

INSPIRATION

"Pastor, what is divine inspiration, and how does it differ from other forms of inspiration?" This is a good question because we all need to be inspired. Secular inspiration stimulates or invigorates a person with a particular emotion or to a particular action, but it has no divine influence. Consequently, any thought or emotion or action it arouses is void of God's ability to shape a person's character or positively affect his/her future. Inspiration that comes from God is very powerful because it can guide us, through supernatural means, toward true greatness. According to Scripture, divine inspiration enables us to achieve exceedingly more than we can ever think or imagine! Ephesians 3:20 (AMP) says, **"Now to Him Who, by the consequence of the action of His power that is at work within us, is able to carry out His purpose and do superabundantly, far over and above all that we dare ask or think; and infinitely beyond our highest prayers, desires, thoughts, hopes, or dreams."**

God wants to positively influence and invigorate every area of our lives, and He has chosen to do this through 'supernatural inspiration' that is effected by His Spirit who is at work in us. We often look for and accept the wrong stimuli; consequently, the activity or energy it evokes is not beneficial to us. As Christians, we have the greatest source of inspiration already living in us - the blessed Holy Spirit. If you need inspiration today, simply ask Him for it! The Holy Spirit's inspiration will guide you through every dark valley and lift any cloud of confusion. He has the power to divinely influence your thoughts, emotions and actions for your good (but to God's glory). What's more, the Holy Spirit can inspire you to do superabundantly, far above all that you dare ask or think; and infinitely beyond your highest prayers, desires, hopes or dreams. Now, that is something awesome and truly inspirational! So why settle for second best? Why allow your senses to be stimulated by the world around you when inside of you abides the source of unlimited inspiration? 2 Corinthians 4:18 states, **"While we do not look at the things which are seen, but at the things which are not seen. For the things which are seen are temporary but the things which are not seen are eternal."** Therefore, the influence of divine inspiration reaches beyond the mundane and into the superabundant, extraordinary life Jesus came to secure for us (John 10:10).

What do you need from God today? It's easy to think that we're not supposed to ask for too much, but scripture encourages us to go to God with all of our needs. He longs to give us the desires of our heart and pour out His favour and blessing on us. In fact, Jesus said, "You have not because you ask not." Therefore, if you are feeling downhearted and unenthusiastic today, the best thing to ask God for is a fresh measure of divine inspiration! The Holy Spirit shall then stir something in you that will positively influence and invigorate every area of your life. Yes, He is committed to doing **over and above all that you dare ask or think and infinitely beyond your highest prayers, desires, thoughts, hopes, or dreams.**