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WEEKLY MINISTRY MEDITATIONS

Pronounced "Soul"

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Power Hungry II

ACTS 1:8 NKJV – (8) But you shall receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be witnesses to Me in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth."

2 TIMOTHY 3:5 NKJV – (5) having a form of godliness but denying its power. Have nothing to do with such people.

When one is given power, this power is for God's will, His purpose and His glory. This power is given to share His good news out to His people. Speaking of "Truth", for years many have abused this privilege for their own glory, purpose and will. **2 Timothy 3:5** speaks on this matter and many people still believe they have power or even special powers, when actually they have nothing. These people misuse the spiritual gifts God created as well as other privileges that have been given to them.

Daniel was a great example of a leader for the glory of God. Daniel had what it took. Here are some characteristics that Daniel had during his times of testing under the Kings of Babylon....

His Motives: He didn't take credit for interpreting dreams, but glorified God instead.

His Honesty: He spoke the truth to authorities, regardless of its unpopularity.

His Disciplines: He continued praying daily, even though it might cost him his life.

His Integrity: He had no interest in bribes or payoffs.

His Convictions: He stayed committed to his friends and beliefs even as he rose through the ranks.

His Diet: He would not compromise on ritually unclean foods, but ate only vegetables.

To do His work, we must line up with His characteristics. God will give you what you need to do His will. We must learn to accept and follow it! One who craves power, control, and dictatorship will be destroyed just as King Herod was destroyed (see last week's story). It is great to want to be one of God's great leaders, but be prepared to do it only His way.

SCRIPTURE READING

JAMES 3:1

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

Helen Keller, probably the most recognized blind person who has ever lived, once said, "What would be worse than being born blind? To have sight without vision."

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