

# Empowered for Success

*"He holds success in store for the upright, he is a shield to those whose walk is blameless"*  
(Proverbs 2:7).

The Lord is trying to get your attention concerning some things going on around you. Paul spoke of evil powers against which you fight, "For your struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against rulers, against authorities, against powers of this dark world and against spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly realms" (Ephesians 6:12).

He also speaks about the power of the enemy, and this power is seen through extreme subtlety, trickery and deceptiveness. The enemy is the spirit of the world using various tactics against you to gain an advantage against you as he attacks your faith. "Lest Satan should get an advantage of us; for we are not ignorant of his devices" (2 Corinthians 2:11).

Your faith is under attack!!! The enemy is trying to create shackles through feelings of defeat and failure. He is exploiting your weaknesses to place discouragement, disappointments, fear of failure or by abdication of who you are in Christ. "Be self-controlled and alert. Your enemy the devil prowls around like a roaring lion looking for someone to devour" (1 Peter 5:8).

Can you see this? There are attempts to kill your incentive to serve God and create disharmony around you. He is using things that:

- Paralyzing your potential (Psalm 139:13-14)
- Destroy your dreams (Acts 2:17, Numbers 14:8-10)
- Ruining relationships (Ephesians 2:10)
- Sabotaging your Christian service (1 Corinthians 1:26-31).

God does not ask you to perfect or faultless. It is the enemy who berets into believing you that you need to be (and that others need to be too!). That's part of how he paralyzes your potential, destroy's your dreams, ruins relationships and sabotages your service for Kingdom purposes. God asks you to follow His will for your life. Even if you feel like it's way out of your field, or comfort. I want you to think about the disciples. Jesus disciples were all "out of their field or comfort zones" when they followed Him. Their weaknesses actually became God's secret weapon and He worked through those weaknesses (just like He does and will do in you) touching lives around them.

God can and will work through any weakness if you give Him what you have. Admit your weakness to Him, let Him take it, mold it, and use it successfully. It really is that simple. The problem is, you! Yes you! because you keep picking it back up thinking you have to fix it. Where ever He calls you, He equips you to succeed. You are empowered to succeed- "He holds success in store for the upright, he is a shield to those whose walk is blameless" (Proverbs 2:7).

The Lord's greatest desire is for you to be in close relationship to Him. It's through His love that you overcomes all things. Each time you embrace His love over the tactics of the enemy God provides you with the tools you need to fight this and WIN. You are empowered to succeed and that my friends is TRUTH!

"He is the Author and Finisher of our faith. It is God's transforming power that helps you with all your weaknesses" (Hebrews 12:2).