

Ambassador

Lesson 12



God's Supernatural Saints

In this lesson we want to learn that if you are God's child, God will take His **Super** power along with your **natural** life and help you live "Supernaturally." That's what God desires, for you to allow Him to "supercharge" your life so that you can lead, love, and live victoriously.

That is what this year has been about! You were learning that God wants you to live a *supernatural* life, and this is done by your willingness to surrender your life to Christ and allow Him to live the life of Christ through you. Simply stated, God gives His Super (His power through the Holy Spirit) to your Natural (who you are) which allows you to live life through God's power.

Let's examine this closely for your final lesson as a first year Ambassador.

1. SuperNatural Power to Serve

In Acts chapter 6 and 7, the Church in Jerusalem was growing in numbers fast. This kind of growth had brought many problems for the Apostles who were responsible for taking care of the spiritual needs of the people. However, they found themselves having to take care of the physical needs of the people who were sick and hungry as well. They (the Apostles) became tired and overworked (does this sound like you when your parents tell you to wash the dishes and take out the garbage in the same day!) Just playing! There were Greek-speaking Jewish widows who began to complain that they were being overlooked when it came to distributing food and getting help.

The Apostles asked the other disciples to choose seven men to be responsible for ministering to the needy. Among those chosen was Stephen, *a man full of faith and of the Holy Ghost* (Acts 6:5). The seven were presented to the Apostles, who laid their hands on them and prayed for them.

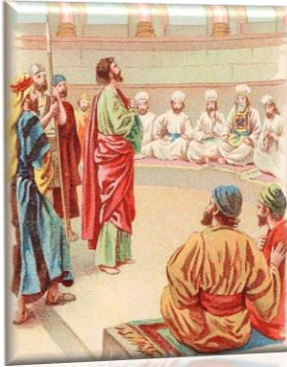


As a result of dividing the work, *the Word of God increased; and the number of the disciples multiplied in Jerusalem greatly; and a great company of the priests were obedient to the faith* (Acts 6:7). God put His **Super** with the disciples **Natural** for them to become SuperNatural Servants.

2. SuperNatural Power to Preach

Not only did Stephen minister to the needy faithfully, he began to preach as the Apostles did. Stephen, *full of faith and power, did great wonders and miracles among the people* (Acts 6:8). But Jewish leaders from a synagogue outside Jerusalem began to argue with Stephen because he preached that people no longer had to worship God only in the temple (6:13; 7:48-49). Those Jews who accused Stephen could not stand up against the wisdom and power by which he spoke (6:10).

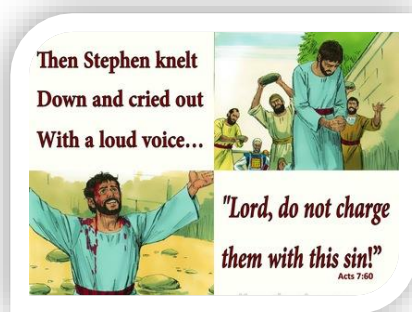
Unable to win against Stephen, the angry synagogue leaders stirred up the people and persuaded them to charge him with blasphemy. They brought him before the Sanhedrin. But Stephen was unafraid. When his enemies looked at him, they saw that his face was peaceful and glowing, like that of an angel (Acts 6:15).



When the high priest asked Stephen if the charges against him were true, Stephen did not back down. As he preached to the crowd, he showed his understanding of Jewish history and how God dealt with the people in Abraham's time who were wicked (Acts 7:2-50), he turned the tables and charged the Jews with being the guilty ones. Stephen argued that God cannot be confined to one place, even if it is a beautiful temple (Church) (Acts 7:48-51).

Stephen preached with **power** which gave him boldness in telling the Truth. God put his **Super** with Stephen's **Natural** and gave him SuperNatural Power to preach.

3. SuperNatural Power to Forgive



In Acts 7, Stephen was beaten and stoned by the angry Jews who heard his preaching. As they were stoning him to death his last words were "*Lord, do not hold this sin against them.*" (Acts. 7:60)

At age 12, Tavares saw his mother get shot by a group of guys from his neighborhood. Her final words to her son were, "*Remember, Jesus loves them too so don't you hate them.*"

Teresa grew up to be a well-known Professor of a large University. She had lunch with her father whom she was beaten and abused by as a little girl. She looked her dad in the eye and said "*I forgive you for what you have done because Jesus forgave me for what I have done.*"

How could these people forgive like this? It's because God put His **Super** with their **Natural** and gave them the SuperNatural Power to Forgive.

That's our desire for each you. As Ambassadors, you will have a desire to represent Jesus Christ to all those you encounter; at school, at home, at the store, in the mall, at the game room, in Church, on the basketball court, your friend's house, or when you are just hanging out. Allow God to put His Super with your Natural so you can live a SuperNatural life for Christ.

Memory Verse

2 Corinthians 4:7 (NASB)

7 But we have this treasure in earthen vessels, so that the surpassing greatness of the power will be of God and not from ourselves;



A Message from our leadership:

Dear young ladies and young men:

We are so glad that you spent the time to go through these Bible Studies. We hope that you see growth in your life and that your desire to read God's Word has grown. Your Mentors were a very important part of these studies and I hope you have enjoyed spending time with them.

As you complete your final lesson for this year's program, we want to challenge you to have your Mentor enroll you in the 2nd Year of Ambassadors if you will still be in grades 5-8. If you are going into High School, we want to encourage you to consider the Champions Women of Destiny (CWOD) program. Let your Mentor know if you are interested. We're proud of you.

Now click here to watch this Supplemental Video about your lesson: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=FPcMr-RomAM>

Think About It



Click here if you are taking your quiz online, then send the email you receive to your mentor to grade and discuss: <https://forms.gle/z72oAxfJnXUg6hpG8>

Complete this assignment and set up a time to meet with an adult mentor who will go over this with you. Mentor, after you have graded this lesson using the Answer Key, please enter the lesson online using the links that are on our website in order to receive credit. Thanks.

Student Name: _____

1. **Fill in the blanks. In the early church, Greek- _____
_____ complained about being neglected when food was given out.**
2. **To solve this problem, the Apostles turned over the responsibility of serving the poor to _____ (how many?) men.**
3. **One man chosen was Stephen, who was full of _____ and the _____.**
4. **Because the disciples were free to preach, the _____
increased, the number of _____ multiplied, and many _____
believed on Jesus.**
5. **True/False. After the Apostles laid hands on Stephen, he had power to preach and do miracles among the people.**
6. **True/False. Some Jews stirred up opposition to Stephen, saying he was attacking the temple, the Law, Moses and God.**
7. **True/False. Stephen's accusers easily matched Stephen's wisdom.**
8. **True/False. Stephen accused the Jews of being like their forefathers who resisted the Holy Spirit and ignored God's Law.**
9. **True/False. When Stephen's enemies attacked him, he asked God to punish them for their cruelty.**
10. **Why do you think Stephen had such great courage and power?**