudder of a ship or a small spark that ignites a forest fire.
- (4) Don't speak life and blessings out of one side of your mouth and death and curses out of the other side.

"So then, my beloved brethren, let every man be **swift to hear, slow to speak**, slow to wrath; for the wrath of man does not produce the righteousness of God." James 1:19-20 NKJV

"My brethren, let not many of you become teachers, knowing that we shall receive a stricter judgment. For we all stumble in many things. If anyone does not stumble in word, he is a perfect man, able also to bridle the whole body. Indeed, we put bits in horses' mouths that they may obey us, and we turn their whole body. Look also at ships: although they are so large and are driven by fierce winds, they are turned by a very small rudder wherever the pilot desires. **Even so the tongue is a little member and boasts great things.** See how great a forest a little fire kindles! **And the tongue is**

a fire, a world of iniquity. The tongue is so set among our members that it defiles the whole body, and sets on fire the course of nature; and it is set on fire by hell. For every kind of beast and bird, of reptile and creature of the sea, is tamed and has been tamed by mankind. **But no man can tame the tongue. It is an unruly evil, full of deadly poison.** With it we bless our God and Father, and with it we curse men, who have been made in the similitude of God. **Out of the same mouth proceed blessing and cursing. My brethren, these things ought not to be so.** Does a spring send forth fresh water and bitter from the same opening? Can a fig tree, my brethren, bear olives, or a grapevine bear figs? Thus no spring yields both salt water and fresh.” James 3:1-12 NKJV

Grieving the Holy Spirit—Worshipping other Gods—The unpardonable Sin

We see the Roots of this in Deuteronomy (Deuteronomy 8:1-20) but we will start in verse 10.

- (1) It all begins when you forget what Yahweh has done for you or don't acknowledge that your blessings come from Him.
- (2) You are completely satisfied and have multiplied abundance and you think to yourself that it was of your own doing.

- (3) You say in your heart, “My power and the might of my hand have gained me this wealth”
- (4) Then you forget Yahweh was the one who gave you the power to get all you have and you start chasing “other Gods”!
- (5) If you serve them and worship them you will perish
- (6) This covenant was for them in the wilderness and also for anyone who would come after them (that you!)
- (7) If you TURN AWAY from Yahweh to serve other God’s and say in your heart that God’s curses for doing so don’t apply to you and instead...you bless yourself in your heart, saying, ‘I shall have peace, even though I follow the dictates of my heart...
- (8) The consequences is severe and permanent: **The Lord will never be willing to forgive them...**and the Lord will blot out their names from under heaven.
- (9) This is what appears to be the unpardonable sin—grieving or blaspheming the Holy Spirit!

“Every commandment which I command you today you must be careful to observe, that you may live and multiply, and go in and possess the land of which the LORD swore to your fathers. And you shall remember that the LORD your God led you all the way these forty years in the wilderness, to humble you and test you, to know what was in your heart, whether you would keep His

commandments or not. So He humbled you, allowed you to hunger, and fed you with manna which you did not know nor did your fathers know, that He might make you know that man shall not live by bread alone; but man lives by every word that proceeds from the mouth of the LORD. Your garments did not wear out on you, nor did your foot swell these forty years. You should know in your heart that as a man chastens his son, so the LORD your God chastens you. “Therefore you shall keep the commandments of the LORD your God, to walk in His ways and to fear Him. For the LORD your God is bringing you into a good land, a land of brooks of water, of fountains and springs, that flow out of valleys and hills; a land of wheat and barley, of vines and fig trees and pomegranates, a land of olive oil and honey; a land in which you will eat bread without scarcity, in which you will lack nothing; a land whose stones are iron and out of whose hills you can dig copper. (Deut. 8:1-9)

(10) When you have eaten and are full, then you shall bless the LORD your God for the good land which He has given you.

