

“PARTNERING WITH JESUS – THE KEY TO SUCCESSFUL LIVING!”

Philippians 4:13 “I can do all things through Jesus who strengthens me”

Seven Biblical Principles for us to consider:

1) **I can accomplish a _____ that G_____ would like me to do! (Phil 4:13)**

Ever feel inadequate? Join the club! But remember “I am with you”!

a. Moses (Exodus 3, etc)

b. Gideon (Judges 6)

c. Jeremiah (Jeremiah 1)

d. Wes ☺

2) **Our c_____ and our s_____ comes from Jesus, not ourselves. If we abide in J_____, we can accomplish much, but apart from Jesus we can do nothing of lasting value.**

2 Cor 3:5 “Not that we are competent in ourselves to claim anything for ourselves, but **our competence comes from God**”.

2 Cor 12:7-10 “to keep me from being conceited ... there was given me a thorn in my flesh ... three times I pleaded with the Lord to take it away from me. But He said to me, “My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness. Therefore I will boast all the more gladly about my weakness, so that Christ’s power may rest on me. That is why, for Christ’s sake, I delight in weaknesses, in insults, in hardships, in persecutions, in difficulties. **For when I am weak, then I am strong.**”

John 15:5 “**If** we abide in Jesus, we will bear **much fruit**; apart from Jesus we can do **nothing**”.

Concept of “consciously practicing the presence of Christ” (via on-going prayer/talking – I Thes 5:17; via meditating on the word – Psalms 1:2, Col 3:16).

3) When we r_____ on God, He will meet our n_____.

Phil 4:19 “... and my God will meet all your needs according to His glorious riches in Christ Jesus”.

Need comfort? I Peter 5:17

Need victory over sin? I Cor 15:57

Need love? I John 4:8

4) We have the privilege to be God’s f_____ w_____, His a_____, and His w_____!

I Cor 3:9 “For we are God’s **fellow workers**” (see also II Cor 6:1).

II Cor 5:20 “We are therefore **Christ’s ambassadors**, as though God were making His appeal through us”.

Acts 1:8 “... you will be **my witnesses** ...”

5) People may desert us, but Jesus never will!

Matthew 28:19-20 “... I am with you **always**”

II Tim 4:16-17 “At my first defense, no one came to my support, but everyone deserted me ... But the **Lord stood at my side and gave me strength**, so that through me the message might be fully proclaimed and all the Gentiles might hear it”.

Duet 31:6 “Be strong and courageous ... He will **never leave you nor forsake you** (quoted in Hebrews 13:5).

6) **Jesus can u___ and strengthen us, despite our p_____.**

I Tim 1:12 “I thank Christ Jesus our Lord, who has given me strength, that He considered me faithful, appointing me to His service. **Even though** I was once a blasphemer and a persecutor and a violent man”

Example: Jephthah (Judges 11)

7) **With Jesus, we can have the courage to withstand a_____ that comes our way, including the threat of d_____!**

Old Testament case study: Shadrach, Meshach & Adednego (Daniel chapter 3; key verses 3:13-30)

New Testament example: Stephen (Acts 6:8 – 7:60; key verses 7:54-60)

Ambrose Redmon: “Courage is not the absence of fear, but rather the judgement that something else is more important than fear”.

WHAT ARE THE THINGS THAT JESUS WOULD LIKE YOU TO DO?