

# IT'S NOT ABOUT YOU

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## **Text: 1 John 4:3-4 NIV**

3 but every spirit that does not acknowledge Jesus is not from God. This is the spirit of the antichrist, which you have heard is coming and even now is already in the world.

4 You, dear children, are from God and have overcome them, because the one who is in you is greater than the one who is in the world

## **INTRODUCTION:**

Feeling inadequate to meet the demands of life is a common feeling most people have probably had at some time. However, when it comes to our life in Christ, this is not a feeling we should embrace. The fact is that for those in Christ, the reality of what is possible is not about us—it is about Him.

## **I. IF YOU THINK YOU DON'T HAVE ENOUGH—REMEMBER HE IS ENOUGH.**

**Philippians 4:12-13 (NIV)** 12 I know what it is to be in need, and I know what it is to have plenty. I have learned the secret of being content in any and every situation, whether well fed or hungry, whether living in plenty or in want. 13 I can do all this through him who gives me strength.

## **II. IF YOU THINK ARE TOO WEAK—REMEMBER HE IS STRONG ENOUGH.**

**2 Corinthians 12:9-11 (NIV)** 9 But he said to me, “My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness.” Therefore I will boast all the more gladly about my weaknesses, so that Christ’s power may rest on me. 10 That is why, for Christ’s sake, I delight in weaknesses, in insults, in hardships, in persecutions, in difficulties. For when I am weak, then I am strong.

## **III. IF YOU THINK YOU HAVE FAILED TOO MANY TIMES—REMEMBER HIS GRACE IS ENOUGH.**

**1 Timothy 1:15 (NIV)** 15 Here is a trustworthy saying that deserves full acceptance: Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners—of whom I am the worst.

## **CONCLUSION**

No matter how inadequate we may feel at times, our mistake is often in forgetting the victory Christ has made possible over lack, need, weakness, failure and more. Do your best, give it your all, yet never forget our spiritual victory is not about us, but about Him.

### **Illustration: Assurance**

After John Wesley had been preaching for some time, some one said to him, "Are you sure, Mr. Wesley, of your salvation?" "Well," he answered, "Jesus Christ died for the whole world." "Yes, we all believe that; but are you sure that you are saved?" Wesley replied that he was sure that provision had been made for his salvation.

"But are you sure, Wesley, that you are saved?" It went like an arrow to his heart, and he had no rest or power until that question was settled. Many men and many women go on month after month, and year after year, without power, because they do not know their standing in Christ; they are not sure of their own footing for eternity. ... Many are disqualified for service because they are continually doubting their own salvation.

[Moody's Anecdotes, pp. 101-102.](#)