

Women's Ministry



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YOUR SOURCE OF POWER

Recently I was not feeling well. As soon as I began to feel ill, I took action. I began to get more rest, drink more fluids and do what I could to feel better again. Praise God that I did recover and am doing better. This made me think about my ministry. I will be of no good to others if I don't take care of my life, especially my spiritual life. When I feel that I am losing strength, this is the time to take action and plug myself to Jesus, my Source of power. *"By His divine power, God has given us everything we need for living a godly life. We have received all of this by coming to know him, the one who called us to himself by means of his marvelous glory and excellence."* ~ 2 Peter 1:3 (NLT)

It is only as I keep myself plugged in to the Source, that I am able to carry on with what He has called me to do and that is to share the Good News of salvation with others. Ellen G. White wrote, *"Without a living faith in Christ as a personal Saviour it is impossible to make our influence felt in a skeptical world. We cannot give to others that which we do not ourselves possess. It is in proportion to our own devotion and consecration to Christ that we exert an influence for the blessing and uplifting of mankind."* (Day of Benediction, pg. 37)

How important it is for us as leaders to constantly be plugged in to our only Source of power, Jesus Christ. Here are a few ways we can be plugged in daily:

P = Pray without ceasing. Pray for the power of the Holy Spirit. *"But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth."* Acts 1:8 (NIV)

O = Open your eyes to behold the beauty of Jesus. Study His Word. *"One thing I ask from the LORD, this only do I seek: that I may dwell in the house of the LORD all the days of my life, to gaze on the beauty of the LORD and to seek him in his temple." Psalm 27:4 (NIV)*

W = Wait upon the Lord with faith. *"But they that wait upon the LORD shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings as eagles; they shall run, and not be weary; and they shall walk, and not faint." Isaiah 40:31 (KJB)*

E = Expect great things from God as you pray, study His Word, and wait in faith. *"Call to me and I will answer you and tell you great and unsearchable things you do not know." Jeremiah 33:3 (NIV)*

R = Rest in His promises. God's promises are true and for us to claim in faith. *"God is not human, that he should lie, not a human being, that he should change his mind. Does he speak and then not act? Does he promise and not fulfill?" Numbers 23:19 (NIV)*

It is a comforting thought that we have a powerful God who is more than willing and able to fill us with the power needed to carry on the work of sharing His love and salvation with others. Now, the choice is ours to whether or not be plugged in. I definitely do!!

IDEAS:

The following are some ideas you can incorporate with the above when sharing with your group:

- Have each of the ladies bring some kind of item that requires to be plugged in to an outlet. How beneficial is that item if it's not plugged in? Can the ladies still function without it? Now compare this to our spiritual life. How important it is for us to be plugged in to the Source in order to receive the power we need to be beneficial to those around us?
- Have the ladies make a list of their favorite Bible promises. What experiences have they gone through when these promises were a source of power and strength?
- Show a variety of batteries (different sizes). What is the difference among them? Which ones would have more power? Which ones would last longer? Compare the batteries to the love of the world. What does the world offer that does not last? Discuss the following Bible verse and how it relates to the batteries' temporary power: *"Do not love the world or anything in the world. If anyone loves the world, love for the Father is not in them. For everything in the world--the lust of the flesh, the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life--comes not from the Father but from the world. The world and its desires pass away, but whoever does the will of God lives forever." 1 John 2:15-17*