

### **Are You Connected?**

*The Spirit gives life; the flesh counts for nothing. The words I have spoken to you are spirit and they are life.*

**John 6:63**

I work at a computer help desk, and over the past few years, I have heard some pretty crazy things. A friend of mine told me about a time when he made suggested that a client “warm-boot” their computer, which basically means forcing the computer to restart without actually turning it off. Well, the lady took him literally, and put her computer in the oven. Then there was the person who came in wondering why his computer wasn’t working. When we took it apart, we were surprised to see it was inhabited by a nice little colony of ants, who had set up camp beneath his keyboard. Brings a whole new meaning to “my computer has a bug,” doesn’t it?

But my *favorite* (and one of the most frequent) is when someone calls in a panic, requesting someone to come to their office immediately because their computer won’t turn on. Of course, when the analyst we send out comes back smiling and shaking his head we always know: they didn’t have the machine plugged in.

Sometimes our lives can be like that. We try and we try, but we become frustrated when things don’t work out. We *think* we’re doing all the right things and can’t understand why all our efforts seem to be in vain! But after sitting there, dejected and discouraged, we realize we’re not plugged into the power source. We can push all the right buttons and flip all the switches, but none of that will matter unless there is power flowing!

God is like our power source. His strength and life gives us what we need to function and survive. Without him, we’re just going through the motions. So the next time you feel like things just aren’t working out the way they should, step back and think: are you connected to the source?