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Ps 27:14 Wait on the LORD; be of good courage, and he shall strengthen thine heart: wait, I say, on the LORD!

Pr 20:22b ...wait on the LORD, and he shall save thee.

Ps 37:34 Wait on the LORD, and keep his way, and he shall exalt thee to inherit the land

Wait upon the Lord! Do you think He is trying to tell us something?

Dan. 11:32b ...the people that do know their God (intimately) shall be strong, and do exploits.

Isa. 40:31 But they that wait upon the LORD shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings as eagles; they shall run, and not be weary; and they shall walk, and not faint.

Jn. 15:4 Abide in me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit of itself, except it abide in the vine; no more can ye, except ye abide in me.

Ps 1:3 And he shall be like a tree planted by the rivers of water, that bringeth forth his fruit in his season; his leaf also shall not wither; and whatsoever he doeth shall prosper.

The intimate fellowship with the Lord that produces in us spiritual productivity and exploits only comes from the spiritual ability imparted through abiding. Notice it is the tree that is firmly planted who receives and continues to bear fruit.

Col. 3:4 When Christ, who is our life...

He is the living stream and source! Our roots must be firmly planted in Him.

The refreshment and renewal that we spiritually need come from our time spent with the Lord, not only receiving new spiritual energies from being attentive to our intimacy but also receiving strength in our inner-man with new power to meet our daily challenges and succeed in them.

Eph 4:23 And be renewed in the spirit of your mind

This renewal influences our triune person spirit, soul, and body. The mind is that area which is called the soul and is that part of the body which took over as the helm after the fall of man. Yet the new man in Him, being renewed in the spirit of the

mind, is now no longer at this helm. It is the Spirit of the Lord which has been placed at the helm through the new birth. Our decisions are now to reflect those which are corresponding with the influences of His Spirit and Word in our conscience.

Isa. 51:9 Awake, awake, put on strength, O arm of the LORD...

The Lord in Scripture is called the arm of the Lord.

Phil. 4:13 I can do all things through Christ which strengtheneth me.

Here the word speaks that we can both tackle, score and win over the opposition through our dependence and reliance upon Him.

Eph 3:16 That he would grant you, according to the riches of his glory, to be strengthened with might by his Spirit in the inner man

Strength is poured through our abiding in Him straight into our inner man.

1Pet. 3:4 But let it be the hidden man of the heart...

The hidden man is where the spiritual strength is poured.

Prov. 4:23 Keep thy heart with all diligence; for out of it are the issues of life.

Recognizing where the life is stored we can see that our total being needs the impartation of His life into our heart as a vessel being continually filled up and overflowing... We then pour out from our heart His life-giving Spirit and anointing upon those who hunger and thirsty.

Eph 6:10 Finally, my brethren, be strong in the Lord, and in the power of his might.

We are charged here to be strong in the Lord, which is according to His spiritual might.

Isa 11:2 And the spirit of the LORD shall rest upon him, the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and of the fear of the LORD;

Spiritual strength rests upon Him; so therefore He is to be the source of our strength.

Isa 40:29 He giveth power to the faint; and to them that have no might he increaseth strength.

Power is given to them who WAIT.

Notice this verse...

2Corin. 12:9 And he said unto me, My grace is sufficient for thee:

His grace is sent... the power to will and to do His good pleasure.

for my strength is made perfect in weakness.

Paul knowing his human limitations acknowledges them openly.

Most gladly therefore will I rather glory in my infirmities,

Paul's expectations of faith in the Lord is in not that of his own abilities which here are lacking, but they are outside of His own limitations, with Paul placing his reliance upon the Lord, knowing that the Lord will make up for whatever he lacks through His power, abilities and strength.

that the power of Christ may rest upon me.

Paul is asking that the Lord's spiritual might, strength and power would rest upon him so that he can carry out what the Lord's desires.

2Tim. 4:17 Notwithstanding the Lord stood with me, and strengthened me; that by me the preaching might be fully known, and that all the Gentiles might hear: and I was delivered out of the mouth of the lion.

Acts 3:16 And his name through faith in his name hath made this man strong, whom ye see and know: yea, the faith which is by him hath given him this perfect soundness in the presence of you all.

Acts 4:13 Now when they saw the boldness of Peter and John, and perceived that they were unlearned and ignorant men, they marvelled; and they took knowledge of them, that they had been with Jesus.

Heb 11:34 Quenched the violence of fire, escaped the edge of the sword, out of weakness were made strong, waxed valiant in fight, turned to flight the armies of the aliens.

Review –

Wait on God

Know God

Seek His wisdom and guidance

Realize our limitations

Realize His abilities

Understand your dependence and reliance

Only through Jesus

Strength comes through abiding

We must rely totally on and always be placing a draw upon

His spiritual might and power to gain our victories.

Discussion Time –

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