

Lesson 50 Answers and Comments

Thee power spiritual
Sparrows nothing power
Forgotten hard God
God impossible salvation
Hairs all power
Head possible God
Numbered earth strengthened
More created might
Value hands power
Sparrows stretched patience
Life heavens longsuffering
Breath all joyfulness
Suffered commanded strong
Walk strength grace
Own hand Christ
Good out Jesus
Gave Egypt endure
Rain mighty hardness
Fruitful power soldier
Food raised 33,000
Gladness dead 300
Strength strengthened help
Perfect might many
Weakness inner no
Heaven Spirit help
Earth inner us
Great man rest
thee

Satan has a program for strengthening the flesh so that it remains independent and removed from the Lord. The world employs his methods all the time. Sadly, so do many believers. There are countless books on "how to" cope with life's challenges. The unbeliever may get through life's crises but they will still end up dead in their sins and separated from God for all of eternity.

Let us live life in God's strength as we let the powerful word of God strengthen our inner man with God's all sufficient grace.

Lesson 51

II Cor. 12:9 "And he said unto me, My grace is sufficient for thee: for my strength is made perfect in weakness. Most gladly therefore will I rather glory in my infirmities, that the power of Christ may rest upon me."

Our verse says that God's strength is made _____ in _____. A diamond is a beautiful gem. It's brilliance glistens in the sunlight. But did you ever notice that when a jeweler really wants it to stand out he displays it against a black cloth? The perfect backdrop for God's strength to be seen in all it's glorious power is against our weakness.

II Cor. 4:7 speaks of our weakness, "But we have this treasure in _____, that the _____ of the _____ may be of God, and not of us." God refers to us as an earthen vessel. An earthen vessel is prone to breaking, cracking, or even being crushed.

Recently, at the grocery store, a little girl was insisting on pushing the cart. She careened off floor displays, shelves, and other shoppers. Every time her mother tried to help her "steer" she would scream, "I don't want any help!" Knowing your weakness, inability, your need for help, is important.

Paul fully understood this. I Cor. 15:10 "But by the _____ of God I am what I am: and his grace which was bestowed upon me was not in vain; but I labored more abundantly than they all: yet _____ I, but the _____ of _____ which was _____ me."

Eph. 3:7 "Whereof I was made a minister, according to the _____ of the _____ of God _____ unto me by the effectual working of _____."

In verse 8 we see Paul again acknowledging his weakness. "Unto me, who am _____ than the _____ of all saints..."

Phil. 2:13 "For it is _____ that _____ in you..."

Phil. 4:13 "I can do all things _____ Christ which _____ me."

Col. 1:29 "Whereunto I also labor, striving according to _____ working, which _____ in me _____."

In II Cor. 4:8-12 we see Paul demonstrating his weakness and God's strength. Verse 8 "We are _____ on every side, yet not distressed; we are _____, but not in despair; vs. 9 _____ but not forsaken; _____, but not destroyed;"

It's important for us to recognize our on going weak condition in these mortal bodies so that we continue to avail our inner man of God's strength. We all have opportunities to choose things? What do you usually choose? The best, the biggest, nicest, most expensive, would be my guess.

God made a choice. Let's see what He chose and chooses.
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I Cor. 1:27 "But God hath _____ the _____ things of the world to confound the wise; and God hath _____ the _____ things of the world to confound the things which are mighty; vs. 28 And the _____ things of the world, and the things which are _____, hath

God _____ yea, and things which are not, to bring to nought things which are:" And back in vs. 26 of I Cor. 1 we read, "For ye see your calling brethren, how that not many _____ men after the _____, not many _____, not many _____, are called:"

Few of the wise, mighty and noble will embrace the preaching of the cross. We know from back in vs. 18-20 that they think it all foolishness. Yes, there are some exceptions, the verse says not many wise, mighty or noble. Our flesh refuses to pronounce itself weak, helpless and worthless! Aren't you glad that you agreed with God when you heard the gospel of God's glorious grace? You believed what God believes about your own ability. Rom. 5:6 "For when we were yet _____, in due time Christ died for us."

Col. 2:13 "And you, being _____ in your _____" When we trusted Christ and His blood shed for our sins, we agreed that we were weak, helpless and hopeless in our own strength to save ourselves.

Our Lord says in Matt. 9:12 "...They that be _____ need not a _____, but they that are _____." Vs. 13 "...for I am not come to call the _____, but _____ to _____."

God will not share His glory with another. It's either all of Him or none of Him! It's not you and the Lord accomplishing anything.

Gal. 2:20 "I am _____ with Christ: nevertheless I live; yet _____ I, but _____ liveth in me: and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by the _____ of the _____ of _____, who _____ me, and _____ himself for me."

I know that you, just as gladly as I, rejoiced and delighted in letting the Lord God do all the saving of our souls. Living the Christian life should be no different and no less a delight. Letting God's strength be made perfect in our weakness should be our prayer. The success rate for following God's method for victoriously living the Christian life is 100%!!

Our weakness plus God's strength equals victory over any trouble that we face. Just as surely as God's power was able to save our soul, His power is able to enable us to live on planet earth for His glory!