

I HAVE NO STRENGTH OF MY OWN

KING ASA

2 CHRONICLES 14:11

Day 10

King Asa admitted that he had no strength, even though he was surrounded by his warriors. That was a smart call. However, it is absolutely awful to have to admit that we are powerless. In the previous day's meditation, it was stated that getting into a habit of doing it all yourself is not wise. We can be fooled into thinking that our selfish & isolationistic successes of the past guarantee us succeeding in doing the harder things all by ourselves. We all have talents & strengths which assist us in accomplishing a great many things; but, if we rely on those talents to carry us through, we will be sorely disappointed.

I have no power to please God; I have no strength to successfully resist the strategies of the devil; I cannot keep my eyes from looking at lustful images; I cannot control my tongue from criticizing or swearing; I cannot want to grow closer to the Lord; I cannot love other people, especially those who are nasty; I cannot stay away from the habits or chemical dependencies that have plagued me so many years; I cannot understand the Bible with just my brain & a pencil; I cannot be joyful when the turns of life are unpleasant & scary; I cannot be a good father & husband; I cannot do anything without the power & strength of God.

This kind of a person sounds rather weak & pathetic; this guy cannot do anything; will he ever amount to anything? Will people like him? Will he ever have the confidence to volunteer for anything?

To God, this kind of person is the cream of the crop. The weak & powerless are the ones God uses to change the world & to shock all the wise guys. Yes, you are weak. Be glad. God does great things with the weak. You are powerless. Be content. God is powerful & does great things with the powerless. It takes a strong person to say that he is powerless to do anything apart from God. Powerless does not mean weak; it means a strong person who knows where his power limits are.

APPLICATION QUESTIONS

1. What are you powerless to accomplish in your life?
2. Give examples of how your admission of powerlessness has led to great victories & successes in your life because you relied on God's power to handle the tough stuff.

A PRAYER OF COMMITMENT

What do you need to say to God as you face the topic being discussed in this devotional? Write out your prayer word for word just as if you were praying. Use separate lined paper to record your prayer. Make sure you actually pray this prayer to the Lord. Be honest & be personal. After all, you mean business with God here. You want this area of your life either fixed, strengthened, added, or removed.