

# A STRONG SPIRIT

## YOU Need To Be Strong

### I. The believer needs to be strong

- A. You need to be strong-In these verses God is talking to us-**Eph6:10**-*Be strong in the Lord and in the power of His might;* **1Cor6:13**-*What you, standfast in the faith, quit you like men (be brave), be strong;* **Josh1:6**-*Be strong and of good courage*
1. God didn't say you be weak and I'll be strong-He commanded YOU to be strong
  2. Many have the idea that we are a weak people who worship a strong God-God's idea is that we be strong people who worship a strong God
  3. Being some weak, feeble, broken people won't work
- B. YOU need to be strong because you have stuff to do that requires strength
1. You need to be strong because YOU resist the devil-**Eph6:10**-*Finally my brethren, be strong in the Lord and in the power of His might...that you may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil*
  2. YOU hold fast to the confession of your faith-**Hb10:23**-*Hold fast to the confession of your faith*
  3. YOU need to be strong because YOU fight the good fight of faith-**1Tm6:12**-*Fight the good fight of faith*
  4. YOU need to be strong because YOU cast down wrong thoughts-**2Cor10:5**-*Casting down imaginations and every high thing that exalts itself against the knowledge of God and bringing every thought into captivity*
  5. YOU have to persevere, endure, continue-**Hb10:36**-*For ye have need of patience (endurance, constancy, perseverance, fortitude), that, after ye have done the will of God, ye might receive the promise.*
  6. The devil isn't tempting God and putting pressure on him, he's doing that to you and so you need to be strong
- C. The condition of your spirit determines the quality of your life-**1Tm4:8-KJ**-*For bodily exercise profits little: but godliness is profitable unto all things, having promise of the life that now is, and of that which is to come;* **AC**-*For physical training is of some value (useful for a little), but godliness (spiritual training) is useful and of value in everything and in every way, for it holds promise for the present life and also for the life which is to come.*
1. You can't live and be weak spiritually
  2. The condition of your spirit affects your life now-The life that now is
    - a. With a weak spirit you can't resist the devil and see him flee-**Js4:7**-*Resist the devil and he will flee from you*
    - b. If your spirit is weak you'll sow to the flesh-**Ga6:8**-*He that sows to his flesh shall of the flesh reap corruption*
    - c. With a weak spirit you can exercise patience and inherit promises-**Hb6:12**-*Faith and patience inherit the promises*
  3. With a weak spirit you can't operate spiritually-You can't cast down wrong thoughts, you can't fight the good fight of faith, you can't walk in love, you can't walk by faith