

The Power of Being Weak

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Text: 1 Corinthians 1:26-31 NIV

²⁶Brothers and sisters, think of what you were when you were called. Not many of you were wise by human standards; not many were influential; not many were of noble birth. ²⁷But God chose the foolish things of the world to shame the wise; God chose the weak things of the world to shame the strong. ²⁸God chose the lowly things of this world and the despised things—and the things that are not—to nullify the things that are, ²⁹so that no one may boast before him. ³⁰It is because of him that you are in Christ Jesus, who has become for us wisdom from God—that is, our righteousness, holiness and redemption. ³¹Therefore, as it is written: “Let the one who boasts boast in the Lord.”

Introduction

Humans often “boast” of many traits they feel they possess such as: influence, family name, wealth, education, and more. It is essentially boasting in the power we feel we have, but in reality, the boasting is hollow because it can all be easily taken away or nullified by life and circumstances. Only God’s power is real. Only God’s power is lasting.

It is only when we acknowledge our *weaknesses* and rely completely on God that we can truly find the power to live victoriously!

- I. **Only When Acknowledge Our Weaknesses Can We Receive His Power.**

- II. **Only When Acknowledge Our Weaknesses Is His Wisdom Revealed**

- III. **Only When Acknowledge Our Weaknesses Is His Glory Proclaimed.**

Conclusion

When we acknowledge our *weaknesses* and rely completely on God we tap into His power and His provision and find the power to live victoriously!