

# God's Energy

– Reclaiming a New Testament Reality

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Dette notatet inneholder alle de 30 bibelversene der energibegrepet benyttes i grunnteksten (på gresk).

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Noen steder er det også forsøkt å finne alternative norske oversettelser der energibegrepet som er brukt i grunnteksten blir mer synlig i den norske teksten.

Bakerst i notatet er det også inkludert Christians oppsummering i form av 12 fellestrekk som han ser ut fra de 30 bibelversene.

## **Ulike bibelsteder med en eller annen bruk av energibegrepet (30 vers)**

1. Matteus 14,2 (verb, aktiv)
2. Mark 6,14 (verb, aktiv)
3. Romerne 7,5 (verb, passiv)
4. 1 Kor. 12,6 (substantiv og verb, aktiv)
5. 1 Kor. 12.10 (substantiv)
6. 1 Kor, 12,11 (verb, aktiv)
7. 1 Kor. 16,9 (adjektiv)
8. 2 Kor 1,6 (verb, passiv)
9. 2 Kor 4,12 (verb, passiv)
10. Galaterne 2,8 (verb, aktiv)
11. Galaterne 3,5 (verb, aktiv)
12. Galaterne 5,6 (verb, passiv)
13. Efeserne 1,11 (verb, aktiv)
14. Efeserne 1,19 (substantiv)
15. Efeserne 1,20 (verb, aktiv)
16. Efeserne 2,2 (verb, aktiv)
17. Efeserne 3,7 (substantiv)
18. Efeserne 3,20 (verb, passiv)
19. Efeserne 4,16 (substantiv)
20. Filipperne 2,13 (verb, aktiv)
21. Filipperne 3,21 (substantiv)
22. Kolosserne 1,29 (verb, passiv og substantiv)
23. Kolosserne 2,12 (substantiv)
24. 1 Tess. 2,13 (verb, passiv)
25. 2 Tess 2,7 (verb, passiv)
26. 2 Tess. 2,9 (substantiv)
27. 2 Tess 2,11 (substantiv)
28. Filemon 1,6 (adjektiv)
29. Hebreerne 4,12 (adjektiv)
30. Jakob 5,16 (verb, passiv)

**Substantiv** (10 vers)

Energi (energy, eng.), enérgeia (ἐνέργεια) or enérgema (ἐνέργημα)

**Adjektiv** (3 vers)

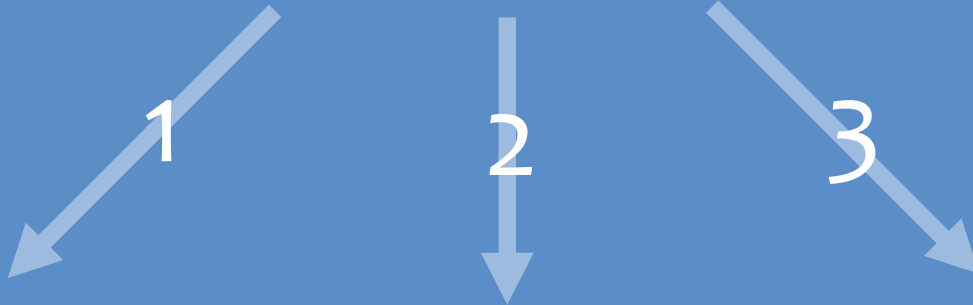
Energifylt (energy-filled, eng.), energés (ἐνεργής)

**Verb** (10 vers i aktiv form og 9 vers i passiv form)

Å gi energi (to energize, eng.), energéo (ἐνεργέω)

Transendent nivå  
(usynlig/metafysisk)

