

Glory in Weakness or Strength?

2 Corinthians 12:9 He has said to me, "My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness." Most gladly therefore I will rather glory in my weaknesses, that the power of Christ may rest on me.



There is one thing being promoted as an absolute fact among mankind in today's world, it is promoted as something we cannot do without, and that is strength, strength in speech, strength in confidence, in power, in our walk, in our talk, in our entire demeanor.

People dress for strength, they pierce and tattoo their bodies, drive a certain vehicle, live in certain place, go to famous schools whatever it takes to promote themselves as powerful in strength. We humans really dislike weakness particularly in ourselves.

Just look how young people poses constantly like movie stars while taking selfies presenting themselves as totally cool.

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They have truly been taught that to look iconic so others read into their pictures self importance by seeing them people see how wonderful and carefree their lives are. They somehow see how deep their feelings go into expressions by their outward appearance. They want people to see how intelligent they are, and how sexy they are all from a perfect poses in a pictures!

But of course reality set in when the person texts or opens their mouth they aren't at all the wonderful as the pictures that we have imagined that we have conjured up in our own faulty iconic mind; they are not special at all, but inconsiderate, selfish, and rude. Furthermore, isn't that the trick to deceive others by the outward appearance rather than being honest in the an inward person of the heart.

If the inner self is empty than the outer self must be perfect!

2 Corinthians 4:7 But we have this treasure in clay vessels, that the exceeding greatness of the power may be of God, and not from ourselves.

This world teaches us in all things to hid the truth by the outward appearance and that is why the outer package often cost more than the product we are actually buying!

Truth That Hurts

Being strong feels much better than appearing weak does it not?

Yet the very concept of putting on an outward show weaken the inward person.

Once that inward person is weaken it will stay weak even if it gain huge success. Thus, we are now witnessing in our world all kinds of powerful outward people with great wealth finding their entire world and lives destroyed causing ruination for others as will, just because they didn't have the moral courage to do what was right!

The sad consequence of this conduct is seen in every form of entertainment, there is not a story of success that has been made into a movie/book that is not the same old predictable story.

Proverbs 26:11 As a dog that returns to his vomit, so is a fool who repeats his folly.

Yes, a determination to be rich and famous to be the best, once reached, then the decline into pride, drunkenness, arrogance, drugs, sex, lost of friends, and family, ending in redemption, and/or death! The same story that most human go through in one way or the other. The person character finally develops in what? The suffering if they lived to tell about it? Yet, lets be honest here, we still hope and promote these people as icons in society hoping we can become like them and/or our children will.

Ecclesiastes 9:18 Wisdom is better than weapons of war; but one sinner destroys much good.

How does all the evil outweigh common sense and what is good? It doesn't! It is the lust within us that causes us to discard the truth found in every generation of people to have ever lived on this earth.

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It is the lust for prominence that will allow a person to take control of millions of lives and destroy them because somehow they think they are better, smarter than every one before them, and still to come. Factually, it is a very frightening thing that we can act and be so arrogant is it not?

Isaiah 66:4 I also will choose their delusions, and will bring their fears on them; because when I called, none did answer; when I spoke, they did not hear: but they did that which was evil in my eyes, and chose that in which I didn't delight.

God's Dealing With Mankind

Let be clear here what we see practiced and promoted in most religions on this earth today; that would be Christianity, is not the truth of how God deals with his children.

Matthew 13:33 He spoke another parable to them. "The Kingdom of Heaven is like yeast, which a woman took, and hid in three measures {literally, three sata. 3 sata is about 39 litres or a bit more than a bushel} of meal, until it was all leavened."

God unlike the Devil lets his children suffer so they learn character, while the Devil promotes and outward appearance of righteousness by false power outward appearance in not suffering in the flesh. His world is one of a showy display of ones means of life in one form or another.

Matt.4:2 When he had fasted forty days and forty nights, he was hungry afterward. 4:3 The tempter came and said to him, "If you are the Son of God, command that these stones become bread."

