1. The power to increase in fruitfulness

Col 1:9-11

God wants you to be "...filled with the knowledge of his will in all spiritual understanding, so that you may walk worthy of the Lord, fully pleasing him, bearing fruit in every good work and increasing in the knowledge of God, strengthened with power..."

With God's power in us we can grow and achieve mightily.

2. The power to fulfil our stewardship

Col 1:25-26, 29

Paul had a "stewardship from God... to fulfil". His aim was to "present every man complete in Christ Jesus".

Paul says that he strove to do this by the power that worked in him mightily.

The same power is given to you. God empowers you to fulfil the stewardship he requires of you.

God helps you to finish what you start.

3. The power to attain the riches of Christ's love

Col 2:2-3

Paul speaks of "being knit together in love and attaining to the riches of the full assurance..." and he says that in Christ "are hidden all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge."

In the world, great riches can give a person great power.

In the kingdom of God's Son, the riches that give us power are the treasures of Christ's love and these riches are in glory - treasure beyond measure.

4. The power to be established in the faith

Col 2:5-7, 9-10

Paul speaks of steadfastness and stability, being rooted and established in the faith, and abounding in it. We can do this because we are "complete in him who is the head of all principality and power".

Christ is subject to no higher power except of course his Father. All powers are subject to Christ. If we have the power of Christ in us, then no one can take away our hope of glory.

5. The power to kill sin

Col 3:1-9

Paul says, "You have died and your life is hidden with Christ in God" (Col 3:3). What manner of death is this?

Paul explains, "Consider the members of your earthly body as dead to immorality, impurity, passion, evil desire, greed... put them all aside — anger, wrath, malice, slander, abusive speech..." (Col 3:8).

Among Christians we often find a very negative attitude toward the Christian's ability to overcome sin.

However God empowers us to win the victory against the person we used to be and kill that old person dead.

6. The power to be renewed

Col 3:10

The above points are perhaps summarized by a statement Paul makes in chapter 3. "You have put on the new self which is renewed in knowledge..."

It is not unusual for sincere Christians to feel that they have missed the mark and not lived up to what God empowered them to do.

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