

The Ability We Have In The Father!

1 Peter 4:11 (KJV)

If any man speak, *let him speak* as the oracles of God; if any man minister, *let him do it* as of the ability which God giveth: that God in all things may be glorified through Jesus Christ, to whom be praise and dominion for ever and ever. Amen.

- **Oracle: Greek** – an utterance (of God): -oracle

Expositor's Bible (let him speak according to the Word of God)

1 Peter 4:11 (AMP)

Whoever speaks, [*let him do it as one who utters*] oracles of God; whoever renders service, [*let him do it*] as with the strength which God furnishes abundantly, so that in all things God may be glorified through Jesus Christ (the Messiah). To Him be the glory and dominion forever and ever (through endless ages). Amen (so be it).

Jesus only spoke what He heard the Father said to speak.

John 12:49-50 (KJV)

49 **For I have not spoken of myself; but the Father which sent me, he gave me a commandment, what I should say, and what I should speak.**

50 **And I know that his commandment is life everlasting: whatsoever I speak therefore, even as the Father said unto me, so I speak.**

We are held accountable for what we say, what we do and what we don't say and what we don't do.

When we say what He tells us to say, we are being sensitive to the Holy Spirit and saying what He tells us to say. If He doesn't say anything, we don't say anything. Only what glorifies the Father. Once again we are held accountable.

We are to be cautious that we don't get caught up in our own moment when we are seeing the move of God and say something that we think that needs to be said. God will tell all that He has to be said.

Jesus said in verse 50:

And I know that his commandment is life everlasting: whatsoever I speak therefore, even as the Father said unto me, so I speak.

When speak what God say's, there is life coming forth. A persons life is about to be changed, it's about be saved, it's about be delivered, it's about to be set free.

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The Ability Which God Giveth.

- **Ability: Greek** – ability, might ([-ily]), power, strength.

As the ability, (the might, the power and the strength) which God giveth.

We minister as of the ability, the might, the power, the strength of God. Its not our own ability, not our own might, its not our own power, and it's not our own strength.

The ability that we have is to be used to glorify God.

Jesus only did what He saw the Father do.

John 5:19-22 (KJV)

- 19 Then answered Jesus and said unto them, **Verily, verily, I say unto you, The Son can do nothing of himself, but what he seeth the Father do: for what things soever he doeth, these also doeth the Son likewise.**
- 20 **For the Father loveth the Son, and sheweth him all things that himself doeth: and he will shew him greater works than these, that ye may marvel.**
- 21 **For as the Father raiseth up the dead, and quickeneth *them*; even so the Son quickeneth whom he will.**

John 5:30 (KJV)

I can of mine own self do nothing: as I hear, I judge: and my judgment is just; because I seek not mine own will, but the will of the Father which hath sent me.

We are able to do all things through Christ!

Philippians 4:13 (KJV)

I can do all things through Christ which strengtheneth me.

Philippians 4:13 (AMP)

I have strength for all things in Christ Who empowers me [*I am ready for anything and equal to anything through Him Who infuses inner strength into me; I am self-sufficient in Christ's sufficiency*].

Infuse: to cause (a person or thing) to be filled with something (such as a quality)

Through Jesus' obedience to the Father to become the sacrifice for us and we received Him as our Lord and Savior, He fills us with inner strength, making or causing us to be self sufficient in Christ's sufficiency.

Sufficiency: Webster Dictionary -

- to be sufficient – means to meet one's needs, the quality or state of being sufficient
- **Sufficient** - having or providing as much as is needed

Philippians 4:19 (KJV)

But my God shall supply all your need according to his riches in glory by Christ Jesus.

We are able to receive from the supply that He has for us. We've just got to receive it. Giving Him thanks before we receive it and giving Him thanks after we receive it. Being in an act and attitude of thanksgiving. Never neglecting giving God thanks and giving Him praise.

Some examples of being able:

David was able to defeat Goliath by the power of God.

1 Samuel 17:45-51

David declared the outcome of what the Lord would do and declared that the earth would know that there is a God in Israel.

Verses: 45-47

45 Then said David to the Philistine, Thou comest to me with a sword, and with a spear, and with a shield: but I come to thee in the name of the LORD of hosts, the God of the armies of Israel, whom thou hast defied.

46 This day will the LORD deliver thee into mine hand; and I will smite thee, and take thine head from thee; and I will give the carcasses of the host of the Philistines this day unto the fowls of the air, and to the wild beasts of the earth; that all the earth may know that there is a God in Israel.

47 And all this assembly shall know that the LORD saveth not with sword and spear: for the battle *is* the LORD'S, and he will give you into our hands.

David knew with God's power, he could defeat Goliath.

Daniel 3:15-30

Shedrach, Meshach and Abednego were able to overcome the fiery furnace. They would not bow and worship the golden image and they could not burn.

They declared in verse 17:

If it be *so*, our God whom we serve is able to deliver us from the burning fiery furnace, and he will deliver *us* out of thine hand, O king.

They were not afraid to speak what God would do for them and God delivered them.

Daniel 6:10-22

Daniel obeyed God and continued to pray and give thanks three times a day and believed God and God sent His angels to shut the lions mouth.

These examples show tell us we are able to take a stand and God will see us through. We are under His protection.