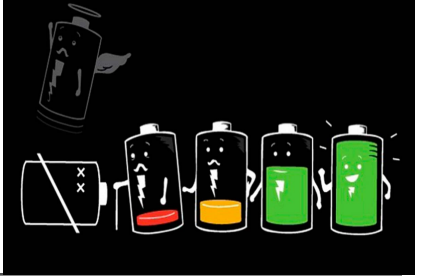


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## Are You Fully Charged?



In March of 2018, I had one of the longest two weeks I'd ever experienced in a while. For some reason, no matter how hard I tried to push myself back into my daily routines, I felt uncharged. I'd been recovering from the flu and assumed that after being in bed a few days, having my fever break, and experiencing no more body aches, I was ready to tackle this world. I had to realize everyone recovers differently. I went into work and church thinking I'd be ok, but people recognized the difference and to be honest, I wasn't feeling well. I tried to smile it off, but you could see it in my eyes. I tried to put a little more pep in my step but I could feel it as I walked. I was weak. The yellow battery in the photo describes me at that moment. Truly, I didn't think I needed anymore rest. You're probably thinking, Jesus rested. I had to laugh at myself saying, "Jesus, never dealt with the stomach flu." But through it all...He never left me. As I rested, the Lord gave me strength. I began to think about the ministry, my workload, my family, the devotionals, and the scripture **Acts 6:3** came to mind about the seven Fully Charged men chosen: ***Wherefore, brethren, look ye out among you seven men of honest report, full of the Holy Ghost and wisdom, whom we may appoint over this business.***

In this scripture, these men were chosen for community work, not a pulpit. I'm not saying they weren't capable but if the Lord called everyone to the pulpits, who would preach, teach, and assist in houses and streets today? The apostles chose anointed men to help the community and even today God has called many in churches to "outreach." We'll always have people needing help. **John 12:8** Jesus said, ***"For the poor always ye have with you; but me ye have not always."*** This ministry was for the Grecian widows who were lacking in daily necessities and needed public assistance, **the Church**. We know they cared for the widows, I wondered were there any young widows with children? Regardless, we are called to help. **Read Exodus 22:22-24**

The apostles didn't choose just anyone, but seven men of **honest report, FULL of the Holy Ghost and wisdom** to deal with widows' needs. The number seven means complete. Perhaps with so many people seeking care, each man had their own specific group to care for. These men were ordained (hands laid upon and prayed for) and sent to help in the community as well as it should be today. They didn't trouble the head after they were chosen to ask, "What do I do now that you chose me?" Honestly, perhaps they had no wisdom. The apostles searched for honest men, not liars, drunkards, busybodies, whoremongers, untrusting, or lazy but honest men Full of the HOLY GHOST and WISDOM. The world has too many hurting people being neglected by unloving hurting people. The ministry was developed and was done correctly. **Read 1 Corinthians 14:40**

When I read Elijah's moment of victory, defeating the prophets of Baal, then allowing the sickness of fear to attack his body to hide from Jezebel, it made me realize we are no different. The Lord has used us, we're excited, and Satan appears with some sickness, we curl up feeling useless instead of submitting unto God and rebuking the illness. Jesus has demonstrated victory after victory in our lives and we want to give up at times. Did this mean Elijah wasn't full of God's anointing? No! The Lord sent a dirty bird to feed him, told Elijah to rest, and later fed him again. This was not the time to fast; he needed strength. Elijah allowed fear to block who he was in God and pride to enter, thinking he was "the only" prophet remaining. God had to let him know who was in charge and the same to us. We're not the only ones God is using when we get ill. The community **today** will seek resources before they call Jesus. Being **Full of the Holy Ghost and wisdom will teach, guide,** and make us sensitive to the spiritual gift(s), leading us to hear the voice of the Lord to encourage ourselves and others in time of need. We are dealing with people's lives. We must be trustworthy, caring, and respectful, showing love and kindness which drew us. **Read Jeremiah 31:3**

I must confess, when I had the flu the enemy tried to make me believe the Lord was not with me and did not love me. I couldn't lift a finger or eat anything, but I was able to call upon the name of the Lord and he healed me. **Read Psalm 30:2.** The Holy Ghost does not leave us because we have the flu. My pastor states, "You can't die until your mission is completed." Remember the woman from Joppa named Dorcas (Tabitha) who helped in her community and died but was risen? God was not through with her yet. **Acts 9:36-43** Sickness is not from God, the enemy wants us to believe God does not care for his children, ignoring kingdom work and believing we're not fully charged for the call. God knows when our time will be up and when it is finished, we will be absent from this body and with the Lord. **2 Corinthians 5:8-9** Therefore, ask the Lord now, What is my mission? If you don't feel "fully charged," the Lord is aware. Rest, eat, and know His Strength is made perfect in our weakness. Be encouraged, God Bless.

**Acts 9:36.....This woman was FULL of good works and almsdeeds.....**