# Gud



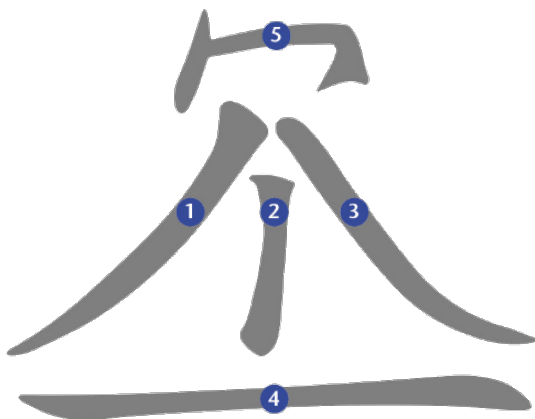
**A**  
årsak



**B**  
virkning

Line 1 symbolizes the arrow energizing the empirically visible cause. Line 2 symbolizes the arrow energizing the principles applied. Line 3 symbolizes the arrow energizing the effects. Line 4 symbolizes the only reality that is empirically accessible, the arrow that connects the cause (left) with the effect (right). Finally, line 5 represents God, the source of all energizing. The advantage of this reduced sort of pictogram is that it can be scaled down at will, taking only the space of a single letter (A), while still displaying the necessary elements in all imaginable clarity.

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## **Substantiv (10 vers)**

Efeserne 1,19

Efeserne 3,7

Efeserne 4,16

Filipperne 3,21

Kolosserne 1,29

Kolosserne 2,12

2. Tess. 2,9

2. Tess 2,11

1. Kor. 12,6

1. Kor. 12.10

## **Ephesians 1:19**

And what is the exceeding greatness of his power toward us who believe, according to the energy (ἐνέργειαν | enérgeian | KJV: working) of his mighty strength (KJV: power).

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og hvor overveldende hans kraft er hos oss som tror. (Ef 1,19)

## **Ephesians 3:7**

Of which (gospel) I was made a minister, according to the gift of the grace of God given unto me by the energy (ἐνέργειαν | enérgeian | KJV: effectual working) of his power.

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Jeg ble en tjener for dette evangeliet da Gud med sin veldige kraft ga meg sin nådegave. (Ef 3,7)

## **Ephesians 4:16**

From whom the whole body being fitly joined together and knit together by that which every joint supplies, according to the energy (ἐνέργειαν | enérgeian | KJV: effectual working) in the measure of every part, makes increase of the body unto the building up (KJV: edifying) of itself in love.

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Ut fra ham blir hele kroppen sammenføyd og holdt sammen av hvert bånd og ledd, alt etter den oppgave hver enkelt har fått tilmålt, så kroppen vokser og bygges opp i kjærlighet. (Ef 4,16)

Ut fra ham blir hele kroppen sammenføyd og holdt sammen av hvert bånd og ledd, alt etter den energi (energy, ἐνέργειαν | enérgeian) hver enkelt har fått tilmålt, så kroppen vokser og bygges opp i kjærlighet.

### **Philippians 3:21**

Who shall change our humble body, that it may be fashioned like unto his glorious body, according to the energy (ἐνέργειαν | enérgeian | KJV: working) by which he is able even to subdue all things unto himself.

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Han skal forvandle vår skrøpelige kropp og gjøre den lik den kroppen han selv har i herligheten. For han har makt til å underlegge seg alt. (Fil 3,21)

### **Colossians 1:29**

For which I also labor, striving according to his energy (ἐνέργειαν | enérgeian | KJV: working) which is being energized (KJV: works) in me mightily.

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For å nå dette målet arbeider og kjemper jeg i hans kraft, den som virker i meg med styrke. (Kol 1,29)

For å nå dette målet arbeider og kjemper jeg ut fra hans energi (energy, enérgeia), som virker/blir frigjort (being energized, energeuménen) i meg med styrke.

### **Colossians 2:12**

Buried with him in baptism, in which also you are risen with him through the faith in the energy (ἐνεργείας | energeías | KJV: faith of the working) of God, who has raised him from the dead.

