

STRONG IN THE POWER OF HIS MIGHT

Eph. 6:10-*"Finally, my brethren, be strong in the Lord, and in the power of his might."*

1. WHAT GOD SAYS CONCERNING THE WEAK AND FAINT-HEARTED.

1. (Prov 24:10 KJV) If thou faint in the day of adversity, thy strength is small.
2. (Deu 20:3 KJV) ...Hear, O Israel, ye approach this day unto battle against your enemies: let not your hearts faint, fear not, and do not tremble, neither be ye terrified because of them; (Deu 20:4 KJV) For the LORD your God is he that goeth with you, to fight for you against your enemies, to save you.
3. (Isa 40:29 KJV) He giveth power to the faint; and to them that have no might he increaseth strength. (Isa 40:30 KJV) Even the youths shall faint and be weary, and the young men shall utterly fall: (Isa 40:31 KJV) But they that wait upon the LORD shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings as eagles; they shall run, and not be weary; and they shall walk, and not faint.
4. (Luke 18:1 KJV) ...men ought always to pray, and not to faint;
5. (Gal 6:9 KJV) And let us not be weary in well doing: for in due season we shall reap, if we faint not.

2. COMMAND TO BE STRONG.

1. (Deu 11:8 KJV) Therefore shall ye keep all the commandments which I command you this day, that ye may be strong, and go in and possess the land, whither ye go to possess it;
2. (Joel 3:10 KJV) Beat your plowshares into swords, and your pruninghooks into spears: let the weak say, I am strong.
3. (Josh 1:9 KJV) Have not I commanded thee? Be strong and of a good courage; be not afraid, neither be thou dismayed: for the LORD thy God is with thee whithersoever thou goest.

1. Be strong and of a good courage.

1. Moses and Joshua (7 times).
2. David to Solomon (2 times).

2. ABe strong and of a good courage@ associated with Afear not; be not dismayed.@

1. (Deu 31:6 KJV) Be strong and of a good courage, fear not, nor be afraid of them: for the LORD thy God, he it is that doth go with thee; he will not fail thee, nor forsake thee.
2. (Josh 10:25 KJV) And Joshua said unto them, Fear not, nor be dismayed, be strong and of good courage: for thus shall the LORD do to all your enemies against whom ye fight.
3. (1 Chr 28:20 KJV) And David said to Solomon his son, Be strong and of good courage, and do it: fear not, nor be dismayed: for the LORD God, even my God, will be with thee; he will not fail thee, nor forsake thee, until thou hast finished all the work for the service of the house of

the LORD.

3. THE KEY IS TO BE STRONG IN THE POWER OF HIS MIGHT.

1. ***The Lord is the strength of my life.*** (Psa 27:1 KJV) A Psalm of David. The LORD is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear? the LORD is the strength of my life; of whom shall I be afraid?
2. ***Not by might, nor by power, but by my Spirit saith the Lord.***
 1. Our strength is not within ourselves nor in the strength of man.
 2. Our trust is in the LORD.
 3. The anointing makes the difference.
 1. Samson was invincible when the Spirit of the LORD came upon him; but he was helpless when not.
 2. David defeated the giant because he trusted the LORD and not unproven armour.
 - (1) He came against the giant in the name of the Lord.
 - (2) The name of the Lord is a strong tower...
3. ***God has chosen weak things...***(1 Cor 1:27 KJV) But God hath chosen the foolish things of the world to confound the wise; and God hath chosen the weak things of the world to confound the things which are mighty;
4. ***Out of weakness made strong.*** (Heb 11:32 KJV) And what shall I more say? for the time would fail me to tell of Gedeon, and of Barak, and of Samson, and of Jephthae; of David also, and Samuel, and of the prophets: (Heb 11:33 KJV) Who through faith subdued kingdoms, wrought righteousness, obtained promises, stopped the mouths of lions, (Heb 11:34 KJV) Quenched the violence of fire, escaped the edge of the sword, out of weakness were made strong, waxed valiant in fight, turned to flight the armies of the aliens.
5. ***Treasure in earthen vessels.*** (2 Cor 4:7 KJV) But we have this treasure in earthen vessels, that the excellency of the power may be of God, and not of us.

4. GOD NEEDS PEOPLE WHO ARE STRONG IN CHARACTER.

1. **Reputation is who people say you are.**
2. **Self-esteem is who you think you are.**
3. **Character is what you really are.**

5. IT TAKES A PERSON WHO IS STRONG IN CHARACTER TO STAND UP IN THE FACE OF ADVERSITY.

1. ***To say, "I will overcome; I will prevail; I will win; I will not give up;***

I will not give in; I will not be defeated, and I will not quit; I will persevere regardless of the cost."

2. *It takes a strong person to get back up when you are down.*

1. May be down, but not out. (2 Cor 4:8 KJV) We are troubled on every side, yet not distressed; we are perplexed, but not in despair; (2 Cor 4:9 KJV) Persecuted, but not forsaken; cast down, but not destroyed;
2. The gates of hell will not prevail.
3. May get heel bruised; but we will bruise the head of the seed of the serpent!

6. IT'S NOT SO MUCH WHAT HAPPENS TO YOU...

1. *Its how you respond or react to what happens.*
2. *As parents, we demonstrate to our children how to deal with problems and adversities.*

1. When adversity strikes, you can fold or see it as an opportunity for God to manifest His strength and His grace.
2. Problems represent opportunities to respond correctly.
3. When problems arise, you can run or stand.
4. Difficulties may simply become challenges.

7. GOD WILL ALWAYS MAKE A WAY.

1. *He will make a way where there seems to be no way.*
2. *What appears to be impossible with man becomes very possible with God.*
3. *There's nothing too hard for God.*

1. There is no problem too big for Him to solve.
2. There is no situation we find ourselves in which can defeat us.

8. WE ARE COMMANDED TO PUT ON THE WHOLE ARMOUR OF GOD.

1. *Loins girt about with truth*

1. Procreative power--reproductive area girted with truth.
2. (Heb 7:10 KJV) For he was yet in the loins of his father, when Melchisedec met him.
3. (1 Pet 1:13 KJV) Wherefore gird up the loins of your mind, be sober, and hope to the end for the grace that is to be brought unto you at the revelation of Jesus Christ;
2. ***Breastplate of righteousness.***
 1. Protection for the heart.
 2. We are to guard our hearts.
 3. Motives of heart.
3. ***Feet shod with preparation of gospel of peace.***
 1. Feet represent solid foundation.
 2. Feet represent our walking out what we believe.
 3. Feet provides direction--where the body should go.
4. ***Shield of faith.***
 1. Maneuverable; can be moved to where the attack is.
 2. Warding off the attacks of the enemy.
5. ***Helmet of salvation.***
 1. Protects the head or the brain.
 2. Protects the center of our thoughts.
6. ***Offensive weapons.***
 1. Sword of the spirit--the Word of God.
 2. Prayer.
 1. Praying always with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit.
 2. Watching thereunto with all perseverance and supplication for all saints.
9. THINGS TO DO TO HELP US TO FACE EACH DAY.
 1. ***Should recognize the covering of God by being in divine order.***
 2. ***Should not attempt to start the day without prayer.***
 3. ***Should pray the protection of God around our families.***