



EMPOWERED- PART 2

Family Devotional/Adult & Teen Discussion Guide

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1. PRIMARY STATEMENT: When the Holy Spirit empowers us to be witnesses, He also gives us special abilities that are beyond our natural skills and talents. At first blush, this might seem outlandish or kooky, but in reality, these abilities are functional, highly useful tools for the mission we've been entrusted with.

2. BIBLE VERSE:

1 Corinthians 12:7-8 [NLT]

"A spiritual gift is given to each of us so we can help each other. To one person the Spirit gives the ability to give wise advice..."

This Holy Spirit ability is beyond normal human wisdom - it's God-empowered insight into a situation, which shows someone the answer to a problem, or the best course of action to take.

Q . Has anyone ever given you wise advice or a problem-solving insight? Think of a specific example. How did that advice make your life better? Did it make you more or less likely to trust that person's words and intentions?



Q . Have you ever had an "aha!" moment, when the right course of action, or words, or answer suddenly came to you? Have you ever received that type of breakthrough for someone else's problem?

3. DISCUSSION:

1 Corinthians 12:8 [NLT]

"...to another the same Spirit gives a message of special knowledge."



The second gift Paul mentions is special knowledge - when the Holy Spirit reveals information to someone that they could not have known otherwise.

Q . God will sometimes reveal information to someone as a warning, or encouragement to be given, or a specific thing to pray about. How is that different from a psychic or mind-reader?

Q . Has anyone ever spoken one of these "words of knowledge" to you? How did it make you feel? How did it affect your life in that situation?



4. PRAYER FOCUS

Take a few minutes as a family: thank God for the special abilities He gives through the Holy Spirit's empowerment. Ask Him to help you grow in the ability that He's entrusted to you.



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1. POWER VERSE: **Romans 6:23** *"For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life through Christ Jesus our Lord."*

What's Up: "Sin Costs A High Price!"

This week, we continue the series called, "The Garden". In this series, we will look at the four characters involved in the first sin in the Garden of Eden: Satan, Adam, Eve, and God. In this lesson, we learn about the **HIGH** price of giving in to temptation. It's a price that is **NEVER** worth it.

2. READ:

Genesis 3:6-23 "The woman saw that the tree's fruit was good to eat and pleasing to look at. She also saw that it would make a person wise. So she took some of the fruit and ate it. She also gave some to her husband, who was with her. And he ate it. The Lord God said to Adam, "You listened to your wife's suggestion. You ate fruit from the tree I warned you about. I said, 'You must not eat its fruit.' "So I am putting a curse on the ground because of what you did. All the days of your life you will have to work hard. It will be painful for you to get food from the ground. You will eat plants from the field, even though the ground produces thorns and prickly weeds. You will have to work hard and sweat a lot to produce the food you eat. You were made out of the ground. You will return to it when you die. You are dust, and you will return to dust." So the Lord God drove the man out of the Garden of Eden. He sent the man to farm the ground he had been made from."



Q. Have you ever bought something that was really expensive? Was it worth it? We are learning about the HIGH price of giving in to temptation.

It's a price that is **NEVER** worth it.



4. PRAYER FOCUS

3. DISCUSSION:

Q. What was the price Adam and Eve paid for their sin in the Garden?



Adam gave in to temptation, just as Eve did. They knew better, but they did it anyway. As a result, they paid the price for it. They were separated from God, thrown out of the garden, and forced to work a life of blood, sweat, and tears.

So often, we think that we can just "go ahead and sin" and it won't matter. After all, it's just one sin. Can that really be that big of a deal?

The truth is, all it takes is **ONE** sin for us to have to pay the ultimate price of separation from God forever. It was true for Adam and Eve, and it is true for us.

Pray with your child if they feel that they have been paying the high price of giving into temptation. Pray that God will help them realize the price of sin and work to never give into temptation.