Finding God’s Strength In Our Weakness

Strength To Serve
2 Cor 6:3-7:2  Pg 819
Paul’s Writing Focus Switches

From Internal To External
From Self To Others
From Being A Disciple To Doing Ministry

Ministry: Giving service to others freely for the Lord’s sake, so the benefit is all theirs
Be Willing To Pour Yourself Out For The Sake Of The Lord And Others

• **What we DON’T Do**
  > Cause others to stumble
  > Give any occasion to blame

• **What we DO: Commend ourselves by:**
  > Being Willing to Pay the Price
  > Always Depending on God’s Power
  > Living with tension and conflict
Be Willing To Love Unconditionally

• **What Paul Does:**
  > Speaks freely
  > Opens his heart
  > Doesn’t withhold affection

• **What he asks in return:**
  > Love me the way I love you!

1 Pet 4:8 “Above all, love each other deeply, because love covers a multitude of sins.”
Be Willing To Partner With The Right People

Don’t be “Yoked” Unequally

- If you have nothing in common Values
- If you have no spiritual fellowship Spirit
- If you have no agreement Process

1. Know WHAT you are willing to do!
2. Know WHERE you are going!
3. Know HOW you are getting there!
Be Willing To Work On Keeping Yourself Spiritually Clean

• **Take personal responsibility to stay spiritually clean**

  1 Jn 1:9 “If we confess our sins He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and cleanse us of all unrighteousness.”

• **Aim at BOTH sins of the body...and the spirit**

  **Sins of the spirit are:**
  Worse in impact; Less Obvious; More Tolerated; Harder to Cleanse
You Can Make A Difference

1. Be willing to pour yourself out
2. Be willing to open your heart
3. Be willing to partner with right people
4. Be willing to stay clean

Isa 6:8 Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying, "Whom shall I send? And who will go for us?" And I said, "Here am I. Send me!"