

# WASP: Definition

## WORD • AUTHORITY • SPIRIT • POWER

Jesus, as our example in ministry, spoke the **WORD**, in His **AUTHORITY**, by the **SPIRIT**, and with **POWER**.  
“For our gospel did not come to you in **word** only, but also in **power**, and in the **Holy Spirit**, and in **much assurance...**” 1 Thessalonians 1:5 (NKJV emphasis added)

### WORD

- The word became flesh in Jesus – John 1:1
- To use the Word, we must know it:
  - Study the written Word – Hosea 4:6
  - Hide the Word in our hearts – Psalm 119:11
- Speak the Word – Proverbs 18:21
  - What is in, will come out – Luke 6:45; Matthew 15:8, 12:34
  - Jesus did not argue with Satan, but spoke the Word – Matthew 4; Luke 4
- Offensive weapon is the Sword of the Spirit (Word of God) – Ephesians 6:17
- Additional scripture – John 1:1-5; Proverbs 18:21

### AUTHORITY

- Authority comes from Jesus – Matthew 28:18
- Jesus gave us Authority – Luke 10:19; Matthew 10:1
- Authority is directly linked to our identity. Jesus knew who He was, whose He was, and what He was sent to do. He was recognized because of this – Matthew 7:29
- Spirits obeyed Jesus’ Authority - Mark 1:21-28
- Example of Lack of Authority – Acts 19:11-20

### SPIRIT

- Jesus did not begin His ministry until the Holy Spirit descended upon Him – Matthew 3:16; Mark 1:10; Luke 3:22; John 1:32-33
- Jesus promises the Holy Spirit – Luke 24:49; John 14:16-17; Romans 8:9-11
- Believers are instructed to wait for the gift of the Holy Spirit – Luke 24:49; Acts 1:4-5
  - Life – Romans 8:11
  - Truth – John 16:13
  - Freedom – 2 Corinthians 3:16-17
  - Unity – Ephesians 4:4-6
  - Power – Acts 1:8

### POWER

- The Holy Spirit provides Power – Acts 1:8; Luke 24:49
- God has given us a Spirit of Power – 2 Timothy 1:7
- The Kingdom of God is one of Power – 1 Corinthians 4:20
- His Power is at work in and through us – Ephesians 3:20; John 14:12-14

“And as you go, preach, saying, ‘The kingdom of heaven is at hand.’ Heal the sick, cleanse the lepers, raise the dead, cast out demons. Freely you have received, freely give.”  
Matthew 10:7-8 (NKJV)