

mover, so also direction and power are vital to followers of Christ as we travel through life. The Holy Spirit provides us with both. He was sent to guide us into all truth (Jn. 16:13) and to teach us (1 Cor. 2:10-16). We are empowered by the Spirit to witness (Acts 1:8), to pray (Rom. 8:26), and to live a hope-filled life (15:13).

The next time one of those big semis blows by you on the highway, think about the lesson of the 18-wheeler. Call on the direction and power of the Holy Spirit. --DCE

*The Spirit gives us power to live  
A life that's pleasing to the Lord;  
He also guides us and provides  
Direction in God's holy Word. --Sper*

**The power that drives us comes from the Spirit inside us.**



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### Lesson Of The 18-Wheeler

**You shall receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you. -- Acts 1:8**

I was talking with a veteran truck driver about his life on the road. We discussed motorways, cities, truck stops, engines, and prime-movers.

As he spoke about his huge rig, he referred several times to steering axles and drive axles. I asked him to explain the difference. He told me that the front axle of a truck is the steering axle. The drive axles, located under the rear of the cab, transfer the power that is generated by the diesel engine.

It's the drive axles that enable the semi to climb steep grades, inch down dangerous slopes, and barrel down the highway to get the load in on time.

My discussion with that trucker gave me a new appreciation for those 18-wheelers, and it reminded me of a spiritual truth. Just as steering axles and drive axles are essential to a prime-



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## Spirit Empowered Service



Isaiah 61 gives us four descriptions of Messiah's Spirit-empowered service, for us to learn from. He would:

### 1. \_\_\_\_\_ the \_\_\_\_\_, verses 1-4

**(Revelation 11:18)** "The nations were angry, and Your wrath has come, ... that they should be judged, ... And should destroy those who destroy the earth.""

**(Revelation 16:6-7)** "For they have shed the blood of saints and prophets, And You have given them blood to drink. For it is their just due." {7} And I heard another from the altar saying, "Even so, Lord God Almighty, true and righteous are Your judgments.""

**(Revelation 18:20)** "Rejoice over her, O heaven, and you holy apostles and prophets, for God has avenged you on her!"

**(Luke 4:16-21)** "So He came to Nazareth, where He had been brought up.

And as His custom was, He went into the synagogue on the Sabbath day, and stood up to read. {17} And He was handed the book of the prophet Isaiah. And when He had opened the book, He found the place where it was written: **[18]** "The Spirit of the LORD is upon Me, Because He has anointed Me To preach the gospel to the poor; He has sent Me to heal the brokenhearted, To proclaim liberty to the captives And recovery of sight to the blind, To set at liberty those who are oppressed; {19} To proclaim the acceptable year of the LORD."

**[20]** Then He closed the book, and gave it back to the attendant and sat down. And the eyes of all who were in the synagogue were fixed on Him. {21} And He began to say to them, "Today this Scripture is fulfilled in your hearing."

**(Mark 1:14-15)** "... Jesus came to Galilee, preaching the gospel of the kingdom of God,

**[15]** and saying, "The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God is at hand. Repent, and believe in the gospel."

**(Leviticus 25:10-15)** "Consecrate the fiftieth year and proclaim liberty throughout the land to all its inhabitants. It shall be a jubilee for you; each one of you is to return to his family property and each to his own clan. ... eat only what is taken directly from the fields. ... {15} You are to buy from your countryman on the basis of the number of years since the Jubilee. And he is to sell to you on the basis of the number of years left for harvesting crops." [NIV]

**(Matthew 3:1-3)** "In those days John the Baptist came preaching in the wilderness of Judea, {2} and saying, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand!" {3} For this is he who was spoken of by the prophet Isaiah, saying: "The voice of one crying in the wilderness: 'Prepare the way of the LORD; Make His paths straight.'"

**(Matthew 6:12)** "And forgive us our debts, ...."

**(Luke 7:40-43)** "And Jesus answered and said to him, "Simon, I have something to say to you." So he said, "Teacher, say it." {41} "There was a certain creditor who had two debtors. One owed five hundred denarii, and the other fifty. {42} "And when they had nothing with which to repay, he freely forgave them both. Tell Me, therefore, which of them will love him more?" {43} Simon answered and said, "I suppose the one whom he forgave



more." And He said to him, "You have rightly judged.""

**(Mark 16:15)** "And He said to them, "Go into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature."

### 2. \_\_\_\_\_ the hurting, verse 1

**(Psalms 34:18)** "The LORD is near to those who have a broken heart, And saves such as have a contrite spirit."

**(Psalms 69:20)** "Reproach has broken my heart, And I am full of heaviness; I looked for someone to take pity, but there was none; And for comforters, but I found none."

**(Psalms 147:3)** [The Lord] heals the brokenhearted And binds up their wounds."



### 3. Free the \_\_\_\_\_, verse 1



**(John 8:31-36)** "Then Jesus said to those Jews who believed Him, "If you abide in My word, you are My disciples indeed. {32} "And you shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free." ... {34} ... "Most assuredly, I say to you, whoever commits sin is a slave of sin. ... {36} "Therefore if the Son makes you free, you shall be free indeed."

### 4. Give \_\_\_\_\_ to the \_\_\_\_\_,

**(Isaiah 61:1)** The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me; he has sent me to preach glad tidings to the poor, to heal the broken in heart, to proclaim liberty to the captives, and recovery of sight to the blind; [Septuagint]

**(Acts 6:1)** "Now in those days, ... there arose a complaint against the Hebrews by the Hellenists, ..."

**(Acts 21:40)** "... Paul stood on the stairs and motioned with his hand to the people. And ..., he spoke to them in the Hebrew language, ...,"

**(John 9:39)** "And Jesus said, "For judgment I have come into this world, that those who do not see may see, and that those who see may be made blind."

**(John 8:12)** "Then Jesus spoke to them again, saying, "I am the light of the world. He who follows Me shall not walk in darkness, but have the light of life."

**(2 Corinthians 4:6)** "For it is the God who commanded light to shine out of darkness, who has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ."