“Beware that you do not forget the LORD your God by not keeping His commandments, His judgments, and His statutes which I command you today, lest— when you have eaten and are full, and have built beautiful houses and dwell in them; and when

your herds and your flocks multiply, and your silver and your gold are multiplied, and all that you have is multiplied; when your heart is lifted up, and you forget the LORD your God who brought you out of the land of Egypt, from the house of bondage; who led you through that great and terrible wilderness, in which were fiery serpents and scorpions and thirsty land where there was no water; who brought water for you out of the flinty rock; who fed you in the wilderness with manna, which your fathers did not know, that He might humble you and that He might test you, to do you good in the end— then you say in your heart, ‘My power and the might of my hand have gained me this wealth.’ “And you shall remember the LORD your God, for it is He who gives you power to get wealth, that He may establish His covenant which He swore to your fathers, as it is this day. Then it shall be, if you by any means forget the LORD your God, and follow other gods, and serve them and worship them, I testify against you this day that you shall surely perish. As the nations which the LORD destroys before you, so you shall perish, because you would not be obedient to the voice of the LORD your God.” Deuteronomy 8:1-20 NKJV

““I make this covenant and this oath, not with you alone, but with him who stands here with us today before the LORD our God, as well as with him who is not here with us today [See John 17:20:

“‘I do not pray for these alone, but also for those who will believe in Me through their word;’] (for you know that we dwelt in the land of Egypt and that we came through the nations which you passed by, and you saw their abominations and their idols which were among them—wood and stone and silver and gold); so that there may not be among you man or woman or family or tribe, whose heart turns away today from the LORD our God, to go and serve the gods of these nations, and that there may not be among you a root bearing bitterness or wormwood; **and so it may not happen, when he hears the words of this curse, that he blesses himself in his heart, saying, ‘I shall have peace, even though I follow the dictates of my heart’— as though the drunkard could be included with the sober. **“The LORD would not spare him; for then the anger of the LORD and His jealousy would burn against that man, and every curse that is written in this book would settle on him, and the LORD would blot out his name from under heaven.”****

Deuteronomy 29:14-20 NKJV

NIV VERSION: **“The Lord will never be willing to forgive them; his wrath and zeal will burn against them. All the curses written in this book will fall on them, and the Lord will blot out their names from under heaven.”** Deuteronomy 29:20 NIV

Worshipping other Gods—the accusation that births the unpardonable sin!

- (1) It was not Yahweh's spirit that created this miracle— it was Satan and his demons
- (2) Blasphemy against the Spirit will not be forgiven
- (3) Insulting the Spirit of Grace: Willful sin no forgiven
- (4) Don't pray about that: Y'shua acknowledges that there are sins you SHOULD NO PRAY FOR!

“Then one was brought to Him who was demon-possessed, blind and mute; and He healed him, so that the blind and mute man both spoke and saw. And all the multitudes were amazed and said, “Could this be the Son of David?” **Now when the Pharisees heard it they said, “This fellow does not cast out demons except by Beelzebub, the ruler of the demons.”** But Jesus knew their thoughts, and said to them: “Every kingdom divided against itself is brought to desolation, and every city or house divided against itself will not stand. If Satan casts out Satan, he is divided against himself. How then will his kingdom stand? And if I cast out demons by Beelzebub, by whom do your sons cast them out? Therefore they shall be your judges. But if I cast out demons by the Spirit of God, surely the kingdom of God has come upon you. Or how can one

enter a strong man's house and plunder his goods, unless he first binds the strong man? And then he will plunder his house. He who is not with Me is against Me, and he who does not gather with Me scatters abroad." Matthew 12:22-30 NKJV

Therefore—this is the unpardonable sin—giving credit to another God!

““Therefore I say to you, every sin and blasphemy will be forgiven men, **but the blasphemy against the Spirit will not be forgiven men.** Anyone who speaks a word against the Son of Man, it will be forgiven him; **but whoever speaks against the Holy Spirit, it will not be forgiven him, either in this age or in the age to come.**”

Matthew 12:31-32 NKJV

Insulting the Spirit of Grace: Willful sin (I know it and I will do it anyway—I have become my one God!

