

## What are most people searching for?

Most people are searching for the same thing - POWER

The ability to control their circumstances.

This passion for Power is inherent in every human being in Asia, Africa, Australia, Europe and America.

This is a desire for Power over our daily activities and our future.

Religions are born because of this desire for Power and the control of people.

Primitive people use Witchcraft to control people.

### What is the origin of this Power Search?

We begin with God.

Genesis 1:1 "In the beginning God" God is SELF-EXISTING. Once Moses asked God about His Name and God answered Moses, "I am Who I am".

God needs nothing to exist. He is not like His creation, which needs oxygen and food to exist.

WHY DID GOD WANT TO CREATE THE WORLD AND THE UNIVERSE?

THE NATURE OF GOD MADE IT NECESSARY FOR HIM TO CREATE PEOPLE.

GOD is love and love has to share and give. Love is active and not passive. God needed a target for His love.

**Genesis 1:26-28 "Then God said, "Let us make man in our image, in our likeness, and let them rule over the fish of the sea and the birds of the air, over the livestock, over all the earth, and over all the creatures that move along the ground."**

**So God created man in his own image, in the image of God he created him; male and female he created them.**

**God blessed them and said to them, "Be fruitful and increase in number; fill the earth and subdue it. Rule over the fish of the sea and the birds of the air and over every living creature that moves on the ground."**

In other words, God told men, “I will rule in heaven and you will rule on earth”.

Man is designed by God to rule and have power.

God’s original plan to make earth look like heaven and Jesus confirmed this when He taught His disciples to pray “Your will be done on earth as it is in heaven”.

Man, as God’s Representative is designed to rule the earth, but when he sinned he lost that ability to do that fully. But when man is born again by the Holy Spirit as he receives Jesus Christ as Personal Savior, based on John 1:12, God is placing His Spirit back into man’s heart, according to 2 Corinthians 1:22,

**“He anointed us, SET His seal of ownership on us and put His Spirit in our hearts as a deposit, guaranteeing what is to come.”**

We as believers in God and in obedience to His Word need to take charge and rule, because God has given us Power of His Holy Spirit.

## **FIRST THERE IS POLITICAL POWER**

Two opinions about Christians ruling the earth.

One opinion is that Christians should not get involved in politics. Politics is dirty and of the world and we must be separate and spiritual, men and women of prayer and meditation of the Word of God and preach the Gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ.

Another opinion is that we must take charge of politics and rule.

I was brought up with Christians being in politics and forming Christian parties and running for office.

**One example of this position is Abraham Kuiper**, a Dutch Protestant Theologian and former Prime Minister of the Netherlands. He Graduated with a Doctor of Theology of the University of Leiden. In 1867 he became Pastor of Dutch Reformed Church Utrecht and later in Amsterdam. In 1874 he left the pastorate to serve an elected term in the Second Chamber of Parliament. In 1880 he founded the Free University of Amsterdam and in 1886 he launched the movement of the Free Reformed Churches in opposition to the liberal Reformed Church.

From 1901-1905 he served as Prime Minister of a Coalition government.

Kuiper related Theology not only to family and church but also to the State and Society. He wrote many books, many books of more than 1000 and

2000 pages! He wrote 3 volumes on the Work of The Holy Spirit. He was leader of a Christian Political Party for 50 years.

In Romans 13:1-5, we do read that all governments are of God and placed there by God and are servants of God.

**“Everyone must submit himself to the governing authorities, for there is no authority except that which God has established. The authorities that exist have been established by God. Consequently, he who rebels against the authority is rebelling against what God has instituted, and those who do so will bring judgment on themselves. For rulers hold no terror for those who do right, but for those who do wrong. Do you want to be free from fear of the one in authority? Then do what is right and he will commend you. For he is God's servant to do you good. But if you do wrong, be afraid, for he does not bear the sword for nothing. He is God's servant, an agent of wrath to bring punishment on the wrongdoer**

This passage of Scripture explains about political power and that those in authority are Servants of God. One example of a Christian taking charge is the former Premier of Alberta in Canada, Premier Manning. When I traveled throughout Alberta I remember listening to Premier Manning teach the Bible over the radio. At the same time, the Minister of Highways in British Columbia, Canada, Mr. Gaglardi was also a born again believer who carried on a Christian Radio broadcast every morning in that province. The President of Nigeria is a born again believer, and so is the President of the USA.

James Riady in Lippo Karawaci has a vision of influencing this nation via Christian Education and has started many outstanding schools, such as Sekolah Pelita Harapan, Universitas Pelita Harapan, Sekolah Dian Harapan, and many village schools.

Radius Prawiro passed away this past week. He was an outstanding Christian leader for many years in Indonesia served on the Cabinet of Suharto for many years and also as Director of the Bank of Indonesia.

Former Chief of Staff of the TNI, The Indonesian Military Armed Forces, General Panggabean is another example of believers taking charge into military leadership.

In 1 Corinthians 4:20 we read that **The Kingdom of God is not a matter of talk but of power.**

## **Secondly we have the promises in God's Word of SPIRITUAL POWER.**

**Power to resist temptation,** “Resist the devil and He will flee from you.”  
James 4:7

**Power to suffer for Christ,** 2 Timothy 1:8 “Join with me in suffering for the Gospel, by the Power of God.”

**Power to be a witness for Christ,** Acts 1:8

“But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.”

**Power not to be ashamed of the Gospel** for it is the Power of God for the Salvation of every one. Romans 1:16

“I am not ashamed of the gospel, because it is the power of God for the salvation of everyone who believes: first for the Jew, then for the Gentile”.

**Power to have everything we need for life and Godliness.**

2 Peter 1:3

His divine power has given us everything we need for life and godliness through our knowledge of him who called us by his own glory and goodness. Through these he has given us his very great and precious promises, so that through them you may participate in the divine nature and escape the corruption in the world caused by evil desires.

**Power to live without sin. 1 John 3:6-9**

“No one who lives in him keeps on sinning. No one who continues to sin has either seen him or known him.

Dear children, do not let anyone lead you astray. He who does what is right is righteous, just as he is righteous. He who does what is sinful is of the devil, because the devil has been sinning from the beginning. The reason the Son of God appeared was to destroy the devil's work. No one who is born of God will continue to sin, because God's seed remains in him; he cannot go on sinning, because he has been born of God.

**Power to demolish the strongholds of the devil, 2 Cor. 10:4-6**

“The weapons we fight with are not the weapons of the world. On the contrary, they have divine power to demolish strongholds. We demolish arguments and every pretension that sets itself up against the knowledge of God, and we take captive every thought to make it obedient to Christ. And we will be ready to punish every act of disobedience, once your obedience is complete”.

**Mark 16:15-18**

He said to them, "Go into all the world and preach the good news to all creation. Whoever believes and is baptized will be saved, but whoever does not believe will be condemned. And these signs will accompany those who believe: In my name they will drive out demons; they will speak in new tongues; they will pick up snakes with their hands; and when they drink deadly poison, it will not hurt them at all; they will place their hands on sick people, and they will get well."

**In the Name of Jesus there is the Power of Salvation,  
Power of Healing,  
Power of Holiness,  
Power of Protection,  
Power of Provision  
Power of Victory.**