

“Be Better Get Stronger In The LORD”

Ephesians 6:10-11 Finally, my brethren, be strong in the Lord, and in the power of his might.

11 Put on the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil.

I’ve never met a person who wanted to be weak!

Every believer needs to be as strong as possible especially today in order to have victory over the evil of today!

KJV Proverbs 24:10 If thou faint in the day of adversity, thy strength is small.

These are times of great adversity! With violence and opposition everywhere we turn.

Traditional marriage is under attack, violence has become the norm and sexualization of our culture is common!

➤ **If we faint, quit or even slow down we will lose ground!**

If we are weak the devil will take advantage of us!

- If we fail to nourish our bodies it becomes tired, slow & weak!
- If we fail to nourish our minds it becomes dull, unaware & ignorant.
- If we fail to nourish our spirits it becomes vulnerable, dark & possessed!

We can’t afford to be weak in any area of our lives and give Satan the advantage—so **we have to get better and gain strength?**

So how do we gain strength?

KJV Proverbs 24:5 A wise man is strong; yea, a man of knowledge increaseth strength.

Another word for **wisdom** is **intelligence**—the highest ability of the mind and the ability to gain knowledge and know how to use it!

Strong here means “mighty, powerful and fierce”!!

The opposite of wisdom is ignorance!

➤ **Ignorance** (in this case) is the intentional disregard for important matters to focus on trivial things.

Wisdom makes us mighty, powerful and fierce against all opposition!

Disregarding matters of importance makes us ignorant, weak and vulnerable!

We are easily taken advantage of when we lack wisdom, intelligence and strength!

2 Corinthians 2:11 Lest Satan should get an advantage of us: for we are not ignorant of his devices.

Satan takes advantage of ignorant saints—people who intentionally disregard The Word of God and do whatever they chose!

God tells Joshua in **Joshua 1:5-7** “No one will be able to stand up against you all the days of your life. As I was with Moses, so I will be with you; I will never leave you nor forsake you.

6 "Be strong and courageous, because you will lead these people to inherit the land I swore to their forefathers to give them.

7 Be strong and very courageous. Be careful to obey all the law my servant Moses gave you; do not turn from it to the right or to the left, that you may be successful wherever you go.

In other words God tells Joshua **not to ignore His instructions** if he wanted to be successful in everything he did!

➤ **No man or obstacle could stop Joshua or God’s people when they obeyed God they always had the wisdom, strength and courage to overcome!**

Psalm 84 talks about the love for God's House where His presence dwells —His tabernacle or in our day the church!

Verse 1 How lovely is your dwelling place, O LORD Almighty!

2 My soul yearns, even faints, for the courts of the LORD; my heart and my flesh cry out for the living God.

3 Even the sparrow has found a home, and the swallow a nest for herself, where she may have her young-- a place near your altar, O LORD Almighty, my King and my God.

NIV Psalm 84:10 Better is one day in your courts than a thousand elsewhere; I would rather be a doorkeeper in the house of my God than dwell in the tents of the wicked.

➤ The song writer declares that **one day in church in the presence of God is better than 3 years anywhere else!**

In other words God can do more in our lives in **one day/one service** than we can accomplish in three years.

➤ **One day/one church service** in the presence of God can do what it takes **3 years** of Chemo therapy to do.

➤ In **One day/one church service** God can release an anointing that can accelerate our destiny

➤ **One day or one church service** can produce a harvest that would normally take three years to acquire.

Why do you think Jews from all over Palestine would stop everything they were doing and make the pilgrimage to The House of The LORD.

That **one day/one service** in the presence of God would dramatically change their lives!

People would gather in God's House to receive **supernatural** help!

The House of God was first revealed in **Gen 28** when Jacob saw angels descending and ascending on a **ladder** that connected heaven and earth!

Jacob called that place **Bethel** meaning **The House of God!**

It wasn't until **after** Jacob discovered **The House of God** in **Gen 28** that he encountered **The Face of God** in **Gen 32**.

At **The House of God** Jacob got into the flow of heaven and heard the voice of God; but it wasn't until he encountered **The Face of God** that he wrestled with God and God changed his name (nature).

Jacob became a **better man** once he had a **personal encountered** with God; God changed his name to Israel **Prince of God!**