

# BITS & PIECES

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### WHERE'S 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!

### PUT GOD FIRST!

The Bible says (and it is only common sense) that we should put God first. For starters, here is a good rule to follow: Give God the first part of every day (Bible reading and prayer); Give God the first day of the week (to attend all the services of the Church); Give God the firstfruits of all your increase (the tithe). I am afraid that there are not very many Christians that truly put God first! The Bible says, **“Seek ye first the kingdom of God...”**

### MOST OF ALL WE NEED THE WORD

Dr. R. A. Torrey wrote: “The man who studies the Bible and neglects all other books, will be wiser than the man who studies all other books and neglects the Bible...The men who have brought about great reformation in morals and doctrine, the men that others have flocked to hear and upon whose words the people hung, have been Bible men in every instance, and in many instances, they knew little besides the Bible.” **“Preach the Word!”**

### HARD TO UNDERSTAND

A. W. Tozer said, “I have been forced to admit that one of the things hardest for me to understand and try to reconcile is the complete aimlessness of so many Christians.” When one considers the multitude of lost souls all around us, the obvious truth that we are in the last days, that the coming of the Lord draweth nigh, it is truly amazing that so few Bible believers are in earnest. Of course, the truth is that they love themselves more than they love God! See II Timothy 3:1-5.