4:4 But he answered, "It is written, 'Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceeds out of the mouth of God.'" {Deuteronomy 8:3} 4:5 Then the devil took him into the holy city. He set him on the pinnacle of the temple,

4:6 and said to him, "If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down, for it is written, 'He will put his angels in charge of you.' and, 'On their hands they will bear you up, so that you don't dash your foot against a stone.'" {Psalm 91:11-12} 4:7 Jesus said to him, "Again, it is written, 'You shall not test the Lord, your God.'" {Deuteronomy 6:16} 4:8 Again, the devil took him to an exceedingly high mountain, and showed him all the kingdoms of the world, and their glory. 4:9 He said to him, "I will give you all of these things, if you will fall down and worship me." 4:10 Then Jesus said to him, "Get behind me, {TR and NU read "Go away" instead of "Get behind me"} Satan! For it is written, 'You shall worship the Lord your God, and you shall serve him only.'" {Deuteronomy 6:13}

Have you noted? How people are always trying to sell you their way of life, as if driven by an invisible lust to promote and sell their life as better, happier than other people? Lets be honest here, their lives can be a terrible, but for some inexplicable reason they still want to impress others by trying to convince them how much smarter they are than others, how successful they have been in life, it almost laughable when they themselves can't manage their own life, still they want the power over yours.

Yes, it is true, they can't fix their own car and it is junk, yet, they are still criticizing your great car and the way you take care of it even though your never breaks down and their's is piece of junk!

This phenomenon is inherent in all of us. And to make this matter even worst is when a person becomes a professional in some given field they then demand to control peoples lives,

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thinking they've earned the right to evnethough, they may be a very young themselves not knowing at all how to deal others and their real problems.

Matt.7:1 "Don't judge, so that you won't be judged. 7:2 For with whatever judgment you judge, you will be judged; and with whatever measure you measure, it will be measured to you.

7:3 Why do you see the speck that is in your brother's eye, but don't consider the beam that is in your own eye?

But let us keep on subject God doesn't do any of this craziness, have you noted? The one person God sent to earth who had never sinned or done evil, or thought evil, learned obedience by the things he suffered. And here is what is shocking, it was all the days of his life. Now lets top that off; he did not ever take honor until his Father YHWH finished his training on this earth it was only then God rewarded him for his faithfulness in heaven!

Philippians 2:1 If there is therefore any exhortation in Christ, if any consolation of love, if any fellowship of the Spirit, if any tender mercies and compassion, 2:2 make my joy full, by being like-minded, having the same love, being of one accord, of one mind; 2:3 doing nothing through rivalry or through conceit, but in humility, each counting others better than himself; 2:4 each of you not just looking to his own things, but each of you also to the things of others. 2:5 Have this in your mind, which was also in Christ Jesus, 2:6 who, existing in the form of God, didn't consider equality with God a thing to be grasped, 2:7 but emptied himself, taking the form of a servant, being made in the likeness of men. 2:8 And being found in human form, he humbled himself, becoming obedient to death, yes, the death of the cross. 2:9 Therefore God also highly exalted him, and gave to him the name which is above every name;

The Devil rewarded himself but God tell us he is the father of the lie! The devil created all the suffering ever on this earth and 6.

then he sell us a lie that if we are really successful we don't have to suffer at all, not even as a Christian's.

2 Corinthians 4:4 in whom the god of this world has blinded the minds of the unbelieving, that the light of the Good News of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God, should not dawn on them.

2 Timothy 3:12 Yes, and all who desire to live godly in Christ Jesus will suffer persecution.

Luke 24:26 Didn't the Christ have to suffer these things and to enter into his glory?"

So all of us Christian's try to be strong and look good in our flesh to others, in order to appear that our Christian's life is worth having, and living, while hiding the real truth about ourselves the very thing we claim to love more than ourselves.

2 Corinthians 2:17 For we are not as so many, peddling the word of God. But as of sincerity, but as of God, in the sight of God, we speak in Christ.

2 Corinthians 4:2 But we have renounced the hidden things of shame, not walking in craftiness, nor handling the word of God deceitfully; but by the manifestation of the truth commending ourselves to every man's conscience in the sight of God.