Like: “he blesses himself in his heart, saying, ‘I shall have peace, even though I follow the dictates of my heart’— as though the drunkard could be included with the sober. “The LORD would not spare him; ...” Deuteronomy 29:19-20 NKJV

“For if we sin willfully after we have received the knowledge of the truth, there no longer remains a sacrifice for sins, but a certain fearful expectation of judgment, and fiery indignation which will devour the adversaries. Anyone who has rejected Moses’ law dies without mercy on the testimony of two or three witnesses. **Of how much worse punishment, do you suppose, will he be thought worthy who has trampled the Son of God underfoot, counted the blood of the covenant by which he was sanctified a common thing, and insulted the Spirit of grace?” Hebrews 10:26-29 NKJV**

Y’shua says, “I don’t say you should pray about that”

“I write these things to you who believe in the name of the Son of God so that you may know that you have eternal life. This is the confidence we have in approaching God: that if we ask anything according to his will, he hears us. And if we know that he hears us—whatever we ask—we know that we have what we asked of him.

If you see any brother or sister commit a sin that does not lead to death, you should pray and God will give them life. I refer to those whose sin does not lead to death. There is a sin that leads to death.

I am not saying that you should pray about that. All wrongdoing is sin, **and there is sin that does not lead to death.** We know that anyone born of God does not continue to sin; the One who was born of God keeps them safe, and the evil one cannot harm them.

We know that we are children of God, and that the whole world is under the control of the evil one. We know also that the Son of God has come and has given us understanding, so that we may know him who is true. And we are in him who is true by being in his Son Jesus Christ. He is the true God and eternal life. Dear children, keep yourselves from idols.” 1 John 5:13-21 NIV

Impartation

- (1) Take my hand
- (2) Lay on hands
- (3) Even Paul’s Garment
- (4) The Breath of Y’shua
- (5) Thinking you can Tap the Holy Spirit on your own for your own purposes—a really bad idea!
- (6) The transference of blessing by the laying on of hands!
 - (a) Moses to Joshua
 - (b) Jacob to Ephraim
 - (c) Elders to Timothy
 - (d) Christ to Jacob!
 - (e) Y’shua to You!
 1. I give you the authority

2. All authority has been given to Me...Go therefore

Silver and gold I do not have

“Now Peter and John went up together to the temple at the hour of prayer, the ninth hour. And a certain man lame from his mother’s womb was carried, whom they laid daily at the gate of the temple which is called Beautiful, to ask alms from those who entered the temple; who, seeing Peter and John about to go into the temple, asked for alms. And fixing his eyes on him, with John, Peter said, “Look at us.” So he gave them his attention, expecting to receive something from them. Then Peter said, **“Silver and gold I do not have,** but what I do have I give you: In the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, rise up and walk.” **And he took him by the right hand and lifted him up, and immediately his feet and ankle bones received strength.** So he, leaping up, stood and walked and entered the temple with them—walking, leaping, and praising God. And all the people saw him walking and praising God. Then they knew that it was he who sat begging alms at the Beautiful Gate of the temple; and they were filled with wonder and amazement at what had happened to him.” Acts 3:1-10 NKJV

The power of Impartation

“And it happened, while Apollos was at Corinth, that Paul, having passed through the upper regions, came to Ephesus. And finding some disciples he said to them, **“Did you receive the Holy Spirit when you believed?”** So they said to him, “We have not so much as heard whether there is a Holy Spirit.” And he said to them, “Into what then were you baptized?” So they said, “Into John’s baptism.” Then Paul said, “John indeed baptized with a baptism of repentance, saying to the people that they should believe on Him who would come after him, that is, on Christ Jesus.” **When they heard this, they were baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus.** And when **Paul had laid hands on them, the Holy Spirit came upon them,** and they spoke with tongues and prophesied. Now the men were about twelve in all. And he went into the synagogue and spoke boldly for three months, reasoning and persuading concerning the things of the kingdom of God. But when some were hardened and did not believe, but spoke evil of the Way before the multitude, he departed from them and withdrew the disciples, reasoning daily in the school of Tyrannus. And this continued for two years, so that all who dwelt in Asia heard the word of the Lord Jesus, both Jews and Greeks.” Acts 19:1-10 NKJV

Even Pauls garments carried the power of impartation!

