

A STRONG SPIRIT

Strong To Win

I. The importance of having a strong spirit lies in this reality – If your spirit is weak, you don't stand a chance in times of adversity

- A. There is no way to avoid all adversity in this life-Jn16:33-*In the world you shall have tribulation: but be of good cheer; I have overcome the world; 1Pt4:12-Beloved, think it not strange concerning the fiery trial which is come to try you; 1Pt5:8-9-Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil, as a roaring lion, walketh about, seeking whom he may devour: 9 Whom resist stedfast in the faith, knowing that the same afflictions are accomplished in your brethren that are in the world.*
1. When adversity strikes, if you are weak you are finished
 2. Being strong you are prepared for adversity
- B. If your spirit is weak, you don't stand a chance in a time of adversity-Pr18:14-KJ-*The spirit of a man will sustain his infirmity; but a wounded spirit who can bear? AC-The strong spirit of a man sustains him in bodily pain or trouble, but a weak and broken spirit who can raise up or bear? MS-A healthy spirit conquers adversity, but what can you do when the spirit is crushed?*
1. One big reason why people experience defeat is because they are so weak inside when adversity strikes-They ignore all the laws that govern being strong on the inside and then in a time of adversity they try to overcome with a weak spirit and it just doesn't work
- C. Being weak inside means defeat-Pr24:10-KJ-*If thou faint in the day of adversity, thy strength is small; GW-If you faint in a crisis, you are weak; ICB-If you give up when trouble comes, it shows that you have very little strength; MSG-If you fall to pieces in a crisis, there wasn't much to you in the first place; NLT-If you fail under pressure, your strength is too small*
1. If we are weak we will draw back, give up, quit and that's the way we lose-Gal6:9-*Let us not be weary in well doing: for in due season we will reap, if we don't faint; AM-If we don't give in; CSB-If we don't give up; TLB-We will reap a harvest of blessing if we don't get discouraged and give up; 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. 37 For yet a little while, and he that shall come will come, and will not tarry. 38 Now the just shall live by faith: but if any man draw back, my soul shall have no pleasure in him. 39 But we are not of them who draw back unto perdition; but of them that believe to the saving of the soul;*
 2. The way we win is to continue, to press on, to persevere and to do that you have to be strong-Jn8:31-*If you continue (remain) in my word, then you shall be my disciples indeed and you shall know the truth and the truth shall make you free; Hb6:12-Through faith and patience inherit the promises*
 3. People who were strong and didn't draw back-3 Hebrews, David in the valley of the shadow of death back; Jairus when he got the death report
 4. People who drew back-Peter (Mt14), The Children Of Israel; Things got a little tight and being weak they gave in
 5. Being weak you can't do the things you need to do to enjoy victory-You'll cower, you'll give you'll yield to the unbelief, to the fear, to the sorrow and you'll lose
 6. We don't draw back-We don't draw back when we don't see, when we don't feel, when we don't understand, when all hell is breaking loose – You got to be strong to do that
 7. You don't just not draw back because you want to-Your spirit has to be strong to bear it