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Growing Through the Holy Spirit's Power

The Christian life cannot be lived in human strength alone. Jesus promised that the Holy Spirit would empower His followers to do what they could never accomplish on their own. This power is not always dramatic or outwardly visible; often it is the quiet strength that helps us resist temptation, endure suffering, forgive those who hurt us, and love people who are difficult to love. The Spirit gives us supernatural ability to live out God's commands, not by removing challenges, but by strengthening us within them.

The Holy Spirit also empowers us through spiritual gifts—unique abilities given for the building up of the church. These gifts may include teaching, encouragement, wisdom, service, healing, leadership, and many others. They are not given for personal recognition but for the good of others and the glory of God. When we step out in faith and use our gifts, the Spirit works through us in ways that exceed our natural abilities. Growth happens when we stop waiting to feel “ready” and instead allow the Spirit to use us as we are.

This power is available not only in extraordinary moments but in the ordinary rhythms of daily life. The Spirit strengthens us when we feel weak, lifts us when we feel discouraged, and fills us when we feel spiritually empty. He empowers us to keep going when we want to quit and to trust God when circumstances make no sense. Spiritual growth means learning to rely on His power instead of our own. When we surrender our strength and depend on His, we discover a life marked by courage, endurance, and quiet victory.