“Now God worked unusual miracles by the hands of Paul, so that **even handkerchiefs or aprons were brought from his body to the sick, and the diseases left them and the evil spirits went out of them.**” Acts 19:11-12 NKJV

The Breath of God

“Then, the same day at evening, being the first day of the week, when the doors were shut where the disciples were assembled, for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood in the midst, and said to them, “Peace be with you.” When He had said this, He showed them His hands and His side. Then the disciples were glad when they saw the Lord. So Jesus said to them again, “Peace to you! As the Father has sent Me, I also send you.” And when He had said this, **He breathed on them**, and said to them, “Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained.”” John 20:19-23 NKJV

Tapping the HS as TOOL for your own bidding—continuing in Acts 19

- (1) When Yahweh has NOT INSTRUCTED you to take on the battle, it is futile to enter it. Worse yet, you will be defeated in dramatic fashion, even if your enemy is an enemy of God!

(2) Look at another dramatic account, this time getting yourself into a spiritual battle where you have not been given authority. After seeing the power of the Holy Spirit in Paul, men, wishing to tap into that power to engage in spiritual warfare, get smacked around and beaten to a pulp for challenging an enemy they have no authority over.

“Then some of the itinerant Jewish exorcists took it upon themselves to call the name of the Lord Jesus over those who had evil spirits, saying, “We exorcise you by the Jesus whom Paul preaches.” Also there were seven sons of Sceva, a Jewish chief priest, who did so. **And the evil spirit answered and said, “Jesus I know, and Paul I know; but who are you?” Then the man in whom the evil spirit was leaped on them, overpowered them, and prevailed against them, so that they fled out of that house naked and wounded.** This became known both to all Jews and Greeks dwelling in Ephesus; and fear fell on them all, and the name of the Lord Jesus was magnified. And many who had believed came confessing and telling their deeds. Also, many of those who had practiced magic brought their books together and burned them in the sight of all. And they counted up the value of them, and it totaled fifty thousand pieces of silver. So the word of the Lord grew mightily and prevailed.” Acts 19:13-20 NKJV

The power of the blessing

(The commission/blessing of the father)

Moses to Joshua

“Now Joshua the son of Nun was full of the spirit of wisdom, **for Moses had laid his hands on him**; so the children of Israel heeded him, and did as the LORD had commanded Moses.” Deuteronomy 34:9 NKJV

Jacob to Ephraim

“**Then Israel stretched out his right hand and laid it on Ephraim’s head**, who was the younger, and his left hand on Manasseh’s head, guiding his hands knowingly, for Manasseh was the firstborn.” Genesis 48:14 NKJV

Elders to Timothy

“**Do not neglect the gift that is in you, which was given to you by prophecy with the laying on of the hands of the eldership.**

Meditate on these things; give yourself entirely to them, that your progress may be evident to all. Take heed to yourself and to the doctrine. Continue in them, for in doing this you will save both yourself and those who hear you.” I Timothy 4:14-16 NKJV

Christ to Jacob!

Like Jacob and the Angel!— A new man!

“Then Jacob was left alone; and a Man wrestled with him until the breaking of day. Now when He saw that He did not prevail against him, He touched the socket of his hip; and the socket of Jacob’s hip was out of joint as He wrestled with him. And He said, “Let Me go, for the day breaks.” But he said, **“I will not let You go unless You bless me!”** So He said to him, **“What is your name?”** He said, **“Jacob.”** And He said, **“Your name shall no longer be called Jacob, but Israel; for you have struggled with God and with men, and have prevailed.”**” Genesis 32:24-28 NKJV

Y’shua to You!

“Behold, **I give you the authority** to trample on serpents and scorpions, and over all the power of the enemy, and nothing shall by any means hurt you.” Luke 10:19 NKJV

“And Jesus came and spoke to them, saying, **“All authority has been given to Me in heaven and on earth. Go therefore** and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all

things that I have commanded you; and lo, I am with you always,
even to the end of the age." Amen." Matthew 28:18-20 NKJV