

FROM **DREAM** TO **DESTINY**  
FULFILLING GOD'S PURPOSE FOR YOUR LIFE

## The Power Test

- Focus** God has a dream and a destiny for every person, but we must pass some character-building tests before we can fulfill our destiny. Great character supports great destiny.
- Open** When you were a child, what job or responsibility were you given that you were most proud of?
- Read** The Power Test is something that we're often launched into *quickly*. Joseph was *quickly* promoted from the prison to the palace after the king sent for him and he interpreted the king's dream (Genesis 41). The Prison Test determines how we respond when bad things happen to us; the Power Test is about how we respond when good things happen, such as a promotion or an increase in responsibility or recognition. Each of us will also be tested by success.
- We must recognize that we do well to work hard and respond to God's voice, but all power, blessing and favor comes from God. Power (greater influence and/or responsibility) is given to those who are truly humble in spirit. Pride always looks foolish, but pride and power look especially awful together!
- We're created in the image of an all-powerful God, so the desire for power is a good thing as long as it is for the right reason. God shares His power with those who share His heart to help people. God has all the wealth and power of the world, and He is looking for humble servants through whom He can channel it. We're blessed to bless others. God increases our influence for the sake of other people—that we may help them.

**Talk**

1. In your own words, what is the Power Test about?
2. What is “power”?
3. God is all-powerful and we’re created in His image. Therefore, the desire for power is not wrong as long as we desire it for the right reasons. How does this idea compare to what you have thought or have been taught?
4. What is the difference between true humility and false humility? What types of words or attitudes might we use or display if we’re walking in false humility?
5. Read James 3:13–18, James 4:10 and 1 Peter 5:5–6. What do these passages teach us about humility?
6. Each of us is a catalyst between the grace and resources of God and the people who need them (Deuteronomy 8:17–18). This is the purpose of the influence and power that we’ve been given. How do you describe what it feels like to be used as a channel or funnel for God’s resources towards another person?

**Live**

1. Have you ever been given more power from God and then acted “ugly”? What happened in your heart? How do you feel about that now?
2. What area(s) of power, influence or responsibility are you currently walking in? How will you submit yourself to God and others while carrying this power or responsibility?

**Pray**

Thank God that He shares His power with His people. Thank Him for entrusting you with some level of power, influence and responsibility. Ask Him to help you to grow in wisdom and humility. Thank Him for using you to share His grace and resources with others.