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TRUE SURRENDER

David Livingstone wrote in his diary: "I will place no value on anything I have or may possess except to the relation of the Kingdom of Jesus Christ. If anything will advance the interests of that kingdom, it shall be given away or kept, only as the giving or keeping of it I shall promote the glory of Him to whom I owe all my hopes in time and eternity. May grace and strength sufficient to enable me to adhere faithfully to this resolution be imparted to me, so that not in name only, all my interests may be identified with His." This is the crucified life! Galatians 2:10

WHERE IS THE POWER?

All Fundamental Bible believers are familiar with the early Church in the Book of Acts. Though sorely persecuted, they had power with God and power with men. Where is that power in Fundamental Baptist churches today? What is the problem? I believe the problem is we are trying to do what they did (and we ought to) without the power. Oh, we have the Holy Spirit, but He is not given absolute control. Jesus said, "**Ye shall receive power after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you...**" The problem is we are trying to do the work of God in our own power, but that is utterly impossible. We need a commitment and surrender to Christ; to the Holy Spirit. "**Be ye filled with the Spirit.**" It will cost something - you will have to give up yourself!

WHY NO PROGRESS?

A man was standing on the shore watching a pretty little vessel with its white sail shining in the sunlight. He said to a seaman standing nearby, "How is it that ship doesn't seem to be moving? Her sail is spread and there is plenty of breeze, but she seems to be making no progress." "She's anchored," replied the sailor. That's just like some Christians, they appear to be fine but they make no progress because they are anchored to this world by some sin, some worldliness.

THERE'S WORK TO DO

Thomas Edison said this - and he certainly knew what he was taking about: "*The reason a lot of people cannot recognize opportunity is because it usually goes around wearing coveralls looking like hard work.*" I think he also was the one who said, "Genius is 1% inspiration and 99% perspiration." Laziness is truly a sin and the Bible teaches that a person ought to work. Jesus said, "**The laborers are few.**" What are you doing for God and His Church?