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For i dåpen ble dere begravet med ham, og i den ble dere også reist opp med ham, ved troen på Guds kraft, han som reiste Kristus opp fra de døde. (Kol 2,12)

## 2 Thessalonians 2:9

Even him, whose coming in accordance with the energy (ἐνέργειαν | enérgeian | KJV: after the working) of Satan with all power and signs and lying wonders.

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Når den lovløse kommer, har han sin kraft fra Satan og virker med stor makt og med under og falske tegn. (2 Tess 2,9)

## 2 Thessalonians 2:11

And for this cause God shall send them the energy (ἐνέργειαν | enérgeian | KJV: a strong delusion) of delusion, that they should believe a lie.

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Derfor sender Gud over dem en villfarelse som gjør at de tror løgnen. (2 Tess 2,11)

## 1 Corinthians 12:6

And there are different effects of energy (ἐνεργημάτων | energemáton | KJV: diversities of workings), but it is the same God who energizes (KJV: works) all in all.

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Det er forskjellige kraftige virkninger, men Gud er den samme, han som er virksom og gjør alt i alle. (1 Kor 12,6)

Det er forskjellige kraftige virkninger (effekt av energi, substantiv), men Gud er den samme, han som er virksom og gjør (gir energi, aktivt verb) alt i alle.

Det er forskjellige effekt av energi, men Gud er den samme, han som er virksom og (fri)gir energi i alle.



## **1 Corinthians 12:10**

To another the effects produced by the energy (ἐνεργήματα | energémata | KJV: working) of miracles; to another prophecy; to another discerning of spirits; to another various kinds of tongues; to another the interpretation of tongues.

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og én får kraft til å gjøre under. Én får den gave å tale profetisk, en annen å bedømme ånder, én får ulike slag av tungetale, og en annen kan tyde tungetale. (1 Kor 12,10)

## **Adjektiv (3 vers)**

1. Kor. 16,9

Filemon 1,6

Hebreerne 4,12

## **1 Corinthians 16:9**

For a great and energy-filled (ἐνεργής | energés | KJV: effective) door is opened unto me, and there are many adversaries.

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For her er det åpne dører og rike muligheter for meg, og motstanderne er mange. (1 Kor 16,9)

## **Philemon 1:6**

(I pray) that the sharing of your faith may become energizing (ἐνεργής | energés | KJV: effective) by the acknowledging of every good thing which is in you in Jesus Christ.

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Jeg ber om at den tro du har felles med oss, må være virksom og gi deg større innsikt i alt det gode vi har i Kristus. (Filem 1,6)

## **Hebrews 4:12**

For the word of God is living, and energizing (ἐνεργής | energés | KJV: powerful), and sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing even to the dividing asunder of soul and spirit, and of the joints and marrow, and is a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart.

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For Guds ord er levende og virkekraftig og skarpere enn noe tveegget sverd. Det trenger igjennom til det kløver sjel og ånd, marg og bein, og dømmer hjertets tanker og planer. (Heb 4,12)

## **Verb - aktiv (10 vers)**

Matteus 14,2

Mark 6,14

1. Kor. 12,6

1. Kor, 12,11

Galaterne 2,8

Galaterne 3,5

Efeserne 1,11

Efeserne 1,20

Efeserne 2,2

Filipperne 2,13

## **Matthew 14:2**

And (he) said unto his servants, This is John the Baptist; he is risen from the dead; and therefore powers are releasing energy (ἐνεργοῦσιν | energoúsin | KJV: mighty works do show forth themselves) in him.

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Han sa da til tjenerne sine: «Dette er døperen Johannes. Han er blitt reist opp fra de døde, derfor virker slike krefter i ham.» (Matt 14,2)

## **Mark 6:14**

King Herod heard of him; for his name was spread abroad, and he said, That John the Baptist was risen from the dead, and therefore powers are releasing energy (ἐνεργοῦσιν | energoúsin | KJV: mighty works do show forth themselves) in him.

