

**"The Great Instigator, The Holy Spirit."
John 3:1-8**

Memory Verse:

"The wind blows wherever it pleases. You hear its sound, but you cannot tell where it comes from or where it is going. So it is with everyone born of the Spirit."—John 3:8

When is the last time you did something for the first time with God?

When is the last time you did something new for God?

6 Kinds of Business Capital according to Seth Godin's book, *Poke the Box*.
Financial, network, intellectual, physical, prestige and ...

Instigation Capital—(desire to move forward. The ability and the guts to say yes.)

Holy Spirit is the great instigator

In the Beginning—Genesis 1:2 _____

In the End—Revelations 22:17 _____

1. An Instigator has two sides

"When he comes, he will convict the world of guilt in regard to sin and righteousness and judgment."—John 16:8

Instigator defined:

1. To urge on; goad.
2. To stir up; foment.

"Convicting the world of sin"—making people realize they are lost, bad, and in need of God

"Conviction of righteousness"—stirs our desire to walk in God's way

"Metanoia," translated "**repentance**" means to be sick enough of sin to turn from sin to God.

2. Why do we wait?

"Elijah went before the people and said, "How long will you waver between two opinions? If the LORD is God, follow him; but if Baal is God, follow him."

—1 Kings 18:21

Fears:

Fear of being a troublemaker

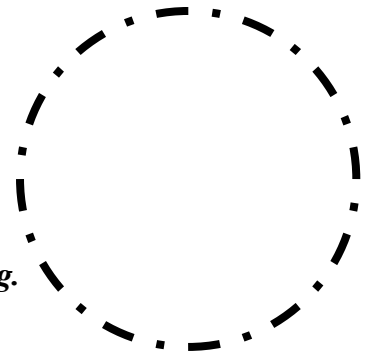
Fear of being a **failure**

Fear of being a **success**

In a pick up game, why wait to be picked? Pick yourself!

3. We can't act alone

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John 6:44 _____

Philippians 2:13 _____ **to will and to act** _____

h fear and trembling, ¹³ *for it is God who works in you to will and to act according to his good purpose.*"—Philippians 2:13

A. To Will—the Holy Spirit brings the want to—

Jesus—Luke 4:18 _____

Jeremiah—Jeremiah 20:9 _____

Paul—1 Corinthians 9:16 _____

B. To act, the ability—Holy Spirit give us the power—

"So he said to me, "This is the word of the LORD to Zerubbabel: 'Not by might nor by power, but by my Spirit,' says the LORD Almighty."—Zechariah 4:6

Samson: Judges 14:6, 14:9, 15:14 _____

King Saul: 1 Samuel 10:6, 10:10, 11:6 _____

David: 1 Samuel 16:13 _____

Mary: Luke 1:35-38 _____

Jesus: Isaiah 11:2, Luke 3:22 _____

Early Church: Acts 1:8 _____

You and Me: Eph. 3:16, 2 Timothy 1:7 _____

We activate the power of God, the Holy Spirit, by a choice, a step of faith.

God's Power is here and available, but you must throw the switch.

Will you say yes to God in your life?

