

**Power to Win**  
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**Eph 5:18 (NIV)**  
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Winning is what everyone wants to do. However, if we are going to live the victorious life, we need the power of God. We must understand that God wants us to win in every situation. No matter if we are running a race or fighting the battles of life, God wants us to win. First Corinthians Chapter 9 and verse 24 says “...in a race all runners run, but only one gets the prize”. Therefore, we receive the Spirit of God to be able to be victorious.

We are commanded to be filled with the Holy Ghost (Spirit) – Ephesians 5:18-20 (KJV, TLB, NIV)

You must be filled with the Spirit. It is a command.

To win as a Christian, we need the Holy Ghost.

1. The promise of the Holy Ghost – John 14:16-17, 26 (KJV), John 3:3-8 (NIV), Acts 2:38-39 (NIV)

*John 14:16-17, 26 (KJV) - 16 And I will pray the Father, and He shall give you another Comforter, that He may abide with you forever; 17 Even the Spirit of truth; whom the world cannot receive, because it seeth Him not, neither knoweth Him: but ye know Him; for He dwelleth with you, and shall be in you.*

The world or those who aren't saved can't receive the Holy Ghost. Receiving Jesus is a prerequisite of receiving the Holy Ghost.

2. The purpose of the Holy Ghost – John 14:26 (KJV)

- a. He is a comforter. John 14:26 (KJV)
- b. He is a helper - John 14:26 (ESV)
- c. He is an encourager/advocate - John 14:26 (NIV)
- d. He helps us to remember the Word of God – John 14:26 (KJV)
- e. He convicts the world of sin, righteousness and judgment – John 16:8-11 (KJV)
- f. He transforms us in the sight of God – 1 Cor 6:11 (KJV)
- g. He helps us to lead a godly life – Gal 5:22-23 (KJV)
- h. He gives us Spiritual gifts for the edification of believers – 1 Cor 12:4-7 (KJV), 1 Cor 14:12 (KJV)
- i. He is our guarantee for eternal life with God – 2 Cor 1:21-22 (KJV), Eph 1:13-14 (KJV)
- j. He empowers us to be witnesses – John 15:26 (KJV), Acts 1:8 (KJV), Acts 4:31, 33 (KJV), 1 Cor 2:4-5 (KJV)

3. The Power of the Holy Ghost

- a. He unites us as one - 1 Corinthians 12:13 (KJV)
- b. He shows us our pass is behind us - Acts 9:17 (KJV), Romans 5:5 (KJV),
- c. He guarantees our victory of sin - Galatians 5:16 (KJV), Romans 8:9 (KJV)
- d. He gives us power, love and control – 2 Tim 1:5-8 (NIV, AMP)