



*“Triumphant In Christ, Victorious In Life”*

SERMON SERIES: ***“Wisdom & Divine Direction”***

Sermon Connection Handout: ***“Strength”*** – 1/27/2019

**Proverbs 4:5 - 12 (NKJV)**

- We stated that \_\_\_\_\_ is the unfolding and revealing of God’s masterplan, whereas \_\_\_\_\_ is the steps you take to accomplish it.
- ***DIVINE*** \_\_\_\_\_ is a lifetime demand. You and I will never get to a point in life where you will no longer require \_\_\_\_\_.
- **We’ve seen in the past weeks the words of WISDOM for your prayerfully and wisely consider were:**
  - (1<sup>st</sup>) \_\_\_\_\_; (2<sup>nd</sup>) \_\_\_\_\_; (3<sup>rd</sup>) \_\_\_\_\_
- I believe today word of WISDOM and DIVINE DIRECTION for our lives this year is: \_\_\_\_\_. Let’s examine the Scripture again about Jesus and how He become strong. **Luke 2:40, 52 (NKJV)** – *“<sup>40</sup>And the Child grew and **became strong in spirit, filled with wisdom**; and the grace of God was upon Him. <sup>52</sup>And **Jesus increased in wisdom and stature, and in favor with God and men.**”*
- Unfortunately, there are too many people who struggle with \_\_\_\_\_. The challenges are the ***“Illusion of Too Many Options”*** and the ***“Illusion of Perfection”***.
- To LAST long and strong this year 2019 – I suggest to you that you need to possess: \_\_\_\_\_.
- Life, leading and languishing in the day-to-day DUTIES, DETAILS and DRUDGERY will DRAIN you of \_\_\_\_\_ you desperately need to last long and strong this year.
- I believe without spiritual \_\_\_\_\_ you be able to two things you need to be able to do well:
  - (1<sup>st</sup>) Without ***STRENGTH*** your faith won’t be able to \_\_\_\_\_ from God.
    - **Hebrews 11:11 (NKJV); 2 Corinthians 12:9 (NKJV)**
  - (2<sup>nd</sup>) Without ***STRENGTH*** your faith won’t be able to \_\_\_\_\_ the devil.
    - **Nehemiah 8:10; James 4:7; 1 Peter 5:8 – 9 (NKJV)**
  - These are two things God won’t DO for you and me: (1) God won’t \_\_\_\_\_ for us and (2) God won’t \_\_\_\_\_ the devil for us.
- WHY?
  - \_\_\_\_\_ is needed to love, to lead, to learn, and to last long and strong!
  - 1<sup>st</sup> – He is our STRENGTH! **Psalms 46:1 (NKJV); Psalms 27:1 (NKJV)**
    - 2<sup>nd</sup> - STRENGTH is \_\_\_\_\_ by the Lord to the faint and weak: **Psalms 29:11 (AMPC); Read Isaiah 40:28 – 31**
    - **Fainting and weakness lead to quitting and giving up; you don’t endure or last – you quit RECEIVING from God; you quit RESISTING the devil, sin and temptation.**
  - 3<sup>rd</sup> – Spiritual STRENGTH is \_\_\_\_\_ during ADVERSITY or AFFLICTION:
    - **Proverbs 24:10 (NKJV); Proverbs 18:14 (NKJV)**
  - 4<sup>th</sup> - STRENGTH is \_\_\_\_\_. **Ephesians 6:10 (AMPC)** – *“In conclusion, be strong in the Lord [be empowered through your union with Him]; draw your strength from Him [that strength which His boundless might provides].”*
  - 5<sup>th</sup> – STRENGTH can be \_\_\_\_\_ through **PRAYER**. **Read Ephesians 3:14 – 20 and Colossians 1:9 – 11**

- STRENGTH that provides: \_\_\_\_\_ – to deal with **problems**.  
\_\_\_\_\_ – to deal with **people**. \_\_\_\_\_ – to deal with the **pressures** of life.

**UNDERSTANDING THE DYNAMICS OF LIFE AND MINISTRY**

- The question I wish to ask you today friends, if **Philippians 4:13** is true, then **WHY** are so many Christian believers and Christ-followers *tired and weary in doing good* with their time in submitting, surrendering and serving God, with their talent in serving God and with their treasure (their generous giving of their tithes and offerings) in serving, supplying, sowing and supporting the things of God?
  - **Philippians 4:13 (NKJV)** – “*I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me.*”
  - We must learn that God is \_\_\_\_\_, and we are \_\_\_\_\_. We need His STRENGTH.
- We are told as well to not grow \_\_\_\_\_ of doing good: **Galatians 6:9 (NKJV); 2 Thessalonians 3:13 (NKJV)** This is a \_\_\_\_\_ not a suggestion – it is DIVINE DIRECTION from God’s Word.
  - The IMPERATIVE and the INSTRUCTION today is: \_\_\_\_\_!
- Here are some things to understand about the Dynamics of Life and Ministry:
- **1<sup>st</sup> – God gives you STRENGTH and ENERGY for today and for life. Psalms 90:12**
  - The lack of \_\_\_\_\_ on the front end causes us to lose \_\_\_\_\_ on the back end. If you don’t use \_\_\_\_\_ on the front end of this year, you lack of \_\_\_\_\_ on the back end of this year will have this testimony – I’m \_\_\_\_\_.
- **2<sup>nd</sup> – God gives you enough STRENGTH and ENERGY to accomplish His purpose and plans in the timeframe His gives you.**
  - Energy is either: (1) *Dynamic* (Good) (2) *Static* (Neutral) or (3) *Anthropic* (Not Good; Chaotic).
  - You remember *the two objectives* the devil desires to see you fulfill when he TEMPTS you is: (1) Make you \_\_\_\_\_ Or, (2) Make you \_\_\_\_\_
- **3<sup>rd</sup> – God expects you to be a good steward over the STRENGTH and ENERGY He gives to you and to use it wisely – today and in life. Why?**
  - (1) Because when you are *physically tired* and *exhausted* it is difficult to yield to the anointing and power of God.
  - (2) Because when you are *weak, worn out*, and *weary spiritually* it is difficult to: \_\_\_\_\_ from God and \_\_\_\_\_ the devil.
  - The STRENGTH and ENERGY I save today, I have it for tomorrow. We’ve got to use wisdom to think and behave more \_\_\_\_\_ efficiently!
- We’ve got to be \_\_\_\_\_ and understanding our **THERMOSTATIC NATURE**: (1) **Our BURN RATE**: How quickly do you burn when life is \_\_\_\_\_ and when life \_\_\_\_\_? (2) **Our BOUNCE BACK Factor**. How quickly do you rebound and reengage when you experience a \_\_\_\_\_ or a \_\_\_\_\_?

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