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Kong Herodes fikk høre om Jesus, for navnet hans var nå blitt kjent. Noen sa: «Døperen Johannes er blitt reist opp fra de døde, derfor virker slike krefter i ham.» (Mark 6,14)

## **1 Corinthians 12:6**

And there are different effects of energy (KJV: diversities of workings), but it is the same God who energizes (ἐνεργῶν | energón | KJV: works) all in all.

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Det er forskjellige kraftige virkninger, men Gud er den samme, han som er virksom og gjør alt i alle. (1 Kor 12,6)

## **1 Corinthians 12:11**

But it is the one and same Spirit, distributing to each as he determines, who energizes (ἐνεργεῖ | *energeí* | KJV: works) all of these things.

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Alt dette gjør den ene og samme Ånd, som deler ut sine gaver til hver enkelt slik han vil. (1 Kor 12,11)

## **Galatians 2:8**

For he that energized (ἐνεργήσας | *energésas* | KJV: worked effectually in) Peter for his apostleship to the circumcision, the same energized (ἐνήργησεν | *enérgesen* | KJV: was mighty in) me toward the gentiles.

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For han som gjorde Peter til apostel for de omskårne, han gjorde meg til apostel for folkeslagene. (Gal 2,8)

## **Galatians 3:5**

He therefore that ministers to you the Spirit, and energizes (ἐνεργῶν | *energón* | KJV: works) miracles among you, does he it by the works of the law, or by the hearing with faith?

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Han som gir dere Ånden og gjør under blant dere, gjør han det ved lovgjerner eller ved at dere hører og tror? (Gal 3,5)

## **Ephesians 1:11**

In whom (Christ) also we have obtained an inheritance, being predestined according to the purpose of him who energizes (ἐνεργοῦντος | energoúntos | KJV: works) all things after the counsel of his own will.

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I ham er også vi blitt arvinger, vi som på forhånd var bestemt til det etter Guds forsett, han som gjennomfører alt etter sin egen plan og vilje. (Ef 1,11)

## **Ephesians 1:20**

Which he energized (ἐνήργησεν | enérghesen | KJV: performed) in Christ, when he raised him from the dead, and set him at his own right hand in the heavenly places.

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Med denne veldige makt og styrke reiste han Kristus opp fra de døde og satte ham ved sin høyre hånd i himmelen, (Ef 1,20)

## **Ephesians 2:2**

... in which in time past you walked according to the course of this world, according to the prince of the power of the air, the spirit that now energizes (ἐνεργοῦντος | energoúntos | KJV: works in) the children of disobedience.

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Dere levde i dem på den nåværende verdens vis og lot dere lede av herskeren i himmelrommet, den ånd som nå er virksom i de ulydige. (Ef. 2,2)

## Philippians 2:13

For it is God who is the energizer (ἐνεργῶν | energón | KJV: who works) in you both to will and to energize (ἐνεργεῖν | energeín | KJV: to do) in order to fulfill his good pleasure.

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For det er Gud som er virksom i dere, så dere både vil og gjør det som er etter Guds gode vilje. (Fil 2,13)

For det er Gud som er virksom i dere (er den som gir energi), så dere både vil og gjør det som er (gir videre energi) etter Guds gode vilje.

For det er Gud som er energigiveren (energizer, ἐνεργῶν | energón) i dere, så dere både vil og gir energi (energize, ἐνεργεῖν | energeín) etter det som er Guds gode vilje.

For det er Gud som forløser energien (er energigiveren, the energizer, ἐνεργῶν | energón) i dere, til både å ville og å frigi energi (energize, ἐνεργεῖν | energeín) for å oppfylle Guds gode vilje.



