

## **PLUGGED IN**

-Ryan Parsons-

With the emergence of the cell phone, we have created a repeated pattern in our lives that we often don't realize. Each night, millions of people plug in their phones before they go to bed. It must be refilled with power for the phone to work the next day.

Believe it or not, our Christian lives work much in the same way.

### **1 Corinthians 4:20**

For the kingdom of God does not consist in talk but in power.

Like our cell phones, it is possible to lose our charge or be empty of that power (Matthew 22:29).

The question for us is: Are we plugged in?

Paul tells us that the knowledge of God is the powerful weapon that can destroy strongholds (2 Corinthians 10:4-5). This knowledge comes to us through a powerful living and active Word that can pierce and discern at the deepest level (Hebrews 4:12). Thankfully, it is always available for us to plug into.

In his letter to his apprentice Timothy, Paul encourages and reminds him that God has bestowed power upon them in their ministry. He wants to make sure Timothy doesn't become disconnected from that source that is made up "of power and love and self-control" (2 Timothy 1:6-7).

If there is any question in our minds, Peter sums it up for his readers. If they were wondering how they would live this life in Christ in a hostile world, the apostle confirms that a ready source can empower them to rightly live in godliness (2 Peter 1:3). That divine power is freely accessible to those who put their faith in God.

God help us to stay plugged in!

### **Romans 15:13**

May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that by the power of the Holy Spirit you may abound in hope.

Peace,  
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