

The Energy of God

Dr. Billy Wilson: Welcome to "*World Impact*." I'm Billy Wilson, and today we are in Krakow, Poland. We're going to be talking about God's energy in your life. Years ago, I started managing my energy instead of just my time, and I found a miraculous result: if I manage my energy, I could be at my best when I needed to be.

Over the years, I have also discovered that God's energy is the ultimate renewable, sustainable source. Today, we're going to be talking about a word in the New Testament in the book of **Colossians**: *energeia*—the energy of God—and how God puts His energy in your life, renews it, and strengthens you if you'll call on Him.

I want you to stay with me today as God ministers to you during this message. I want you to write me at **WorldImpact.tv**, let me know how we can pray for you at "*World Impact*," and most importantly, open up your heart, open up your spirit, and receive supernatural energy for this day. I'll be back in just a moment from here in Krakow, Poland.

Male Announcer: Energy: synonyms include power, juice, strength, vitality, vigor, spark, oomph, having gas in the tank, and even being full of beans. In physics, energy is defined as the capacity to do work. No matter what we call it, we are referring to the fuel that empowers things—making them move or stop moving, light up, heat up, fuse, or break apart.

Energy can be chemical, thermal, mechanical, or kinetic. When a machine doesn't get enough energy, it either slows down, stops working altogether, or functions inefficiently, often wearing out faster as it works harder to make up for the missing energy.

Just like machines slow down or stop functioning without enough energy, humans experience similar effects psychologically when they're low on inner energy—feeling unfocused or unmotivated. Low energy can feel like a loss of purpose or connection, where daily routines lose their meaning, and we feel disconnected from others or even ourselves. Tasks that might otherwise be simple now feel overwhelming.

Lack of energy has synonyms too: burned out, fatigued, dog-tired, knackered, done in, or being in the dumps. No matter what we call it, lack of energy will affect how we approach life. Without sufficient inner fuel, the mind and spirit lack the drive to fully engage with the world.

But it is possible to live a life of vigor, vitality, and strength—to have purpose and hope. It is possible by connecting to the never-ending energy of God.

Billy: Hello again. Today, *"World Impact"* is in Krakow, Poland. I'm sitting now on the beautiful river in downtown Krakow. Today we're talking about the energy of God.

I want to look at a scripture found in **Colossians 1:29**. It says:

"To this end," Paul says, "I strenuously contend with all the energy Christ so powerfully works in me."

Now, in this passage, the word "energy" comes from the Greek word *energeia*. This word is mentioned eight times in the Greek New Testament. Most of the time, it's talking about supernatural energy and the energy of God. A couple of times it refers to supernatural energy—the energy of our enemy, Lucifer.

But this word communicates to us that God brings energy into our life by the Holy Spirit. Let me first say: the Holy Spirit is not just energy. He is a person, the Third Person of the Trinity—God, very God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. But the Holy Spirit brings God's energy into our life, changes us, and empowers us to do the work of God.

In fact, the same Holy Spirit that reanimated the dead body of Jesus Christ and raised Him from the dead lives in our mortal bodies if we've been baptized by the Spirit. He reanimates us and gives us strength.

The whole world is talking about renewable and sustainable energy sources. Today, we're talking about the renewable source of the Holy Spirit in our life.

Billy: Years ago, when Jesus was leading His disciples, He took them to a northern city: Caesarea of Philippi. I've been there—it's a very unique place. Jesus stood in front of a large cave that many of the Greeks thought was an opening to the underworld. They believed that one of the Greek gods, Pan, guarded that cave and decided who would go in and out of the underworld.

Pan was the Greek god they prayed to when they went to war many times because they believed Pan could make their enemies afraid—thus the root word: *panic*.