## **Verb - passiv (9 vers)**

Romerne 7,5

2. Kor 1,6

2. Kor 4,12

Galaterne 5,6

Efeserne 3,20

Kolosserne 1,29

1. Tess. 2,13

2. Tess 2,7

Jakob 5,16

## **Romans 7:5**

For when we were in the flesh, the passions of sin, which were by the law, were energized (ἐνηργεῖτο | energeíto | KJV: did work) in our members to bring forth fruit unto death.

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Mens kjøttet hadde makt over oss, fikk lidenskapene som var syndige ut fra loven, kraft i lemmene våre, slik at de bar frukt til døden. (Rom 7,5)

## **2 Corinthians 1:6**

And whether we be afflicted, it is for your consolation and salvation, which is energized (ἐνεργουμένης | energouménēs | KJV: effectual) in the enduring of the same sufferings which we also suffer: or whether we be comforted, it is for your consolation and salvation.

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Lider vi nød, er det for at dere skal få trøst og frelse. Blir vi trøstet, er det for at dere skal få den trøst som gjør at dere holder ut de samme lidelser som vi må tåle. (2 Kor 1,6)

## **2 Corinthians 4:12**

So then death is being energized (ἐνεργεῖται | energeítai | KJV: works) in us, but life in you.

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Slik er døden virksom i oss, men livet i dere. (2 Kor 4,12)

## Galatians 5:6

For in Jesus Christ neither circumcision avails anything, nor uncircumcision; but faith that is energized (ἐνεργουμένη | energouméne | KJV: works) by love.

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For i Kristus Jesus kommer det ikke an på om en er omskåret eller uomskåret; her gjelder bare tro som er virksom i kjærlighet. (Gal 5,6)

## Ephesians 3:20

Now unto him that is able to do exceeding abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power that is energized (ἐνεργουμένην | energouménen | KJV: works) in us.

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Han som virker i oss med sin kraft og kan gjøre uendelig mye mer enn det vi ber om og forstår, (Ef 3,20)

Han som virker (ἐνεργουμένην | energouménen | KJV: works) i oss med sin kraft og kan gjøre uendelig mye mer enn det vi ber om og forstår,

Han som frigir energi (energized/works, energouménen) i oss med sin kraft og kan gjøre uendelig mye mer enn det vi ber om og forstår,

Nå til ham som er i stand til å gjøre mer enn det vi ber om og forstår, ut fra den kraften som er forløst/frigjort/tilført/virker (energized/works, energouménen) i oss,

## **Colossians 1:29**

For which I also labor, striving according to his energy (KJV: working), which is being energized (ἐνεργουμένην | energouménen | KJV: works) in me mightily.

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For å nå dette målet arbeider og kjemper jeg i hans kraft, den som virker i meg med styrke. (Kol. 1,29)

For å nå dette målet arbeider jeg med den energi som blir frigjort (energized) i meg med styrke

For å nå dette målet arbeider og kjemper jeg ut fra hans energi (energy, enérgeia), som virker/blir frigjort (being energized, energeuménen) i meg med styrke.

## **1 Thessalonians 2:13**

For this cause also thank we God without ceasing, because, when you received the word of God which you heard of us, you received it not as the word of men, but as it is in truth, the word of God, which is energized (ἐνεργεῖται | energeítai | KJV: effectually works) also in you that believe.

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Derfor takker vi stadig Gud, for da dere fikk overlevert det Guds ord som vi forkynte for dere, tok dere imot det – ikke som menneskeord, men som det Guds ord det i sannhet er. Og dette ordet er virksomt i dere som tror. (1 Tess 2,13)

**2 Thessalonians 2:7 For the mystery of iniquity is already energized** (ἐνεργεῖται | energéitai | KJV: does already work): only he who now restrains will do so, until he be taken out of the way.

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Lovløsheten virker allerede med sin kraft, men i hemmelighet. For han som ennå holder igjen, må først bli ryddet av veien. (2 Tess 2,7)

### **James 5:16**

Confess your faults one to another, and pray one for another, that you may be healed. The prayer of the righteous person is powerful when it is energized (ἐνεργουμένη | energouméne | KJV: The effectual fervent prayer ... avails much).