In doing so we become like the world that hates weaknesses putting on a act by a position we are empowered ourselves with (outward appearance of righteousness). This is why most people see Christian's as hypocrites. This is why there is such a push among religious people that all things Christians' must be perfected in flesh,

to put on an outward appearance of righteousness in their buildings they worship in, to the clothes and the car they drive.

John 3:6 That which is born of the flesh is flesh. That which is born of the Spirit is spirit.

John 6:63 It is the spirit who gives life. The flesh profits nothing. The words that I speak to you are spirit, and are life.

John 8:15 You judge according to the flesh. I judge no one.

They want to sell you their successful life story, not really the life of Christ or his apostles who suffered and were hated by the world, and who had no worldly success.

Moreover, who had no worldly business, or governments, nor hospitals, or churches on earth. All that had to be changes after the apostles died to make Christianity a success story and part of Satan's world.

Acts 8:33 In his humiliation, his judgment was taken away. Who will declare His generation? For his life is taken from the earth."{Isaiah 53:7,8}

The wide road leading off into destruction is easy, whatever, information we get we make it about building our kingdoms on earth, it can be about God, or the Devil, it doesn't not matter as long as we can convince others that we were somehow a good person successful person as a Christian in this world. Yet, Christ never glorified himself, he always gloried his Father YHWH as the rightful ruler of his life.

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And for that he suffered, he lost his judgment among mankind's societies on earth because all is set up by laws of the governments to protect those doing business in society so they can be successful or a prosperous the needs of government or government would not exist?

However, the narrow road that few find is not about us, or self, its about severing God in the good and bad of this life and for that to happen God's power must be perfected in our weakness, not in our self confidence and the power within ourselves, that is, of the flesh.

This is why so many are now finding religion has no real power in their lives anymore. Moreover, they find no real peace, because peace does not come from our not suffering. And furthermore, it does not come from ourselves or from others. A Christian's peace has always came from the same spot, God, and the power of his Holy Spirit, which God is Spirit, and he is love, so the fruit that comes down from above to us is love that produce all the other fruit of the Spirit; part of which is peace.

James.3:14 But if you have bitter jealousy and selfish ambition in your heart, don't boast and don't lie against the truth. 3:15 This wisdom is not that which comes down from above, but is earthly, sensual, and demonic. 3:16 For where jealousy and selfish ambition are, there is confusion and every evil deed. 3:17 But the wisdom that is from above is first pure, then peaceful, gentle, reasonable, full of mercy and good fruits, without partiality, and without hypocrisy. 3:18 Now the fruit of righteousness is sown in peace by those who make peace.

God is not a competition unlike Satan who is all competition, Satan has been comparing himself to others from the minute he changed himself into the Devil the father of the lie.

Satan world, his children are all about competition to out do, to prove other wrong so they can have a false power over them by a display of the showy things they own.

2 Corinthians 10:12 For we are not bold to number or compare ourselves with some of those who commend themselves. But they themselves, measuring themselves by themselves, and comparing themselves with themselves, are without understanding.

Subsequently, this is how false religion came about and the untruth about God's kingdom became yeast!

Yes, because it has promoted competition in Christ; If you can obey a certain rules, you have power in your self-control, in yourselves, and you will be honored on earth as being better then others in the same field even in religion.

Philippians's 2:3 doing nothing through rivalry or through conceit, but in humility, each counting others better than himself;

2:4 each of you not just looking to his own things, but each of you also to the things of others.

Where as God's children can't boast in anything for all of them have been given the gift of Christ life in the fruit of Holy Spirit. Those of the flesh are into putting down, judging, comparing themselves by the judgment from themselves (the flesh), they are into waging wars in the flesh with other Christian's, they love the contention and fights just like those wanting power in our world.

1 Corinthians 4:7 For who makes you different? And what do you have that you didn't receive? But if you did receive it, why do you boast as if you had not received it?

False Christians incorporate everything of Christ his teachings into the world and can't imagine it could be any other way. Everyone of this world wants to be on top and will use whatever means it takes to get there even the bring of others down to have it!

Rom.12:2 Don't be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, so that you may prove what is the good, well-pleasing, and perfect will of God.

One Body No One Wants

Christ wasn't known in the world he came into, simply, because it took God's Spirit to reveal Christ the Son of God a Spirit oppose to all the things of this world.