So Jesus is standing with His disciples in front of this large opening to the underworld, guarded by the person that can bring panic, to communicate to His church: *"We never need to panic or be afraid."*

Billy: Here's what it says in *The Message* version, **Matthew 16:18**:

"And now I'm going to tell you who you are, who you really are. You are Peter, a rock. This is the rock on which I will put together my church, a church so expansive with energy that not even the gates of hell will be able to keep it out."

A church so expansive with God's energy that the gates of hell will not be able to stop it—that the underworld can't stop the energy of God from flowing through us and accomplishing God's work.

When we look at the book of **Acts**, on the Day of Pentecost, there was a divine display of supernatural energy. **Acts 2** tells us:

"When the Day of Pentecost came, they were all together in one place. Suddenly a sound like the blowing of a violent wind came from heaven and filled the whole house where they were sitting. They saw what seemed to be tongues of fire that separated and came to rest on each of them. All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit enabled them."

All of these emblems on the Day of Pentecost represent energy: wind, fire, tongues, speech—a display of divine energy filling the church. The *energeia*, the energy of God, came to fill the early church so that the gates of hell could not stop what God was going to do through His church: deliver people from behind the gates of darkness into the kingdom of God's light.

Lucifer, of course, saw what happened on the Day of Pentecost and knew he could not stop the power of the Holy Spirit from filling the early church. Throughout the book of Acts, we see his tactics to try to slow down or drain the energy of God from the early church.

Today, I want to talk about **four tactics that the enemy used in the book of Acts**, which he still uses in our lives today, to try to stop, slow down, or drain the supernatural energy of God in our lives.

Billy: The first tactic Satan used was **division**. Lucifer knows that when God's people are united, they are mighty and powerful. I call it **supernatural synergy**. One person can chase 1,000, but two can chase 10,000. Together, we are stronger than we are individually.

When God's people are in unity, Satan's kingdom is in trouble. He tries to stop the work of God—and the energy of God in our lives—by creating division.

Any engineer knows that in a system, **friction causes depletion of energy**. The more friction there is, the more energy is lost. This is true in the church: division brings down the energy of God among us.

I'm amazed as I watch social media—Christians use their energy to attack one another instead of doing the work of God.

Billy: I want to remind you: God puts His energy in us through the Holy Spirit. Satan wants to divide us, because if he does, he can stop God's energy.

Think about fission and fusion: when the atom bomb was made by dividing the atom, it created an explosion of energy. But later, scientists discovered that **fusion**, by putting atoms together, created a force 1,000 times more powerful.

We are powerful when we are in unity in Christ.

Kerry Loscher: My name is Kerry Loscher, and I am a member of the undergraduate theology faculty here at ORU. It is my great pleasure to help train leaders for service. One of the things we run into all the time is that people are tired—and our leaders are tired.

A friend of mine has a quote on the wall:

"Sabbath is proof that we are no longer slaves."

It reminds me that I am not a machine, I am not a superhero, I can't do everything, and I can't say yes to everything. The world wants me to be busy because busy equals important.

But God has invited me to something else: He says, *"Come enjoy my rhythm, do things my way, and let's do life together—where we rest."*

If the God of the universe rests, if Jesus rests, then maybe I need that too. I'm learning that, sometimes the hard way.

Practical things to consider:

1. Who in your life has permission to check on you—ask when you're off, when you're resting? Maybe your spouse, a counselor, or a mentor.
2. What in your life doesn't need to be done by you? Where are you replaceable?
3. If you care more for someone else's family or work than your own, what's at risk?

There's only one of you. Jesus invites us into His adventure. Let's do it in a way that we can run the whole race and enjoy His rhythm without losing who He made us to be.

Billy: Today on *"World Impact,"* we're talking about the energy of God—the Greek word *energeia*—and how the Holy Spirit brings God's energy into the church and into our personal lives.

Satan has always tried to stop this energy from hurting his kingdom and keeping people in darkness. He uses **division**, as I mentioned, and also **distraction**.