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Bekjenn da syndene for hverandre og be for hverandre, så dere kan bli helbredet. Et rettferdig menneskes bønn er virksom og utretter mye. (Jak. 5,16)

## Twelve Common Threads

1. The prominence of God's energy in Scripture. The subject of God's energy appears in prominent places and addresses key theological issues.

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2. The uniquely theological usage of the term energy. Energy flows from a supernatural source; either God or Satan are seen as agents of energizing processes.

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3. The biblical concept of synergy. The energy paradigm is key to understanding the relationship between God's work and human activity.

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4. The context of freedom and maturity. God's energization is targeted at helping believers move toward maturity, which is evidenced by an ever-increasing sense of responsibility.

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5. The two options for investing one's energy. Energy can either be invested according to God's standards or misdirected.

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6. The demonic sphere. Energy, misdirected by Satan, results in the undermining of human freedom, maturity, and responsibility.

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7. The correlation to problems and suffering. Energization doesn't manifest itself in the absence of problems, but in the imparting of supernatural strength for dealing with problems.

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8. The dimension of eternity. God's energy enables the experience of transcendence, eternity, and heaven in the midst of immanence.

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9. The focus on sharing. Energy is given to be shared with others; an important part of its effect is released in the act of sharing.

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10. The impact on church development. Energy is given to the body of Christ, resulting in its qualitative and quantitative growth.

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11. The resultative character of energy. Energy inescapably involves a result; the energémata are expressions of the energy itself.

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12. A hint to God's transpersonal dimension. Energy is a New Testament way of describing God in a way that connects with experiences of countless people.

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*4. The context of freedom and maturity God's energization is targeted at helping believers move toward maturity, which is evidenced by an ever-increasing sense of responsibility.*

Some of the energy references appear in the context of Paul's teaching on Christian freedom. For Paul, freedom is not just the absence of outer or inner constraints. He doesn't only talk about the enabling of freedom ("free from"), but also and particularly about the active realization of freedom in terms of investment in godly purposes ("free for"). According to the New Testament, freedom from sin, death, law and demonic forces must be expressed in allegiance to Christ and according to the agenda deriving from that allegiance. Such a use of one's freedom is an indicator of maturity, the second major context in which many of the energy references occur. The term used for maturity is *téleios*, in many cases translated as "perfect," which is not really wrong—the word itself, deriving from *télos* (goal, end), actually implies completion and completeness—but can easily be misunderstood in a legalistic ("perfectionist") sense. In many contexts *téleios* is used for a mature adult as opposed to a *paidíon* (infant, little child). In 1 Corinthians 14:20, Paul writes, "Stop thinking like children (*paidía*). In regard to evil be infants, but in your thinking be adults (*téleioi*)." This sort of increasing maturity must not be understood as achieving perfection in the sense of being without sin (compare James 3:2). Paul stresses strongly that he was far from being perfect in that sense: "Not as though I had already attained, either were already perfect (*teteleíomai*): but I follow after, if indeed I may apprehend that for which also I am apprehended of Christ Jesus" (Phil. 3:12). Proceeding on that path implies a process of ongoing growth, and God's energization is the key factor for fueling that process. The close interconnectedness of freedom, maturity, and energization is highly relevant. All three factors are necessary ingredients for the Christian concept of responsibility, which is—while not being a New Testament term—the essence of the New Testament's redefinition of our relationship to the law (as the epitome of institutional orders).<sup>82</sup> Rather than taking the law as a reference point for evaluating one's actions, Christian responsibility expresses itself in a threefold network of renewed relationships: toward God, toward other people, and toward oneself (Mark 12:30f.). The increasing quality in each of the three areas is an indication that the freedom that has been granted to us is being lived out in a mature way. Since this is a never-ending process, it is nothing less than a definition of the Christian life.

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