



Raising Up People Of Strength (part 1) 22 August 2004

OUTLINE:

1. GOD'S DESIRE FOR YOUR
2. SOME CHARACTERISTICS OF PEOPLE OF STRENGTH
3. CHURCHES THAT NURTURE PEOPLE OF STRENGTH

Purpose of this series:

Directed at our spiritual lives - both as individuals and as a church, to challenge us to rise up to new levels in our spiritual walk with God.

SECTION 1 : GOD'S DESIRE FOR YOU (SPIRITUALLY)

1. GOD WANTS YOU STRONG IN SPIRIT

Ephesians 3:14-19

Verse 16: "... be strengthened with might by His Spirit in the inner man;..."

Colossians 1:9-11

Verse 11: "...being empowered with all power, according to the might of His glory.."

Ephesians 6:10

Finally, my brothers, be strong in the Lord and in the power of His might.

1 Corinthians 16:13

Be Alert, Be Firm, Be Brave, Be Strong

Why be strong in the spirit - several reasons

- It takes people of strength to do exploits (Daniel 11:32)
- For your own benefit, to win life's battle (Ephesians 6:10, Colossians 1:11)
- For the benefit of others (Romans 15:1)

If you are strong then you can help support other who are younger/weaker.

Side Note:

Most people use the passage in 2 Corinthians 12:7-10 as an excuse for their weaknesses.

Some important facts:

- A. Paul's "thorn in the flesh" was not some pet sin which he had. Neither was it some kind of sickness or disease. Paul's thorn was a demonic spirit opposing him in the ministry
- B. God's strength is made perfect in your feebleness - when your strength is all used up due to the intensity of the battle, you can still walk strong because of His power.
- C. None of us qualify to have a thorn in the flesh - since we have not received the abundance of revelations as did the apostle Paul!!

2. GOD WANTS YOU FILLED WITH REVELATION KNOWLEDGE

Ephesians 1:16-18

- * It takes revelation knowledge to really know the things of God.
- * There is a vast difference between head knowledge and revelation knowledge.
- * Revelation knowledge is when the eyes of your understanding have been illuminated to understand spiritual truth.

3. GOD WANTS YOU EQUIPPED TO MINISTER



Ephesians 4:11-13

The purpose of the 5 ministry gifts is to equip the saints to do the work of the ministry and build up the Body

Traditional thinking says that the Pastor has to do all the work of the ministry.
Biblical thinking says that the saints have to do all the work of the ministry!!

2 Timothy 3:16,17

The purpose of knowing the Word is to be equipped for every good work.

2 Corinthians 13:9

4. GOD WANTS YOU MATURED INTO CHRISTLIKENESS

Ephesians 4:13 Colossians 1:28,29

Section 2: SOME (UNCOMMON) CHARACTERISTICS OF PEOPLE OF STRENGTH

1. BREAKING FREE FROM RELIGIOUS BONDAGE

Mark 7:1-13

The Pharisees and Scribes were supposed to be the religious leaders of their day.
Yet, they elevate their own ideas and traditions instead of following the Word of God.
Thus the Word of God became ineffective in their lives.

Matthew 11:20-26

The judgement for rejecting the truth will be more intolerable than the judgement for immorality!!

Colossians 2:8 2 Thessalonians 2:15 2 Thessalonians 3:6

Many believers are held in religious bondages

Religious bondage is so subtle because it comes under the garb of being spiritual.

If you believe some thing that prevents you from believing and doing what the Word says, then that thing is holding you in religious bondage.

For instance, when the Word of God says that you can Worship God in the dance (Psalm 149) but your religious tradition tells you that dancing in church is "sin" - you are in religious bondage, because your tradition is preventing you from doing what the BIBLE says!!

Religious bondage

- prevents people from receiving revelation
- prevents people from acting on the word
- prevents people from growing up in the things of God

If you are to keep growing in God, you must continue to break free from religious bondages in your life!!



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