



WOW: Word Of the Week

Rechargeable

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My sister is making a list of words and ideas that were not in use during our childhood—going back 60 or 70 years ago. We laughed and shared some possibilities during a recent Saturday morning chat (a part of my very early Saturday mornings each week). Here's a possibility—rechargeable (even though the first recorded use of the word is in the late 1940s). Cordless, simply meaning powered by batteries, has a longer history, going back to 1905.

WOW. Rechargeable – hand warmers, flashlights, cell phones, lawn mowers, weedeaters, cars....

How, where, when do you get power for Christian living? Start with the Bible. Power, *dunamis*, about 50 times in Acts through Jude. God is the ultimate source of spiritual power. His power is at work in us. The apostles received power after the Holy Spirit came on them. They and we do not act by our own power. The apostles proclaimed the gospel with power. Powers that are not of God exist in this world.

Questions. Are we perpetually filled with power when we receive the Holy Spirit at baptism? Does spiritual power have to be renewed? **Are our spiritual lives “rechargeable?”** The Bible speaks about God acting in the life of Christians so that Holy Spirit power is activated. “May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that by the power of the Holy Spirit you may abound in hope.” (Rom. 15:13) Better known is Rom. 12:1-2 – renewed thinking, discerning God's will. Both passages written to Christians.

With the increasing popularity of electric cars, we now know the term charging stations – maps show locations, be sure you can get to the next one, make certain you do not run out of power.

Spiritual application. Where are your spiritual charging stations?

If the only charging station you know is church, you will run on empty much of the week. Or perhaps you simply won't do much spiritually so you can conserve power! The filling up of first century Christians is always followed by their talking about Jesus! What should we learn?

Is your home a spiritual charging station? For you, your family, your spouse, your children, your grandchildren? Do people expect a spiritual recharge when they visit your home?

Do people expect a spiritual recharge when they spend time with you?

Consider your spiritual recharge. Resolve in 2023 to learn the power of recharging -- Scripture, prayer, spiritual conversations, meditation, shared study, worship, speaking God's Word. Resolve to make your home a spiritual charging station. Resolve to operate at full power—fully recharged each day. What happens if you light can't shine at the moment it is most needed? Yes, we as spiritual beings are rechargeable!