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Just what is this *POWER* that you speak of?

Power means many things to many people.

Society has set a standard by which we measure our power.

People spend the greater part of their lives trying to obtain power of some sort or another.

Man is infatuated with power. "*Power is contagious and addictive!*"

Let's examine some scriptures

Gen 31:29

29 It is in the power of my hand to do you hurt: but the God of your father spake unto me yesternight, saying, Take thou heed that thou speak not to Jacob either good or bad.

POWER: Strongs number -OT:410

'el (ale); shortened from OT:352; strength; as adjective, mighty; especially the Almighty (but used also of any deity):

KJV - God (god), X goodly, X great, idol, might (-y one), power, strong. Compare names in "-el."

Ex 32:11

And Moses besought the LORD his God, and said, LORD, why doth thy wrath wax hot against thy people, which thou hast brought forth out of the land of Egypt with great power, and with a mighty hand?

POWER: Strongs number – OT:3581

koach (ko'-akh); or (Dan 11:6) kowach (ko'-akh); from an unused root meaning to be firm; vigor, literally (force, in a good or a bad sense) or figuratively (capacity, means, produce); also (from its hardness) a large lizard: -ability, able, chameleon, force, fruits, might, power (-ful), strength, substance, wealth.

Matthew 28:18

And Jesus came and spake unto them, saying, All power is given unto me in heaven and in earth.

John 19:10-11

10 Then saith Pilate unto him, Speakest thou not unto me? knowest thou not that I have power to crucify thee, and have power to release thee?

11 Jesus answered, Thou couldest have no power at all against me, except it were given thee from above: therefore he that delivered me unto thee hath the greater sin.

POWER: Strongs number - NT:1849

exousia (ex-oo-see'-ah); from NT:1832 (in the sense of ability); privilege, i.e. (subjectively) force, capacity, competency, freedom, or (objectively) mastery (concretely, magistrate, superhuman, potentate, token of control), delegated influence:

KJV - authority, jurisdiction, liberty, power, right, strength.

Acts 1:8

But ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you: and ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judaea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth.

Rom 1:16

For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ: for it is the power of God unto salvation to every one that believeth; to the Jew first, and also to the Greek

POWER: Strongs number - NT:1411

dunamis (doo'-nam-is); from NT:1410; force (literally or figuratively); specially, miraculous power (usually by implication, a miracle itself):

KJV - ability, abundance, meaning, might (-ily, -y, -y deed), (worker of) miracle (-s), power, strength, violence, mighty (wonderful) work.

Where the word Dynamite Comes from

(Dynamite is etymologically derived from the Greek word dunamis

Why is having the right power so important?

Acts 19:14-16

13 Then certain of the vagabond Jews, exorcists, took upon them to call over them which had evil spirits the name of the Lord Jesus, saying, We adjure you by Jesus whom Paul preacheth.

14 And there were seven sons of one Sceva, a Jew, and chief of the priests, which did so.

15 And the evil spirit answered and said, Jesus I know, and Paul I know; but who are ye?

16 And the man in whom the evil spirit was leaped on them, and overcame them, and prevailed against them, so that they fled out of that house naked and wounded.

NT:4022 Vagabond

perierchomai (per-ee-er'-khom-ah-ee); from NT:4012 and NT:2064 (including its alternate); to come all around, i.e. stroll, vacillate, veer:

KJV - fetch a compass, vagabond, wandering about.

***** Note*****

Sceva powerful man “chief priest” sons well taught and of high esteem in community

Sceva did not have Holy Ghost nor did is sons “*Jesus I know, and Paul I know; but who are ye?*”

The bottom line is that it takes:

1. 'el (ale) - the Almighty

To

2. kowach (ko'-akh) – force us (in a good or a bad sense) into repentance!

To give you

3. exousia (ex-oo-see'-ah) – the privilege of freedom “ Holy Ghost!”

That you can have

4. dunamis (doo'-nam-is) - ability, abundance, meaning, might dynamite!!!!!!!!!!