



L.E.A.N. Letter

"The Power of One...So Why Not YOU?" ©

Brothers and sisters, have you embraced the Holy Spirit power that dwells within you after giving your life to Jesus Christ? Do you truly believe in the power of Jesus' name in which you are given all authority to use (**Mark 17-18**) and to do greater works than He (**John 14:12**)? If so, then have you considered that **YOU** are the power of one that the world awaits to step up to the plate to make a difference in Jesus' name? This all begins (and ends) with what you truly believe about yourself as a disciple of Christ, as well as your belief about your purpose in which you were perfectly designed and created to be as a living extension of Jesus.

This is your time to live **BOLDLY** for Jesus since the Lord has already promised that no harm will come to you when standing in His power (**Psalms 91:10**). Does this mean that you will never experience hardships while standing in the midst of trials? Of course not, because this is war (**2 Corinthians 10:4** and **Ephesians 6:11-13**)! However, these are the very opportunities that mold and sculpt you into the faithful warrior you are called to be in Jesus' name! This is what you were re-born to do through the power of the Holy Spirit (**John 3:3-5**) when you gave your life to Jesus Christ (**Romans 10:9**).

THE POWER OF YOUR PRAYERS IN ACTION...

Brothers and sisters, like faith that the Lord considers dead without the actions that follow (**James 2:14-26**), prayers without action are another critical element that requires your personal attention and devotion to fulfilling if or when called to do so. As a member of the body of Christ, you are not just expected to pray words of requests in Jesus' name without realizing that **YOU** may be the very one whom the Lord uses to bring forth aid to that person in need. For example, do you pray for monetary provision for someone, yet you do not reach into your own pocket and help the person you so humbly are making the request for in Jesus' name (**James 2:16**)? Or, if you know that someone needs clothing (or other necessities) are you open to the Lord using you to buy (or give) that person what they need versus just praying that the Lord provide this blessing in some other miraculous way? Or, are you calling someone to the Lord because you're unsure of their salvation? If so, then be ready, because **YOU** may be the very one Jesus chooses to share His Truth.

THE POWER OF YOUR PRAYERS IN ACTION...THROUGH SPIRITUAL GIFTING

If you are a healer in Jesus' name, do you just pray for someone's healing, or do you allow yourself to be the physical vessel the Lord uses to bring forth the healing through your own hands? Or, are you looking around for someone else to do the job? Your job doesn't always end after you pray for the person. Often times, physical action on your part is required if or when prompted by the Holy Spirit. Since your vessel is meant to be the living sacrifice for the Holy Spirit to work through, which is considered "true and proper worship" according to the Lord (**Romans 12:1**), your body is meant to become a living extension for Jesus Christ to use. For example, if you are an apostle, and someone needs a sign, wonder, or miracle (the very essence of your gifting-**2 Corinthians 12:12**) are **YOU** ready to be used by the Lord to help make this happen? If you are gifted with encouragement, teaching, giving, etc., are **YOU** encouraging, teaching, and giving in the power of Jesus' name?

Brothers and sisters, **YOU** are the power of one! If your heart and head are in agreement with the previous statement(s), then begin with this question, "Why not me?" You are just as qualified as anyone else within the body of Christ within your area(s) of spiritual gifting. The Holy Spirit does not discriminate and make a healer, teacher, apostle, pastor, etc. more powerful than another. The same Holy Spirit power courses through your spiritual veins as It does anyone else's within the body of Christ. The only distinguishing factor when it comes to standing in Holy Spirit power is **YOU**, **YOUR** level of faith, and what **YOU** believe!

STRIVING FOR GREATNESS...NOT MEDIOCRITY

Brothers and sisters, it's time to strive for greatness, in Jesus' name, and not accept a life of worldly mediocrity. Whether you are a housekeeper, house wife, custodian, lawyer, doctor, or not in a position at all because of a physical handicap or because you're homeless...these worldly titles do not determine greatness versus mediocrity. Greatness versus mediocrity is based upon choosing to live your life believing in the power of Jesus' name (**1 John 3:23**), and fulfilling your Great Commission (**Matthew 28:19-20**) without allowing yourself to be tossed and turned like the waves of the sea (**James 1:6**). Allowing yourself to be duped by satan, and giving him more power than he deserves, is living a mediocre life as a disciple of Jesus Christ. It is this kind of mediocrity that will prevent you from being the spirit warrior you are called to be in Jesus' name, and may likely prevent you from achieving your purpose to advance the Lord's Kingdom during your time of service on earth!

Everyone in the body of Christ is given the same spiritual armor to "wear" (**Ephesians 6:10-18**), and the same Holy Spirit power through salvation (**Romans 10:9**). The Lord cannot arm or equip you with anything greater than His Holy Word and the power of His great name, Jesus, so now it's a matter of standing in what you have been given, and fight your nemesis, satan, until the very end. This is why you must love the Lord with all your heart, mind, soul, and strength (**Matthew 22:37**) in order to muster up the kind of courage and bravery needed to "swing" your sword, as well as to live by blind faith (**Hebrews 11:1**).

Brothers and sisters, hear this now, and never forget it...**YOU** are important! You would not have been created (or chosen by the Lord-**John 15:16**) unless **YOU** could make a difference in this world in some small or big way in order to advance the Lord's Kingdom! Regardless of whether you are known by a few people, or known throughout the world...you can still make a world of difference! Both scenarios mean the same thing to the Lord since He is not bound by quantifiable scales of measurement. Thankfully, He views success very differently than human beings. Even if your work on earth is just to bring one person to salvation, then is that not living a successful life in the eyes of Jesus? As a reminder of this Truth, would Jesus not leave the ninety-nine to go after the one (**Luke 15:3-7**)?

Brothers and sisters in Christ, as current-day disciples are reminded throughout the Truth of God's Word, there was only one Noah, one Moses, and one Jesus who came, and now it's up to YOU to believe in the Almighty Name above all names...

so be THE POWER OF ONE!

~ These inspired words are intended to strengthen the body of Christ so that we can eliminate spiritual obesity (unnecessary confusion and distraction), and to set ourselves apart from the world so that we can stand out as the mighty warriors we are called to be in Jesus' name!
(These inspired messages/teachings are never to substitute the pure Word of God found in The Holy Bible.) ~

May you be blessed, and may you "Live L.E.A.N. (Loving Everyone As Neighbors)...Live Long!"

~Scripture passages are cited using the NIV Bible.~