In **Acts 6**, Satan tries to distract the apostles in Jerusalem. The Hellenistic widows and Hebrew widows were in conflict, each feeling neglected. The apostles realized their priority was not to wait on tables but to focus on **ministry of God's Word and prayer**.

When they returned to their God-given purpose, God's energy could flow freely. **Acts 6:7** says:

"The word of God spread. The number of disciples in Jerusalem increased rapidly, and a large number of priests became obedient to the faith."

When God's energy is directed correctly, amazing things happen—even spiritual leaders are transformed.

Another tactic that Satan has always used is **dilution**.

In **Acts 4**, God was working mightily in the church in Jerusalem. Barnabas, from Cyprus, sold a piece of property and brought the money to the apostles. His generosity blessed the church.

But then Ananias and Sapphira had a different idea. They sold a piece of property but only brought part of the money to the apostles, while acting as if they had given it all.

Peter said to Ananias: *"Why have you lied to the Holy Spirit?"*

This was hypocrisy, duplicity—living one way in public and another in private. This drains God's energy from the church and from individuals.

Satan uses this tactic even today. People may be full of God's energy on Sunday, but by Wednesday, they're drained because of duplicity—living one way in private and another in public.

God intervened with Ananias and Sapphira, and the Bible says both fell dead. This dramatic moment shows that **living in duplicity can bring destruction**, but stopping it releases God's energy.

Acts 5:14-16 shows the result:

"More and more men and women believed in the Lord and were added to their number. People brought the sick into the streets so that Peter's shadow might fall on some of them. Crowds gathered from surrounding towns, and all were healed."

When God's energy is undiluted and authentic, it brings life, healing, and transformation.

Billy: The fourth tactic Satan uses is **discouragement**.

Discouragement takes courage away from God's people. Early in the church, Satan tried to stop the apostles after Jesus' crucifixion. Peter and John were arrested by the Sanhedrin and told, *"Don't preach in Jesus' name anymore."*

Instead of succumbing to discouragement, the apostles prayed, asking God to continue His work. **Acts 4** says:

"After they prayed, the place where they were meeting was shaken."

God released His energy—divine power that shook the building and empowered the church.

Billy: The Holy Spirit is God's renewable, sustainable energy source. Even when you feel drained, energy is still available.

I remember a time in **Malaysia** leading a mission team. We traveled across the country in extreme heat, preaching without air conditioning. By the time we reached Kuala Lumpur, I was exhausted. I thought I couldn't go on.

At the service, a young lady named Jenny was possessed by the devil. My team brought her to a back room while I finished ministering. I felt completely drained, exhausted, and ready to go home.

By 3 a.m., after hours of praying, a man's voice came from Jenny's body: *"You're exhausted and I'm going to win this battle."*

I realized in that moment: **I was exhausted, but God was not**. His energy is unlimited, His strength inexhaustible.

A word of knowledge came about Jenny's past, revealing childhood abuse. That moment broke the power of Satan over her life. Jenny gave her heart to Jesus, and for years after, she served the Lord faithfully.

Billy: The lesson is clear: when you feel exhausted and depleted, God's energy is still available.

Isaiah 40:28-31 says:

"Do you not know? Have you not heard? The LORD is the everlasting God, the Creator of the ends of the earth. He will not grow tired or weary, and His understanding no one can fathom. He gives strength to the weary and increases the power of the weak. Even youths grow tired and weary, and young men stumble and fall; But those who hope in the LORD will renew their

strength. They will soar on wings like eagles; they will run and not grow weary; they will walk and not be faint."

God is your source of **supernatural, personal energy**. Rely on Him, and He will renew you.

Billy: Today on "*World Impact*," we've been talking about God's energy—*energeia*—and how it works in your life. Maybe you feel exhausted, maybe you feel like you can't go on. But God's energy is limitless.

If you need prayer, write to us at **WorldImpact.tv**. Tell us your story, tell us what's exhausting you, and let us pray with you.

God is our **renewable, sustainable energy source**, and His Spirit is available to empower you today.

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