

CONNECTED TO THE POWER SUPPLY

SCRIPTURE:

And having been made perfect, He became to all those who obey Him the source of eternal salvation, (Hebrews 5: 9)

For I am not ashamed of the gospel, for it is the power of God for salvation to everyone who believes, to the Jew first and also to the Greek. (Romans 1: 16)

MATERIALS LIST:

- (1) set of jumper cables for the car

MAIN MESSAGE:

Being connected to the power supply is crucial for a car to continue running and operating correctly. In the same way, as Christians, we must always remember to stay connected in obedience to the power supply, the Gospel.

SONG: "There Is Power in the Blood"

LESSON:

The dreaded sound a car makes - *click, click, click, click, click* - when you turn the key but the engine doesn't start can be very defeating, especially to someone who is stuck without jumper cables. Nobody likes to admit it, but chances are, it's happened to everyone of us. Car batteries eventually go out or alternators don't recharge them as you drive. Either way, it's very inconvenient to be stuck somewhere and not have power.

Spiritually speaking, you and I are like the car. We run and run and run, but sometimes, our batteries aren't staying charged or worse, they are dead. We reach the point of not being able to go anywhere. It doesn't matter if our gas tank is full. If the battery is not charged so that the car will start, you aren't going anywhere. That's why it's important to always stay connected to your power supply - the saving message of the Gospel of Jesus Christ, the One who is the the source of eternal life.

Jumper cables are the link between the full power source and the dead battery. When hooked up correctly, positive side of the battery to the red handle of the jumper cables and the negative side of the batter to the black side of the jumper cables, power flows through the cables - even allowing you to create a spark when you quickly touch the ends of the jumper cables together that aren't attached to anything (That's a pretty neat way to see the power that flows through the cables!). It's this power that flows into your battery and allows the car to start.

Sadly, too many of us are trying to run on batteries that need to be charged - ignoring the reason for the decrease in power or simply allowing ourselves to run down completely. Instead, we should pay close attention to our "batteries" and if needed, fix the reason for the lack of charge. Through daily Bible study, prayer, and a recommitment to walking obediently with Jesus, we continually make sure we are connected to the power supply.

PRAYER: Thank God for the Gospel message, and commit to God to be a family more devoted to His Will.