Yes, he was known by the flesh falsely, he was misjudged by the power to be in the flesh. He is recorded in their history, even his crucifixion by the flesh, but he as the Son of God was not known by the nation of Israel and that is why knowledge of a subject is not the end-all- and be-all because God reveals the truth to us, that is, Christ Jesus, by one way, and one way only, by his Holy Spirit!

1 John 3:1 Behold, how great a love the Father has bestowed on us, that we should be called children of God! For this cause the world doesn't know us, because it didn't know him.

The body of Christ, that is, Christ the great spiritual temple of God is not known to the this world, there is a lot of knowledge about this subject but the temple of God is not revealed to this world. No one in this world wants the body of Christ in its truthful form, and what does that mean?

1 John 3:13 Don't be surprised, my brothers, if the world hates you.

1 John 4:1 Beloved, don't believe every spirit, but test the spirits, whether they are of God, because many false prophets have gone out into the world.

It means the body of Christ has nothing of this world in it, so it does not benefit the world at all. Thus, it makes no sense to this world, it cannot! Your own body does not compete, and wage war within its own members, it does not have a two party rule of liberals and conservatism in your body. The heart does not boast of itself it does even think like that, the hand does learn something separate from the body, nor does any member of the same body. No body member tries to make a name or prove anything. The members don't have individual judgments about anything.

Ephesians 4:4 There is one body, and one Spirit, even as you also were called in one hope of your calling;

Ephesians 4:12 for the perfecting of the saints, to the work of serving, to the building up of the body of Christ;

Ephesians 4:16 from whom all the body, being fitted and knit together through that which every joint supplies, according to the working in measure of each individual part, makes the body increase to the building up of itself in love.

How then can the body of Christ be loved by this world? Well, it can't unless you corrupted it with the things of the world making it only a phony body in fleshly mind, a worldly fleshly body. You see, religion is an illusion of something that is just the opposite of the truth. It is designed and created for the power of this world in an outward appearance of righteousness, it is a very powerful tool that so many willingly would rather have than the truth of Christ.

James. 4:1 Where do wars and fightings among you come from? Don't they come from your pleasures that war in your members?

4:2 You lust, and don't have. You kill, covet, and can't obtain. You fight and make war. You don't have, because you don't ask.

4:3 You ask, and don't receive, because you ask with wrong motives, so that you may spend it for your pleasures.

4:4 You adulterers and adulteresses, don't you know that friendship with the world is enmity with God? Whoever therefore wants to be a friend of the world makes himself an enemy of God.

Human nature under sin God's tells us that we can't even direct our step, but why do so many unblushingly think they can? Because they have not had the truth revealed to them that God perfects us in weaknesses, not in strength. So when flesh see weakness it turns away because, and/or turns upon it in violence it does honor or respect, that is, power of this world. Weakness are hard to look at by the independent proud of heart.

Jeremiah 10:23 Yahweh, I know that the way of man is not in himself: it is not in man who walks to direct his steps.

James.4:13 Come now, you who say, "Today or tomorrow let's go into this city, and spend a year there, trade, and make a profit."

4:14 Whereas you don't know what your life will be like tomorrow. For what is your life? For you are a vapor, that appears for a little time, and then vanishes away. 4:15 For you ought to say, "If the Lord wills, we will both live, and do this or that." 4:16 But now you glory in your boasting. All such boasting is evil. 4:17 To him therefore who knows to do good, and doesn't do it, to him it is sin.

If the world was the body of Christ this world would not exist it would be gone for ever never to be remembered no more, is that your honest desire? Well, if not, then we are of the world, and not of the body of Christ.

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2 Peter 3:13 But, according to his promise, we look for new heavens and a new earth, in which righteousness dwells.

Revelation 21:1 I saw a new heaven and a new earth: for the first heaven and the first earth have passed away, and the sea is no more.

Revelation 21:5 He who sits on the throne said, "Behold, I am making all things new." He said, "Write, for these words of God are faithful and true."

Revelation 21:4 He will wipe away from them every tear from their eyes. Death will be no more; neither will there be mourning, nor crying, nor pain, any more. The first things have passed away."

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