

I'm Strong - Outline

Update Your Status

February 17, 2019

Ever since I first heard of your strong faith in the Lord Jesus and your love for God's people everywhere, I have not stopped thanking God for you. I pray for you constantly, asking God, the glorious Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, to give you spiritual wisdom and insight so that you might grow in your knowledge of God.

I pray that your hearts will be flooded with light so that you can understand the confident hope he has given to those he called—his holy people who are his rich and glorious inheritance. I also pray that you will understand the incredible greatness of God's power for us who believe him. This is the same mighty power that raised Christ from the dead and seated him in the place of honor at God's right hand in the heavenly realms.

Now he is far above any ruler or authority or power or leader or anything else—not only in this world but also in the world to come. God has put all things under the authority of Christ and has made him head over all things for the benefit of the church. And the church is his body; it is made full and complete by Christ, who fills all things everywhere with himself.

(Ephesians 1:15–23, NLT)

Some bad status updates linger for a long time!

Are you living under an old status that you need to get rid of?

You are Strong.

1. You have a _____.

I pray that your hearts will be flooded with light so that you can understand the confident hope he has given to those he called... (Ephesians 1:18a, NLT)

2. You are God's _____.

his holy people who are his rich and glorious inheritance. (Ephesians 1:18b, NLT)

3. You have access to _____.

I also pray that you will understand the incredible greatness of God's power for us who believe him. (Ephesians 1:19a, NLT)

This is the same mighty power that raised Christ from the dead and seated him in the place of honor at God's right hand in the heavenly realms. (Ephesians 1:19b-20, NLT)

The Spirit of God _____ you.

The Spirit of God, who raised Jesus from the dead, lives in you. And just as God raised Christ Jesus from the dead, he will give life to your mortal bodies by this same Spirit living within you. (Romans 8:11, NLT)

The Spirit of God is _____.

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The Spirit of God is giving you _____.

But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes upon you. (Acts 1:8a)

Two ways to tap into God's power.

1. _____ about Jesus Christ.

And you will be my witnesses, telling people about me everywhere—in Jerusalem, throughout Judea, in Samaria, and to the ends of the earth." (Acts 1:8b, NLT)

I came to you in weakness—timid and trembling. And my message and my preaching were very plain. Rather than using clever and persuasive speeches, I relied only on the power of the Holy Spirit. I did this so you would trust not in human wisdom but in the power of God. (1 Corinthians 2:3–5, NLT)

2. Put yourself _____ where you need God's power.

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