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## Poise and Power

Combine Christian poise with Christian power  
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Recently, I read an inspiring teaching by E. Stanley Jones from the early 20<sup>th</sup> century. He spoke of “modern times,” and what he spoke applies to today as much as it did in the 1920’s. He taught of Christian poise and power, and I would like to address that very same subject.

Christian poise refers to the inner composure maintained by adherence to the Word of God. If you think you are adhering to the Word of God, yet know little to nothing of God’s Word, you will have a most difficult time maintaining poise, especially during times of crisis. The Word of God is to be your sole source of support, and if you lean on people for additional support, that same Word must be theirs as well.

Why is this so important? Simply put, poise and power go



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hand in hand. While poise is an inward matter, power is an outward matter. You will find people with different combinations of each, but the well-equipped Christian is one with both strong poise and strong power. This is the Christian who gets through a crisis with the least amount of trauma while delivering the most help to those in need.

That he would grant you, according to the riches of his glory, to be strengthened with might by his Spirit in the **inner** man;

That Christ may dwell in your hearts by faith; that ye, being rooted and grounded in love, May be able to comprehend with all saints what *is* the breadth, and length, and depth, and height;

And to know the love of Christ, which passeth knowledge, that ye might be filled with all the fulness of God. Eph 3:16-19

In Ephesians, we find reference to “the inner man.” It is this inner man that the spirit of God addresses and strengthens. Here, an in dwelling of Christ takes place, and here is where you

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become rooted and grounded in love. When Christ's in dwelling takes place, something marvelous becomes available: a comprehension of the love of Christ and becoming filled with all the fullness of God. A man without Christian poise will not have these things.

To develop poise, it becomes vital that the Christian learns of and applies the **renewed mind** principles.

And be not conformed to this world: **but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind**, that ye may prove what *is* that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of God.  
Rom 12:2

The Christian walk is a type of proving walk. He must learn to maintain a special quality of inner poise no matter the circumstances. This idea becomes central to developing poise. He transforms himself by learning God's Word and by applying it in his daily activities and duties.

But poise is not the end all. A Christian is supposed to be a "Christ-like" man or woman. Not only did Christ maintain godly poise, he manifested power. Poise without power is nothing but glorified weakness. Power without poise is poisoned power. To be Christ-like, you must have both – poise and power.

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There have been men who have manifested unbelievable poise, so devout that you could not even imagine, yet they had absolutely no power. When confronted with the sick, they never healed a soul. There have been men, powerful men, so powerful with a healing ministry that you could not imagine. When confronted with the renewed mind and controlled poise, then had little to none, offending even the most forgiving. Power and poise are to be coupled together and then the Christian becomes truly

effective.

Speaking of Jesus Christ, Luke 4:32 says: And they were astonished at his doctrine: for his word was with **power**. This man continually manifested God's power. He healed sick people, sick from every disease and affliction. They didn't have hospitals and specialists for every problem known to man like we do today. If someone became sick, they generally stayed that way unless a cure was available. The human race was in the throes of sickness and despair, the likes of which we can't imagine. It was a very dark time. Yet, Jesus healed multitude upon multitude, every one.

How God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Ghost and **with power**: who went about doing good, and healing all that were oppressed of the devil; for God was with him. Acts 10:38

Today, we have treatments that mask problems, medicines that

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stop pain, and therapies that allow us to function fairly normally no matter the problem. Rarely is something not treatable. Consequently, seldom do we seek out healing from a power greater than is found within hospital walls. Seldom do we reach out our hands to heal the sick, especially because it is so easy to allow someone else to take care of them.

The Christian is to be the monument of power in the midst of a dark and perverse world. Not only is he to be a monument of power, he is to walk forth in the midst of sickness and disease and manifest that power.

Wherefore also we pray always for you, that our God would count you worthy of *this* calling, and fulfil all the good pleasure of *his* goodness, and the work of faith with **power:** 2 Th 1:11

Friends, I also pray for you that you step up to a new “worth,” a “self-worth” if you will, of poise

and power. This you have been called into. This you are expected to do. God wants you to fulfill all the good pleasure of his goodness, and He wants you to take your walk a step further. He wants you to work the work of faith [believing] with power. This means He wants you to manifest power like Christ did and bring deliverance to those who want it.

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Don't develop Christian poise alone. Don't develop Christian power alone. One without the other will hold you back and prevent true Christianity from developing in your life. Develop your Christian poise via the renewed mind application of God's Word and develop your Christian power by reaching out to deliver those in need. Then, not only in the good times, but also in times of crisis, you will be both poised and powerful in a

most godly way!

God bless you richly!

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