

## **You Don't Have to Act Christian**

*Plugged into the Source:  
living in the power of the Spirit.  
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**oThe key challenge:** *Acknowledge your need for \_\_\_\_\_ of the Spirit.*

*We all need \_\_\_\_\_ to live life to the fullest.*

*Our need is not just \_\_\_\_\_; we also need \_\_\_\_\_ strength and stamina.*

**oThe key concept:** *The Holy Spirit is \_\_\_\_\_ to our need for power to live the Christian life.*

### **oThe Key verse: Acts 1:8**

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## Questions for Personal Reflection And Group Discussion

1. Do you ever feel run down? Can you relate to the idea of being out of gas? Does this lack of energy or enthusiasm extend to the spiritual area of your life?
2. In one sense, a desire for power can be a selfish and ugly thing. People seek power to control others. But the Spirit gives us power to control ourselves and to live as Christians. Do you think many Christians are trying to do it on their own and missing out on the supernatural power available?
3. God chose the most personal way to meet our need. He indwells believers by his Spirit. Can you think of any alternative way that God could have met our need for power? Why didn't he prescribe a pill or supply a drink?
4. What are your expectations for this new series of messages on the Holy Spirit? What do you want to learn?
5. Look again at Acts 1:8 in context. What do you see that you have not seen before?
6. Read Gal. 4:6; 5:16,22,23 and John 15:1-5 to learn more about our need for supernatural power to live the Christian life. Do you consciously feel dependent upon God?
7. In order to prepare for the coming messages, read these verses about the role of the Holy Spirit: Jn. 14:17,26; 1 Cor. 6:19; 12:11-27; Eph. 5:18; 1 Pet. 4:10,11; Rom. 8:9. What do you see?

8. How is trying to live as Christians on our own power like acting? Are you ready to end the act? What's next?

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