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- **Physical Strength – Samson**
- **Financial Strength – Rich Young Ruler**
- **Political Strength – Jeroboam**
- **Intellectual Strength – Solomon**

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- **Paul's Work & Motivation (1 Corinthians 15:8-11)**
 - **"²³...countless beatings, and often near death. ²⁴Five times I received at the hands of the Jews the forty lashes less one. ²⁵Three times I was beaten with rods. Once I was stoned. Three times I was shipwrecked; a night and a day I was adrift at sea..." (2 Cor. 11:23b-25)**
 - **"the grace of God that is with me..." (vs. 10)**
- **"You then, my child, be strengthened by the grace that is in Christ Jesus..." (2 Timothy 2:1)**

How We Depend on Grace

- **“Consider him who endured from sinners such hostility against himself, so that you may not grow weary or fainthearted.” (Hebrews 12:3)**
- **“And he said to all, ‘If anyone would come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross daily and follow me.’” (Luke 9:23)**
- **“Husbands, love your wives, as Christ loved the church and gave himself up for her...” (Ephesians 5:25)**
- **“Be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, as God in Christ forgave you.” (Ephesians 4:32)**

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- **“be clean” (Mark 1:41)**
- **“Rise, take up your bed, and go home” (Mark 2:11)**
- **“stretch out your hand” (Mark 3:5)**
- **“Little girl, I say to you, arise” (Mark 5:41)**
- **“You give them something to eat” (Mark 6:37)**

Growing in Spiritual Strength

- **Seek Humility**

- **“For I am the least of the apostles, unworthy to be called an apostle, because I persecuted the church of God.” (1 Cor. 15:9)**

- **Questions to Test Humility**

- **How Do I Respond to Criticism?**
- **Do I Compare Myself to People or God?**
- **Do I Seek Help From Others... Ever?**
- **Do I Regularly Tell People My Accomplishments?**
- **Am I Thankful to God?**
- **Am I Working Hard for God?**

- **Preach To Yourself**