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1. God has given us power to live a _____.

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It is one thing to have the Holy Spirit, but something else for Him to have us. All Christians need not only the life of Christ within, but the power to express that life and power of God.

2. Empowered by the Holy Spirit brings _____.

Jesus states that when the power comes upon the believer that they will be witnesses. The work of the Holy Spirit is to transform and empower us. The Holy Spirit doesn't make us better than other Christians, but He does make us better than ourselves.

3. The Holy Spirit gives us _____.

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Acts 2:41, Acts 4:31

When we pray for the Holy Spirit to fill us, we can then walk with the power of the Holy Spirit like the disciples in the early church did.

4. Empowered by the Holy Spirit is not in _____ but _____.

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Ephesians 5:18

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